



DISTRICT 24 DOUBLE DOZEN NEWSLETTER

District News And Events

District 24

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Upcoming Events

-Club Coaching, 2nd and 4th
Mondays at 8:30 pm

Questions? Comments?
Submissions? Email
newsletter@d24tm.org

Submissions for the
December Double Dozen
are due on **November 22**.

For all the latest news
and events, visit
d24tm.org

Club Mission Statement and the Toastmasters Promise

Submitted by Keith Jones, DTM, District Director



What is our mission as members and leaders in the Toastmasters organization? How does the Toastmasters Promise support the Club Mission Statement? First, the Club Mission Statement:

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

Do you start your meetings with the Club Mission Statement? Does it set the stage for how your meeting is conducted? Toastmasters can be the most positive environment you have ever experienced. New members may have never been in such a group before. It is important to help new and existing members to understand how to support the Club Mission. Support for the Club Mission is well defined through the Toastmasters Promise. The first five promises are:

- ***To attend club meetings regularly***
- ***To prepare all of my projects to the best of my ability, basing them on the Toastmasters education program***
- ***To prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments***
- ***To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations***
- ***To help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow***

Ralph Smedley said, ***“We learn best in moments of enjoyment.”*** If members of a club regularly attend the meetings; are prepared for their roles; provide constructive feedback; and make sure the club environment is positive and friendly, then we are supporting the Club Mission Statement by providing a supportive and positive learning experience.

How does the Club Mission Statement and the Toastmasters Promise set the stage for developing leadership skills?

It is very clear the environment we create in a Toastmasters club allows for members to develop their communication and leadership skills. While it might be said all the promises are a demonstration of leadership, the last five promises support the development of leadership skills:

- ***To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so***
- ***To treat my fellow club members and our guests with respect and courtesy***
- ***To bring guests to club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmaster’s membership offers***

- ***To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters education and recognition programs***
- ***To act within Toastmasters' core values of integrity, respect, service, and excellence during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities***

By serving as a club officer when asked, and confidently seeking out information on how to fulfill the role, your leadership skills will undoubtedly grow. The rest of the promises are there to guide you when learning your club officer role and put it into action. To further develop your leadership skills, the Club Leadership Handbook can be found on the Toastmasters International website.

May I suggest at your next club meeting, recite the Toastmasters Promise along with the Club Mission Statement.

Our Educational Programs: Looking Forward

Submitted by Pam Hughes, DTM, Program Quality Director



District 24 educational programs are flourishing. I would like to share current and future events with you.

Pathways. We just launched a Pathways Orientation Program and held our first orientation session. We had a small group of participants. Most participants were from the Fairview Toastmasters club. Kudos to club members for a great idea for their club meeting. Our next orientation will be in early December. Stay tuned to the [Pathways Resources](#) page on the d24tm.org website for dates and times and the Zoom link.

Winter Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) training. Dates for our second round of club officer training are set:

- Wednesday, January 11th, 7-9pm
- Saturday, January 21st, 9-11am
- Tuesday, January 24th, 7-9pm

Registration will be via Eventbrite. Details for registration will be posted on the d24tm.org homepage as we get closer to the dates.

Spring Conference. Planning for the conference is beginning! What I can already announce is:

- Plans are to stage the conference as a hybrid conference with an on-site location in Omaha.
- Lots of passionate volunteers will make this a successful conference. Our Conference Chair and I have begun meeting, and will be looking for other committee members to help. Please contact me today to volunteer. Or, I may just come for you - please say "Yes, I would love to help" if I come calling.
- The contests will be Table Topics (last held in 2018) and International.
- I am recommending that all Area, Division, and District contests be held online. I will be seeking formal approval of the online format at the November District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting.
- If you would like to be the District Contest Chair, contact me. Let's craft a Pathways project around this leadership opportunity for you.
- Contest training for Area and Division Directors will be held at the January District Officer Training (DOT) monthly meeting on January 14th.
- Judges training will be announced later.

There are educational activities galore for you to be involved with. I look forward to your participation in them with me.

Why Club Coaching?

Submitted by Brenda Kucera, DTM, Club Growth Director

Did you know that club coaches learn skills useful in business management or consulting?

That's right! When a business wants new ideas on how to streamline processes and generate more revenue, they hire a business consultant. When Toastmasters clubs want new ideas on how to bring in more members and liven up club meetings, they request a club coach. The skills learned from club coaching are transferable skills, that would be beneficial for anyone in business management or consulting.

There are several reasons why you should consider being a club mentor or coach:

1. It helps the District be successful
2. It helps the Division and the Area
3. It helps the struggling club be successful
4. Most of all, it helps YOU earn credit towards a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award.

To earn the DTM, you are required to:

1. Complete two learning paths.
2. Serve as a club officer for two six-month terms or one annual term, participate in the preparation of a Club Success Plan, and participate in a District-sponsored Club Officer Training.
3. Serve a complete one-year term as a District leader.
4. **Serve successfully as a club mentor or coach.**
5. Serve successfully as a club sponsor, or conduct a [Speechcraft](#) or [Youth Leadership program](#).
6. Complete the DTM project.

A successful club coach will:

- Build rapport with club officers and members
- Instill enthusiasm, camaraderie, and structure within the club
- Assess the club environment, and recommend best practices for success
- Work with club officers to develop a Club Success Plan
- Motivate the club to strive for Distinguished Club Program (DCP) recognition

To be a club coach, Toastmaster members must:

- Be a paid member in good standing
- Not have been a member of the eligible club in the past six months
- Be member of Toastmasters International for at least one year
- Be previous club officer, having served for one annual term or two semiannual terms
- Have completed a minimum of Level 2 in a Path, or an Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB), or an Advanced Leader Bronze (ALB)
- Have completed the Club Coach Program Training module

For more information, please visit the Club Coach Program page on the Toastmasters International website:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/club-officer-tools/club-management/club-quality/club-coach-program>

Rebecca Fegan, District 24 Club Retention Chair, holds a bi-monthly class to provide coaching for club coaches! The Coach's Corner sessions are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, from 8:30 to 9:30 PM Central Time.

You can register at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/toastmasters-club-coachs-corner-tickets-398487656307>

I'm looking forward to seeing some new leaders emerge from District 24 to help coach and strengthen our low member clubs, and to mentor new clubs so that they get off to a strong start. Please email me and let me know that you will help District 24 with a commitment to be a club coach or mentor! You can reach me at brenda.d24tm@gmail.com. Thank you!

District Happenings

From Gary Schroeder, District A Director:



Kearney Toastmasters had a spooktacular time at their meeting on October 27! The club hosted a Halloween-themed meeting, with four Toastmasters members sharing spooky stories.

From Janel Asche, District B Director:

Get Ready for Some Dynamic Special Events!

Dynamic Speakers is unique, in that each meeting has a thirty-minute block reserved for a working session, geared toward longer presentations that focus on how to polish our speaking skills. In November, we will be using that block for a very special guest.

Toying with Trying to TED Talk?

November 15, 6:00pm-8:00pm Guest speaker David Premo will present **Thinking About a TEDx? Think Differently**. David is a DTM, TEDx presenter, and TEDx Coach. His presentation will focus on how he had to change his thinking for TEDx. He will explain steps to boost your chances of success at getting on a TEDx Red Dot presenter's circle. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Contemplating Contest Competition?

December 20, 6:00pm-8:00pm Our working session will be **Adding Body to Your Language**, presented by Janel Asche, detailing ways to enhance your speech through body language. The rest of the meeting will be devoted to Holiday Table Topics. It's Table Topics' turn at bat in the District 24 Speech Contests this year. Our December meeting will be a great place to have fun and get in some impromptu practice before competition.

Please use the "Contact Us" link on our webpage <https://dynamicspeakersne.toastmastersclubs.org> to find how to join our meeting.

Zoom accounts FREE for District 24 Club and Member Use!

Did you know that you or your club can use a District 24 Zoom account for Toastmasters meetings and events? Club or officer meetings, Speechcraft, special events, *recording a Toastmasters video ad* – they all qualify for **free** Zoom usage!

Request your booking at <https://forms.gle/yNVBLYUoEeSnbAQw7>.

Questions? Email prm.d24tm@gmail.com or steveandclairetitus630@gmail.com

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

Educational Awards, October 2022

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

Congratulations to our District 24 Toastmasters who earned Educational Awards in October!

<u>Member</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Date</u>
Marian A. Gramlich, DTM	SR5	10/3/22
	MS1	10/20/22
	PM5	10/22/22
Casey Foster, PM5	PM5	10/4/22
Jennifer Armstrong, DL1	DL1	10/4/22
Floy C. Westermeier, DTM, PID	PM3	10/5/22
	PM4	10/5/22
	TC4	10/5/22
Cynthia Coleman, DTM	IP2	10/6/22
Brenda L. Kucera, DTM	DL5	10/7/22
Matt Payne, PM2	PM2	10/8/22
Melinda M. Haag, DTM	PI5	10/10/22
Julia Cheng, PM2	PM2	10/13/22
Jean Kirch-Holliday, PM3	PM3	10/15/22
Jeff Martin, PM3	PM3	10/18/22
Krishna Muvva, DL5	DL5	10/18/22

Kristin Malek, IP1	IP1	10/18/22
Anna K. Wigtil, PM2	PM2	10/18/22
Amy Cooper, SR1	SR1	10/18/22
Janel Asche, DTM	EH3	10/21/22
	PM3	10/21/22
	EH4	10/21/22
Randy Prier, DTM, PID	EH4	10/21/22
Ann Gentle, DTM	PM2	10/23/22
	PM1	10/23/22
Pamela Hogan, DTM	PM5	10/24/22
	VC3	10/24/22
	VC4	10/24/22
Pallabi Kundu, PM5	PM5	10/27/22
Arthur Silknitter, PM1	PM1	10/30/22
Katie Rhone, PM5	PM5	10/31/22
Susan Smith, PM3	PM3	10/31/22
Lori L. Kloesterboer, DL1	MS4	10/31/22
	DL1	
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