



## DISTRICT 24 DOUBLE DOZEN

# NEWSLETTER

## District News and Events

### District 24

May 2024

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Be sure to check the D24  
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Questions? Comments?  
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[newsletter@d24tm.org](mailto:newsletter@d24tm.org)

Submissions for the June  
Double Dozen are due  
on **May 29, 2024**.

For all the latest news  
and events, visit  
[d24tm.org](http://d24tm.org)



### Changes Ahead for District 24!

Submitted by Pam Hughes, DTM – District Director

Our District's Annual Business Meeting (ABM) was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, we elected our top leaders for the next Toastmasters year starting July 1st.

Our new leaders will be:

- District Director: Cindy Jenkins, DTM
- Program Quality Director: Carol Sullivan, DTM
- Club Growth Director: Jessica Codr, DTM
- Division B Director: Tom Noack
- Division C Director: Melody Scholl-Miller
- Division D Director: Janel Asche, DTM



All of these elected leaders served on the current year's District Executive Committee (DEC). Congratulations to all!

At the ABM, the 2024/2025 District Alignment was approved. If you weren't part of the voting District Council and have not yet reviewed the information, you may access the details on the [D24 website, Public Downloads, #2024 Spring District Council folder](#).

The most significant change was the reduction to three divisions from four divisions. Maintaining four divisions was not possible, and still remain compliant with Toastmasters International Protocol, due to the number of active, eligible clubs in the District. Clubs in Division A were incorporated into the other three divisions. The Alignment proposal provides details about all the factors that comprise the alignment structure.

Just as this year's DEC begins transition planning, current club officers are likely doing the same. I trust that each club has been preparing their candidate slate for club elections in May. Try to hold your elections as early in May as possible so that club officers can plan to attend the Summer Club Officer Training. If your elections are already complete, congratulations! Please be sure to update Club Central.



# Did You Get Enough TLC at the Annual Conference?

Submitted by Cindy Jenkins, DTM – Program Quality Director



The speakers at this year's annual conference did not disappoint us! They showed us how our theme of Teamwork, Leadership, and Communication had built and continues to build Toastmasters! I want to thank all of our speakers for presenting such interesting and well thought out presentations to help all of us continue to build this great organization. These speakers were Past International Presidents Lark Doley and Dilip Abayasekara, Accredited Speaker Sheryl Roush, and District 24's own Bonner Bowden.

This year we introduced a new kind of speaker, Toast Talkers. Similar to TedX Talks, these speakers talked for about 15 minutes on subjects of their choice. The great thing about these speakers was they were all from District 24. If you know them, ask them about their talks. This year's Toast Talkers were Rebecca Fegan, Steve Alstrom, and Claire Titus.



I also want to thank Melinda Haag, overall Conference Chair, and her committee for their fantastic teamwork to put on this conference. It really does take a village to put on the conference and I cannot compliment them enough for all of their time and effort to make the conference a success.

Not to be forgotten is the District Contest Chair, Amy Bowen. She and her committee put on a flawless District contest. No detail was left to chance and it showed during the execution of the contest. Congratulations to the International contest winner, Randy Prier, and Humorous contest winner, Aaron Rothenberger. (See photos on page 3.) The video of Randy's speech will be used in the Region Quarterfinals in the month of June. The top two speeches will move on to the International Semifinals in Anaheim, California in August. Keep your fingers crossed that Randy moves on to the next level of competition!

If you want even more TLC, consider attending the International Conference in Anaheim from August 14 – 18. You will meet Toastmasters from all over the world and be able to attend workshops that will help you build club membership. You can also be in the audience to take part in the Annual Business Meeting and see who is crowned the next World Champion of Public Speaking!

## **Looking Forward**

May is the month when clubs should be electing new club officers for the next Toastmasters year. If you have already served as a club officer, thank you! I do want to challenge you to try another office to broaden your knowledge of club leadership. If you have not held an office, this is the time to step forward and help your club by becoming an officer.

Once elections are completed, remember to submit the names of the newly elected officers to Toastmasters through Club Central on the Toastmasters website. The other thing to be on the lookout for is Club Officer Training in June. These sessions will help you learn about your new office by interacting with others in the same office. Be on the lookout for emails announcing the dates and times!

## District 24 Speech Contest Winners Announced



District 24 International Speech Contest, l to r: 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Gene Deyoe, Program Quality Director Cindy Jenkins, and 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Randy Prier.



District 24 Speech Contestants, top row, l to r: Ann Gentle, International, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Marian Gramlich, International; Rob Carrera, Humorous, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; middle row, l to r: George Hutton, International and Humorous; Randy Prier, International, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Aaron Rothenberger, Humorous, 1<sup>st</sup> place; bottom row, l to r: Gene Deyoe, International, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Floy Westermeier, Toastmaster; Amy Bowen, Contest Chair; bottom, center: Cindy Jenkins, Program Quality Director. Congratulations to all!

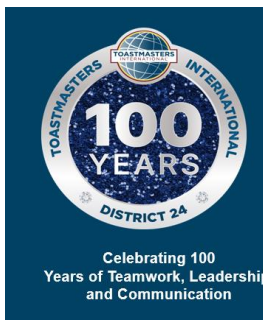
# District 24 Conference Highlights

## New District Leaders Installed by Lark Doley, DTM, PIP; Achievements Recognized



Pictured, left: Newly elected District 24 Trio Members, 2024-2025, l to r: Cindy Jenkins, DTM, District Director; Carol Sullivan, DTM, Program Quality Director; and Jessica Codr, DTM, Club Growth Director.

Pictured, below, Program Quality Director Cindy Jenkins, left, with newly elected District 24 Division Directors, 2024-2025, l to r: Tom Noack, Division B Director; Melody Scholl-Miller, Division C Director; and Janel Asche, DTM, Division D Director.



Pictured, left: Tom Colling, Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM), accepts his Pathways DTM award plaque and ribbon medallion from District 24 Director Pam Hughes. This is his fourth DTM award earned.

# Get Ready for Open Houses, Speechcraft, and Club Officer Training!!

Submitted by Carol Sullivan, DTM – Club Growth Director



Since introducing the Open House Best Practices Incentive, several of our clubs have already earned the \$50 incentive. One club will use the \$50 TI gift certificate to purchase ribbon sets for “Most Improved Speaker,” “Best Table Topics,” etc. What a great way to recognize club members! Other clubs will plan to purchase a Speechcraft Bundle to continue their membership-building efforts.

Speaking of Speechcraft...I am working with Nancy Ellenson, an experienced Speechcraft Coordinator from District 64, to host a Speechcraft workshop during our TLI Club Officer Training. We are still finalizing all the details. Stay tuned for more information soon.

During our District 24 Conference last month, one of our speakers was Sheryl Roush, a nationally recognized expert on marketing Speechcrafts. At the Conference, she shared with us materials about “How to Plan and Implement a Successful Speechcraft.” Her presentation was helpful and generated a lot of interest and questions.

We will plan to make those materials available to the entire District membership on the D24 website soon. In her materials, Sheryl shared that the audience for a Speechcraft class is non-Toastmasters. The educational sessions cover a number of topics that play a vital part in effective public speaking and communication skills. The topics can include:

- Preparing to Present
- Giving & Receiving Feedback
- Using Vocal Variety & Presence
- Deploying Powerful Language
- Dealing with Nervousness
- Grabbing Attention in Opening
- Organizing a Speech
- Making Smooth Transitions
- Crafting Strong Closings
- Relating to Your Audience
- Using Gestures & Body Language
- Using Visual Aids
- Evaluating Speeches
- Listening Skills
- Conducting Effective Meetings

## Club Officer Training

Hopefully, you have your Club Officer candidates and elections completed or planned in May so that your new officers can attend training in June. We want your officers to be fully prepared to start their new roles on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The TLI-Officer Training dates are:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday	June 12	3pm-5pm
Saturday	June 15	9am-11am
Monday	June 17	6pm-8pm
Thursday	June 27	6pm-8pm



Respectfully submitted CGD Carol Sullivan



# Have a Club Open House, and D24 Pays the Tab!

Host three guests, sign one new member, and get \$50!!!

Steps for success:

Item	Task	Responsible	Timing
1	Select Date	All Members	8 Weeks Out
All club members must agree to support the Open House date.			
2	Choose "Lead" or Chair	All Members	7 Weeks Out
Lead coordinates all the planning and execution, but does not perform all roles/tasks			
3	Appoint Member for Follow-up	Lead + Club Officers	6 Weeks Out
4	Inform Area Director, PRM, <a href="mailto:prm@d24tm.org">prm@d24tm.org</a> , and Admin. Manager <a href="mailto:am@d24tm.org">am@d24tm.org</a>	Club President	6 Weeks Out
5	Members Agree to 1+ Guest	All members	4 Weeks Out
6	Agenda Done/All Roles Filled	Lead	3 Weeks Out
7*	Speeches/Table Topics Practice	All members	2 Weeks Out
8*	Guest Packets Ready	Lead + VP Membership	1 Week Out
9	Room/Refreshments Ready	Lead + SAA	1 Hour Before
10	Club Members Arrive 30 min early	All Members	30 Min Before
11	Guests Greeted Individually	All Members	Showtime!
Guest packets are provided at the door or digitally provided to each on-line guest upon arrival.			
12*	Guest Book (Live & Virtual)	Lead+VP Membership	Showtime!
13	Open House Meeting	Toastmaster of the Day	Showtime
14*	Questions Asked & Answered	President	Curtain Time
15*	1st Follow-up	Follow-up Chair	w/in 24 hours
16	2nd Follow-up	Follow-up Chair	

Seek volunteers for all roles.

## Important Points

7*	All Table Topics questions are light, fun, or uplifting.
8*	Suggestions: membership application, agenda for the meeting, one page about the club. In-person club guest packet or on-line digital packet.
12*	Collect guest information in either a guestbook or in ZOOM chat (email and phone number).
14*	Guest surveyed for comments and/or question. Schedule ice-breaker?
15*	Next day: thank you for attending, ask for questions, invite to the next meeting with exact date/time. Ask if they want to be on club's mailing list
16*	For guests who do not respond to first follow-up.



## The Fine Print

**Club Incentives**--one per club by June 30, 2024: reimbursement of direct costs up to \$50 or a \$50 Toastmasters International gift certificate which can be used for a Speechcraft module, a customizable meeting sign, ribbons or certificates, a guest book, and more. **Requirements:** submit to [cgd@d24tm.org](mailto:cgd@d24tm.org): The Open House Agenda and promotional materials, contact information of at least 3 attendees, and the name of at least 1 attendee who joined the club due to the Open House. The request should specify whether reimbursement of expenses is requested or a \$50 TI certificate is requested.

Advanced Toastmasters of Omaha

# OPEN HOUSE

ZOOM ONLY

MAY 13, 2024

6:00 p.m. CT

*Let us help you grow!*



## WHO?

- You...You...You!
- Bring your friends, family, associates
- Invite co-workers, community advocates



## WHY?

- To improve your public speaking
- To build your leadership skills
- To become a better listener



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WHY NOT SPEAK TOASTMASTERS

Join Us!!

GAME  
GAME  
GAME  
NIGHT

VIRTUAL

Extravaganza

*Lots of Fun and Laughter*

May 30, 2024

6:15 P.M. CT

(Please arrive by 6:05 P.M.)

Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/YNotSpeak>

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# Make the Most of Toastmasters with Pathways!

Submitted by Jessica Codr, DTM – Division D Director

Did you know your Toastmasters membership gives you **free** access to tons of great educational content to help improve your speaking skills and prepare for your next presentation? By enrolling in **Pathways** you can unlock these resources *and* earn recognition for yourself and your club.

Learn how to leverage Pathways **May 14 at 7pm Central** time during the **Pathways Help Desk**. We'll show you how to access the Pathways platform online and answer any questions you may have. You'll see how to unlock the tips, guides, demonstration videos, quizzes, and self-assessments that Pathways has for you.

Join on Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84034726774?pwd=a05qb0ILR2dQd3N5bDA5OGEyRVNUUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 3472 6774

Passcode: 051125

**Questions but can't attend the help desk?** You can email Jessica Codr ([jcake2@gmail.com](mailto:jcake2@gmail.com)) your questions and/or check out some of our great self-help videos on Pathways on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@district24toastmasters93/playlists>



## Pathways Resources

Need some help getting started on your first Path? Navigating Base Camp?  
Understanding the Pathways “Big Picture”?

Check out the [Pathways Resources](#) page on the District 24 website. Curated Playlists and Tutorials are available at the click of your mouse. There’s even an Orientation for new members!

Questions? Email [pqd@d24tm.org](mailto:pqd@d24tm.org)

# Gerald F. Kosch

1950 - 2024



**Gerald (Jerry) Kosch**, President of First Tier Toastmasters Club, passed away on March 5, 2024.

Jerry was born on the anniversary of Constitution Day September 17. He was a firm advocate of the Constitution and our country. On April 26, Jerry would have celebrated 50 years since his honorable discharge from the Navy. While in the Navy, Jerry served on the USS Hancock. Through his time in active duty, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the 1st Good Conduct Award. Jerry was grateful to be one of the Vietnam Era Veterans to take part in the Nebraska Vietnam Flight to Washington DC to visit the Vietnam Memorial.

A lifelong resident of David City, Jerry enjoyed reading, music, telling jokes and riddles. He enjoyed spending time with family.



*Gone, but never forgotten.*



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## Educational Awards, April 2024

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

Congratulations to our D24 Toastmasters who earned Educational Awards in April!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Date</u>
William Radnor, SR1	SR1	04/01/2024
01984237 - Name Unavailable	LD2	04/06/2024
Ann Gentle, DTM	PM5	04/11/2024
Ann Gentle, DTM	PWMP	04/11/2024
Kathleen Henvey, DTM	VC5	04/12/2024
Shaun Ahern, PM1	PM1	04/15/2024
Megan Kopish, IP1	IP1, TC1	04/15/2024
Richard Kirch, EC5	PWMP	04/15/2024
07246879 - Name unavailable	DL2-5	04/17/2024
David Gillis, PM5	IP4-5	04/17/2024
David Gillis, PM5	PM1-5	04/17/2024
David Gillis, PM5	SR3-5	04/17/2024
Linda Necker, MS5	LD3-4, MS3	04/17/2024
Tina Andrews, PM5	PM4-5	04/17/2024
Evelyn Mosley, DTM	EC1	04/19/2024
Cynthia Coleman, DTM	IP4	04/19/2024
Rhonda Eby, TC2	TC2	04/22/2024
Jenna Buksch, PM5	PM5	04/23/2024

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**Educational Awards, April 2024 (Continued from Page 11)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
April Seaman, DL5	DL1-5 PWMP VC1-4	04/30/2024
Necker, MS5	LD5 MS4-5 PWMP	04/30/2024
David Gillis, PM5	PWMP	04/30/2024

***Shine the Light on Your Club!***

**Has your club done something to support the community while sharing about Toastmasters? If so, let us know!**

**Send a photo and brief article, and we will feature your club in a future issue of the Double Dozen!**

