



DISTRICT 24 DOUBLE DOZEN NEWSLETTER

District News And Events

District 24

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District Highlights

Recognition

Hear from our District Director (p. 1-2), Program Quality Director (p. 2-3), and Club Growth Director (p.4) on ways to recognize others.

Recognize a member or club by submitting an “Of The Year” Award nomination following the instructions on **page 8**.

Train and Be Trained

Education Coordinator Cynthia Coleman needs your help! Learn how you can help teach others on **page 4**.

Learn something new yourself at Club Officer Training. See **page 5** or go to <https://cot-summer-2021.eventbrite.com>

International Convention

Learn how to register for this exciting online event and how to cast your vote at the annual business meeting on **page 5**.

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The Importance of Recognition

Submitted by Cindy Jenkins, DTM
District Director

When thinking of recognition, many think of the kind that takes center stage where the best of the best are honored. With the Olympics in progress, the gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the best athletes in their sports. Other recognition that may come to mind is the Emmy, Oscar, Grammy, and Tony awards where the best in the performing arts are honored. This kind of recognition is important to help others aspire to new heights in those fields.

What about recognition on a more personal scale? How do you feel when you have completed a personal goal and it is noted by those around you? Recognition at the Toastmasters club level is important. It shows the member who has worked through a project that other club members know and appreciate their work. It also helps inspire other club members to continue their journey to better communication and leadership.

Showing appreciation to any club member also gives the club a reason to celebrate. If your club recognizes the best speaker, evaluator, and table topics presenters, allow them to display the virtual background during the following meeting showing the ribbon for their accomplishment. These virtual backgrounds can be found here:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/digital-ribbon-zoom-background>

Many clubs track how many best speaker, evaluator, and table topics awards are earned by each member and give them special recognition at the end of the Toastmasters year.



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Do you celebrate your club's charter anniversary? This is a way to recognize the charter members still in the club. If there are no longer charter members in your club, celebrate the newest members and members with the longest tenure. Invite former club members to the celebration and invite them to rejoin the club.

Many clubs have end-of-year celebrations in the form of picnics, barbeques or potlucks. The club officers recognize all the accomplishments of the members at this time. These could be within Toastmasters or in other organizations. This is a time to reflect on the previous year and celebrate. If your club has an end-of-year celebration, please forward the pictures to newsletter@d24tm.org so they can be shared with the district. Please include the club's name and people who are included in the pictures.

District 24 has an end-of-year celebration scheduled for September 11. At that time, all award winners from the 2020 – 2021 Toastmasters year will be recognized. This will be a virtual celebration again this year. The "Of the Year" awards will be announced during this celebration, as well as the new Distinguished Toastmasters and winners of all the district incentives. District 24 has much to be proud of and this celebration will highlight those accomplishments. Watch your email for details on how to sign up so you can join us in recognizing some of the many amazing members of District 24!



Recognition, Smedley Award, Contest Season 2022, VPE Meeting

Submitted by Keith Jones, DTM
Program Quality Director, pqd@D24tm.org

What is Recognition?

Toastmasters member recognition is the open acknowledgment and praise of a member's behavior or achievement. It's used to express appreciation, motivate members, and reinforce personal growth.

If you regularly give out authentic, deserved recognition to members, you'll be that much closer to unlocking their full potential. Authentic recognition serves three greater purposes:

Showcase Goal Achievement

Why does it feel so good to get a simple "thank you" from someone? All humans feel the need to be praised at some level. They want to know that their hard work and achievements aren't going unnoticed. When a person achieves a goal, personal or work-related, they feel a rush of achievement, and that good feeling is only amplified when others recognize and acknowledge the achievement as well. When each member completes a level in Pathways, be sure to acknowledge their achievement.

Motivate Effort

Recognition can be tied to more than just completing a Pathways level. Celebrate strong effort when members go above and beyond. Be sure to nominate them for the end-of-year awards. See the d24tm.org website to nominate that special person who went above and beyond.

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Recognizing Value

Toastmasters developed the Pathways education program to recognize members more frequently. This was done to show members the value of the program in helping them to grow as better communicators and leaders.

Smedley Award

Program Dates: August 1 – September 30

Can your club add five new, dual, or reinstated members with a join date between August 1 and September 30? Accomplish this goal and you'll qualify to receive a Smedley Award ribbon, named in honor of Ralph Smedley, which you can display on your club's banner.

Qualifying clubs can also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next club order. (The discount code expires six months from the date of issue and is not valid with any other offer.)

| Membership Type | |
|---|--|
| This section is completed by a club officer. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstated (break in membership) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing (no break in membership) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer (If applicant is transferring from another club, please | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Applications and payments for members with a join date between August 1 and September 30 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than September 30. The addition of transfer and charter members does not count toward Smedley Award credit.

The winning clubs will be revealed online within a few weeks of the submission deadline. Winning clubs should allow up to 10 business days to receive their award if they are located in the United States, and up to 21 business days if they are outside of the United States.



Contest Season 2022

Calling all contestants!!! This year's contests will be Evaluation and International Speech Contest. Contest season will start in February with the Club Contests. The Area Contests will be held March 1 – March 26 and the Division Contests March 27 – April 9. The District Contests will be at the District Conference in April.

Vice President of Education Meeting

VPEs be on the lookout for an invitation to a District-wide meeting held every other month starting in August.

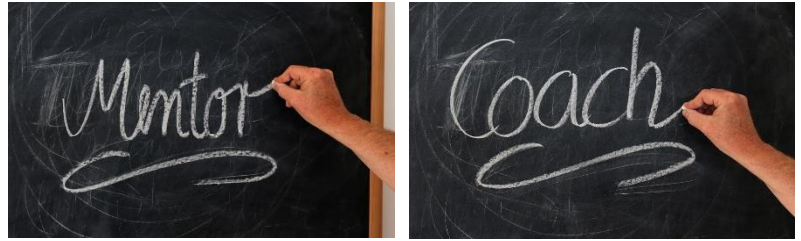
Ready to Share More Recognition Ideas?

District 24 Public Relations Manager Jessica Steele-Codr invites all VPPRs and interested parties to a discussion of ways to recognize our clubs and their members. Join us **Wednesday, August 18 at 8pm** on Zoom (us02web.zoom.us/j/84337066703?pwd=SytLR2oveHdGTUhh0MU0yNjVWck1lZz09) for this interactive event!



Club Growth and Recognition

Submitted by Pam Hughes, DTM
Club Growth Director



As Club Growth Director, I am accountable for the:

- Club Mentoring Program for helping *new* clubs learn about Toastmasters and achieve self-sufficiency. The typical duration of a mentoring relationship is 6-12 months.
- Club Coach program for helping *existing*, struggling clubs achieve Distinguished Club status. A coach has up to two Toastmaster years to help the club get to a healthier state.

Coaches and Mentors (coaches) have frequent opportunities to provide recognition to their clubs. After all, we give recognition to encourage the behaviors that we want to see repeated. When coaches observe their clubs learning or relearning new skills and receiving the benefits, recognition is due—and due as soon as possible. Delivering recognition is the “secret sauce” for making the connection between actions and results. Deliver some up today!

I am rebuilding the pool of Toastmasters who wish to serve in a Mentor or a Coach role. Either role is required to meet one of the requirements to be awarded a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award. If you are actively working toward a DTM and wish to be considered for any upcoming Mentor or Coach roles, please contact me. Thank you.

Pam Hughes, phughes.d24tm@gmail.com



Wanted: Toastmasters to Volunteer to Assist with Education

To my Fellow D24 Toastmasters,

Do you have a heart for D24 Toastmasters? Perhaps you have knowledge you need to share to help other members? Then we need to talk.

You do not need to be an expert, just a willingness to help others. We need people willing to scope out D24 members with skills and willing to teach those skills. An example is being willing to train at our Club Officer Training session, second round (Nov. – Feb.) to get that other half point of DCP point #9. Other training will continue to be Pathways for Members and Base Camp Managers, how to add invites via calendar, Eventbrite tips, Hybrid meeting discussions, FreeToastHost, Meetup tips, and more.

Say "YES" I am willing to help and contact me. Volunteers like you are needed. I look forward to hearing from you. Don't wait – contact me today.

I thank you in advance for your consideration to help our fellow TM D24 members.

Cynthia Coleman
D24 Education Chair
cc4ynotspeak@gmail.com
402-707-3898

☀️ Summer Club Officer Training 📖

Whether you are a new or returning club officer, come learn how to make the most of your role at Club Officer Training! Your club gets credit in the DCP program if four or more of your club's officer positions are represented at these summer sessions and again in the fall/winter. There are four dates remaining: **August 9, August 11, August 13, and August 14**. Register at <https://cot-summer-2021.eventbrite.com>

2021 International Convention and Club Proxies

Toastmasters International has announced the details for the 2021 International Conference. The conference will be virtual again this year from August 23 – 28. There are two attendance options: a free Limited Access Pass or an All Access Pass for \$25.00. Here is the link to register for the conference:



<https://onlinexperiences.com/scripts/Server.nxp?LASCmd=AI:4;F:QS!10100&ShowUUID=1940BCD3-9FC1-4241-B895-074BD0AC55FE>

A complete conference agenda is also available from this link.

Elections for the International Officers and International Directors will take place during the Annual Business meeting on August 27. You can read about the International Director Candidates here:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/about/board-of-directors/international-director-candidates>

Information about the International Officer Candidates is here:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/about/board-of-directors/international-officer-candidates>

As provided in the Bylaws of Toastmasters International, Article X, Section 1, a Toastmasters club in good standing is entitled to two votes at the Annual Business Meeting. To make your club's vote count, cast your votes in one of three ways:

1. Assign your proxy and send a delegate from the club who is attending the Annual Business Meeting to carry your club votes.
2. Designate by proxy the 2021 – 2022 District Director to act as your club proxy. If (and only if) the District Director is not in attendance, the next senior district officer attending the Annual Business Meeting will act as your club proxy.
3. Designate by assigned proxy an active member from another club to act as your club proxy.

NOTE: The club president or secretary must assign the club votes. If the votes are not assigned, they cannot be cast. **Votes must be assigned even if you are assigning the votes to yourself.**

To assign the club votes, go to www.toastmasters.org/clubcentral, log in, choose the club(s) you are assigning proxies for and click on Club Proxy. Club Proxies are now available for assignment and must be assigned by **August 16**. Please make sure your vote counts!

Fall District Council Meeting

Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education mark your calendars for the September 16 at 7 pm. This is the date and time for the Fall District Council meeting where you will be asked to approve the District 24 budget and appointed officers. Once again this is **an online meeting**. You will receive an email telling you when the budget is available for your review. The appointed offices to approve are Area Directors, Finance Manager, Public Relations Manager, and Administration Manager.

You will also receive an email asking you to register to attend this meeting. This is to insure we have a quorum in attendance. Presidents and VPEs please plan to attend because no proxies are allowed at online meetings.

For the Latest on District Events: http://d24tm.org/D24_Calendar.html

Member Educational Awards (6/28/2021 – 6/30/2021)

See awards key at <http://reports.toastmasters.org/reports/850-EducationAwardsKey.pdf>

Eric Eugene Grove **PM2** 6/30

Shawn Leroy Johnson **PM1, LD3** 6/29

Patricia Sharon Flodman **LDREXC, ALS, DTM** 6/30

Keith R. Jones **LDREXC, ALS, DTM** 6/30

David Geck **PM1, PM2, PM3, PM4** 6/29

Jean Kirch-Holliday **DL3** 6/29

Michael A. Hoferer **VC2** 6/29

Lisa Moore **IP5** 6/29

Daniel Glenn Hollis **TC2** 6/29

Debra J. Morton-Chale **EH4, PM4** 6/28

Melinda S. Johnson **SR2** 6/29

Evelyn M. Mosley **LD1** 6/29

Congratulations to PATRICIA FLODMAN and KEITH JONES
for each earning a DTM at the end of June!

Watch next month's Double Dozen for July and August awards

Top Individual Award Winners 2020-2021 (with number of awards won)

Jessica M. Codr (6)

Pamela Hogan (8)

Thomas Patrick Colling (6)

Debra J. Morton-Chale (9)

Annie Bell Dunn (6)

Krishna Muvva (10)

Keith R. Jones (6)

Jeffrey G Hines (12)

Patricia Sharon Flodman (6)

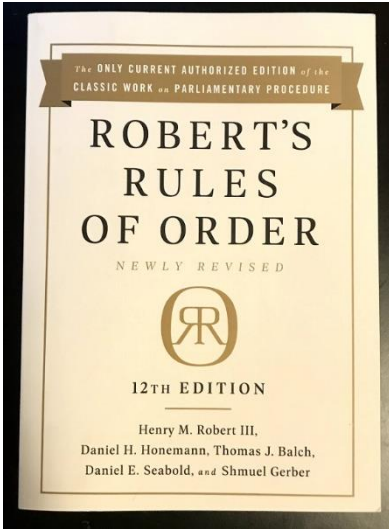
Marian Albin Gramlich (15)

Nathanial Warenski (6)

Parliamentary Procedure: The Basics

Submitted by George Volz, DTM, District 24 Parliamentarian

Do you ever wonder why some meetings run smoothly and others do not? Why some meetings drag on and on and never achieve results? One of the reasons this happens lies in the rules we apply to govern the meeting. Effective meetings are important to everyone.



Toastmasters has elected to use Robert's Rules of Order where recognized. For the District Article XIII: "*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the final authority on parliamentary procedure insofar as Robert's Rules do not conflict with any provision of these administrative bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of Toastmasters International, policies and procedures set by the Board of Directors of Toastmasters International from time to time, or applicable law."

For the Club Article IX Section 1: "Insofar as they do not conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws of Toastmasters International, Policy and Protocol adopted by Toastmasters International, the Club Constitution, the club's addendum, or laws applicable to nonprofit corporations, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the final authority as to parliamentary procedure."

The reason for incorporating these rules rests on four fundamental principles:

1. Justice and courtesy for all
2. Do only one thing at a time
3. The majority rules
4. The minority has the right to be heard.

This gives rise to the four fundamentals of parliamentary law:

1. Facilitate action, remove obstructions
2. Enable the assembly to express its will and produce results
3. Give every member a fair hearing
4. Maintain order

These are the basic premises. As your district parliamentarian (meaning a member of the district who is learning how to use parliamentary procedure in district meetings) I will share as time allows more about this mysterious process called parliamentary procedure and how to use it to make your meetings more effective.

"Of The Year" Awards Open for Nominations!

At the end of every Toastmasters year (which runs July 1 - June 30), District 24 honors clubs and Toastmasters for going above and beyond in the Toastmasters program through our "Of the Year" awards. We learn who is going above and beyond from you, the members, submitting nominations. Submit your nominations of deserving Toastmasters or clubs today!

To submit a nomination:

1. Click the appropriate link below to download a nomination form or go to d24tm.org/Awards_and_Recognition.html to view the incentives and forms for each award.
2. Fill out the nomination form either digitally or by printing it out and filling it in by hand
3. Send the completed form to **Mark Fegan, DTM** so that he **receives it** no later than **August 21, 2021**. You can send by email to feganm761@gmail.com or by mail to:

Mark Fegan
2806 Angie Drive
Bellevue, Nebraska 68005

[Don Smith Toastmaster of the Decade](#)

[Division Director of the Year](#)

[Ann Gold Toastmasters Club of the Year](#)

[Ruth M. Kraft Toastmaster of the Year](#)

[Area Director of the Year](#)

[Club Officer of the Year](#)

[Rookie of the Year](#)

[Assistant Area or Division Director of the Year](#)

Club Coach of the Year (below)

Club Coach of the Year: We are taking nominations for **Club Coach of the Year**. To nominate a club coach, submit to Mark Fegan a description of how the coach helped the club become Distinguished or **improve towards Distinguished**. Achievement of official Distinguished status is **not** required for nomination.



Thanks for reading! Have a comment, question, or newsletter submission? Email newsletter@d24tm.org.

Submissions for each month's Double Dozen are due on the **last Monday of the previous month**.

For all the latest news and events, visit d24tm.org or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/D24TM/>.