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District 26 Dialogue

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A Message from our

District Director

Rhea Thompson, DTM

Reminiscing

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. Well, no snow yet but each year I hope for just ONE snow fall, on Christmas Eve! Christmas is my very favorite time of year. I love reminiscing about all the fun times when our children were young and experiencing the joy of each passing day leading up to Christmas.

Reminiscing can be extremely rewarding or extremely challenging!

December indicates the year is coming to an end. It's a month that stirs up reminiscing for many of us. What are you reminiscing about? As you look back on this year what accomplishments stand out? Have you developed new friendships? Have you challenged yourself to try something new and found it was more rewarding than you imagined?

I want to encourage you to take time this month to reminisce on the excellent tasks you have accomplished as a Toastmaster this year. Many of you led a team that created the perfect contest in which speakers could compete. Others of you actually competed in these contests, some for the first time ever. And still others volunteered to help make our fall Conference the BEST EV-ER!

These are some of the accomplishments outside the club, but what about tasks that were accomplished within your own club? Did you serve as a club officer this last year? Did you earn an Educational Award? Did you bring a guest to your meeting who later became a member?

Use your positive reminiscing to springboard into the new year! "Raise the Bar" even more in 2018!

Division Directors

Denver, **Carolyn Conover**
 Eastern, **May Tran**
 Foothills, **Laria Lovec**
 Metro, **Howard Levine**
 Northern, **Janice Haldi**
 Southern, **Victoria Cox**
 Urban, **Joy Davidson**

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A Message from our
 Program Quality Director
 Marcia Wood, DTM



The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over the Lazy Dog

How many of you have practiced on the keyboard the familiar sentence: “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog”?

Nope. Not me! I never took a typing class. I didn’t see the value of learning to type. Truth be told, I went to college at the University of Wisconsin — Madison, and there were NO electric typewriters in the School of Journalism classrooms. And not even an eraser functionality! OK, now you know how backward the 70’s were. *Gasp!*

If you ask me, the fox was a bit of an optimist to even TRY jumping over the dog in the first place. Good thing that dog was lazy.

Which one are you? The quick brown fox, or the lazy dog? Energized and invigorated individuals will relate to the quick brown fox. Not so for the lazy dogs. They will get to it tomorrow.

If you are the quick brown fox, you are:

- Innovative
- Energized
- Creative

If you are the lazy dog, you are:

- Lackadaisical
- Burnt-out
- Procrastinating

In Toastmasters, the **true leaders** are **NEVER** the lazy dogs.

I **urge you** to be Quick Brown Foxes!

I’m inviting you to jump over that Lazy Dog (which is **none other than yourself** in a lackadaisical, burnt-out, or procrastinating mood). (Hey, I’ve been there, too.)

We are **HALFWAY** through the program year.

Will you make a difference? **Will you JUMP?**

Mission Statements

Toastmasters

International Mission:

We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.

District Mission:

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

Club Mission:

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.

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A Message from Club Growth Director Mike Akins, DTM



Opportunities to Serve

District 26 had another strong month.
Please welcome these newly chartered clubs!

Spectrum Speakers [#6678385](#), Closed, Greenwood Village, CO
Chartered 11/16/17 by Vinod Kashid

DU Speaks [#6670468](#), Open, Denver, CO
Chartered 11/17/17 by Grace Baker and Greg Giesen

Wheat Toast [#6672751](#), Open, Wheat Ridge, CO
Chartered 11/27/17 by Kelsey Robb and Bob Baxter

We need your help! In addition to supporting new clubs, the District has many coach-eligible clubs that seek the right person to help revitalize them. We must double our support team below quickly, as well as assign 30 club coaches to match needs.

Please consider one of these vacant roles:

- Extension Chair – primary District contact to launch new clubs
- Extension Coordinators: Eastern, Foothills or Northern local contacts to help launch clubs
- Retention Coordinators: Eastern, Northern, Southern or Urban to assign club coaches
- Club sponsors – help launch new clubs
- Club mentors – help newly chartered clubs for six months
- Club coaches – help revitalize clubs with 1-12 members to become Distinguished

Please email your contact info and preferences to
cgd1718@d26leaders.org.

Thanks in advance for your help **building** new clubs and **supporting** all clubs in achieving excellence.



By: Marieta
Ferrington,
Public Relations

Second Toastmasters Networking Event Give Wings to Your Mission

November 16, 2017 at Howl at the Moon, Denver, Colorado

Photo credit: Randy Ellis Photography

As Michele Jennae, author of *The Connect Worker* says, “Networking is not about just connecting people. It’s about connecting people with people, people with ideas, and people with opportunities.” This was our mission at the second Toastmasters Networking Event on November 16, 2018.

We were happy to welcome more than 40 Toastmasters & guests and inspire them to bring their networking game to the next level.



Our speaker, Daniel Schrader talking about Alternative Business Networking Group and how it is different from other networking organizations.

Our Special Guest, Joan Janis sharing body language reading tips for better communication and achieving your desired outcome.



Speaking of missions, we asked our guests to reflect on their missions and write them down. Then we gave them wings, literally. Yes, we made paper airplanes and we had fun!

Stay tuned, to see video testimonials from some of our attendees and learn details about the next event in January, 2018.

I’ll leave you with this African Proverb: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with others.” We’ll be glad to see YOU in January.

BEST, LAST FALL CONFERENCE EVER!

November 10 and 11, 2017



Evaluation Contest

First Place: Desiree Lovato
Second Place: Ginny Castleberry
Third Place: Jennifer Dunne



Humorous Speech Contest

First Place: Ron Ross
Second Place: Jonathan Fleck
Third Place: Eric Pollock

Raising the Bar by Leading with Excellence



I.P.D. Director, Darryle Brown
P.D. Director, 2015-16, Deborah Frauenfelder
Toastmaster of the Year
Penny Alleman



Conference Chair
Tricia Trixie
World Champion Speaker
Pres Vasilev



Evaluation Contest Twins
Kevin Whaley and Chris Mortenson



Keynote Speaker, Pres Vasilev



Conference Silent Auction Baskets results

By: Robert Case, Silent Auction Chair, Fall Conference 2017

Thank you to all who participated in the creation of auction baskets!

Two individuals stand out. First on that list is Marcia Wood, who secured donations from two different clubs, then created, and schlepped five individual baskets to the conference. Second, is my own home club, the Cherry Creek Toastmasters, where donations for an additional five baskets were gathered, assembled, and schlepped to the conference. The heavy lifting from these two individual sources accounts for more than 1/4 of the total proceeds.

More highlights

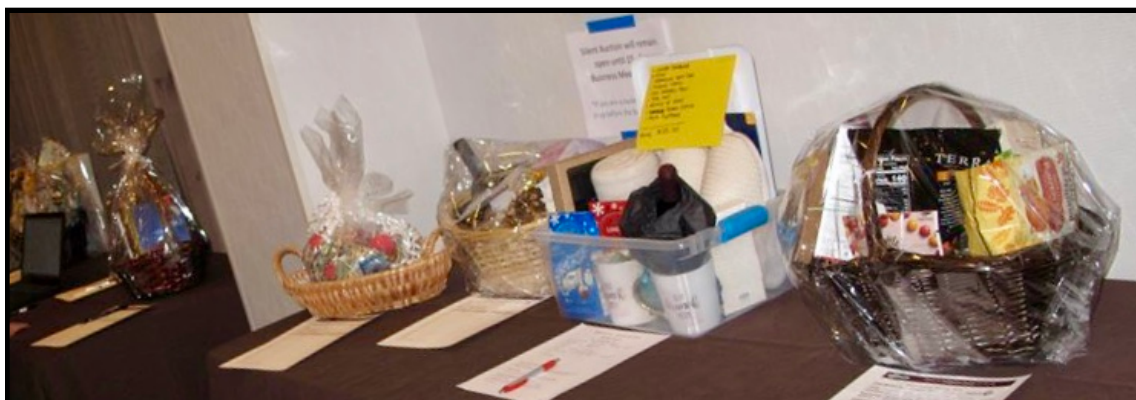
- 36 total baskets donated
- \$ 1,752 collected through the silent auction bidding process

Really cool baskets worthy of note include the:

- "Money Salad" basket by Front Range Toastmasters, \$100.00
- "Wine and Chocolate Decadence" by Thunderbolt Orators, \$100.00
- "Dragons Dare" basket by Cherry Creek Toastmasters, \$95.00

Baskets receiving the highest numbers of bidders:

- "Wine and Chocolate Decadence" basket
- "World Tour of Tastes" basket created by Parker Toastmasters
- "Dragons Dare" basket



Call for Toastmaster Leadership Institute Speaker Proposals!

Toastmaster Leadership Institutes (TLIs)
are coming up soon!

TLIs are scheduled for Saturdays starting Jan. 6 in Colorado Springs, Colorado
and ending Jan. 27 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

We invite you to share your knowledge and expertise with
our members and guests!

Answer these questions and tell us what location works
BEST for you!

What message or solution do you provide?
What added value can you bring to our Members?
What makes you or your presentation unique?

***Relevant, timely, inspirational, instructional, thought provoking.
Share your expertise!***

Follow the link to the **Speaker Proposal form** on the D26 Website and
Submit your Proposals now!

**Follow the instructions,
send completed forms with all attachments to:
Proposals@d26Leaders.org**

Only complete proposals can be considered.

We Need YOU!

RAISE THE BAR! District 26 Incentives 2017-2018

IF YOU ARE A CLUB.....

REACH DISTINGUISHED	YOUR REWARD
<p>Membership renewals submitted and DCP Goals achieved to qualify for Distinguished status on March 31st</p> <p>Achieve President's Distinguished Achieve Select Distinguished Achieve Distinguished</p> <p><u>Not Distinguished by March 31st - Second Chance!</u></p> <p>Reach Distinguished status by May 31st</p> <p>Achieve President's Distinguished Achieve Select Distinguished Achieve Distinguished</p> <p>PERFECT 10 - All 10 DCP Goals achieved!</p>	<p>\$50 Gift Certificate \$40 Gift Certificate \$30 Gift Certificate</p> <p>\$25 Gift Certificate \$20 Gift Certificate \$15 Gift Certificate</p> <p>\$60 Gift Certificate</p>
TRAIN YOUR OFFICERS	YOUR REWARD
All 7 officers trained at either session	\$25 Gift Certificate
GROW MEMBERS	YOUR REWARD
<p>Achieve all three membership building awards - Smedley, Talk Up Toastmasters & Beat the Clock Awards</p> <p>Achieve any two consecutive membership building awards (Smedley & Talk Up Toastmasters OR Talk Up Toastmasters & Beat the Clock) - exclusive of earning all three membership awards)</p>	<p>\$75 Gift Certificate</p> <p>\$40 Gift Certificate</p>

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER...

ATTEND CONFERENCE	YOUR REWARD
Attend Conference for the first time	Where Leaders Are Made Pin
EARN EDUCATIONAL AWARD	YOUR REWARD
<p>Achieve three different Educational Awards (first time achieving this)</p> <p>Achieve DTM Award</p>	<p>Triple Crown Pin (awarded during Hall of Fame event)</p> <p>DTM Medallion (awarded during Hall of Fame event)</p>
SPONSOR A MEMBER (MUST PERSONALLY INVITE GUEST WHO LATER BECOMES A MEMBER)	YOUR REWARD
<p>Members must be sponsored within Toastmasters year (July 1-June 30)</p> <p>Sponsor 5 members Sponsor 10 Members Sponsor 15 Members</p>	<p>\$10 online Gift Certificate + blue pin from TMI \$25 online Gift Certificate + burgundy pin from TMI \$50 online Gift Certificate + 25% off next online order</p>

HELP CHARTER A CLUB	YOUR REWARD
Charter a new Club before June 15, 2018	D26 Computer Bag (OR Computer Messenger Bag when inventory of D26 Computer Bag is depleted) + \$50 Gift Certificate
Submit a lead for a new club (member does not charter club) and club charters before June 15, 2018	\$25 Gift Certificate
IF YOU ARE AREA DIRECTOR...	
AREA CLUB VISITS	YOUR REWARD
Submit all Area Club Visit Reports by August 31, 2017 & February 28, 2018	Gold Medallion
Submit all Area Club Visit Reports by September 30, 2017 & March 31, 2018	Silver Medallion
Submit all Area Club Visit Reports by October 31, 2017 & April 30, 2018	Bronze Medallion
Visit all clubs a minimum of three times and have club President's signature on Club Visit Form	\$20 Gift Certificate
IF YOU ARE DIVISION DIRECTOR...	
HEALTHY DIVISION	YOUR REWARD
End the year with 50% + 1 of the division's base clubs earning Distinguished Club or better, with no net loss in clubs. Denver - Base 36; Distinguished Clubs - 19 Eastern - Base 29; Distinguished Clubs - 16 Foothills - Base 39; Distinguished Clubs 21 Metro - Base 28; Distinguished Clubs - 15 Northern - Base 13; Distinguished Clubs - 8 Southern - Base 23; Distinguished Clubs - 13 Urban - Base 20; Distinguished Clubs - 11	Plaque (awarded during Hall of Fame event)
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	YOUR REWARD
All Base Clubs within all Areas have a minimum of eight paid membership dues for October renewal period by October 10, 2017	\$50 Gift Certificate
All Base Clubs within all Areas have a minimum of eight paid membership dues for April renewal period by April 10, 2018	\$50 Gift Certificate
IF YOU ARE EXTENSION CHAIR...	
CHARTERING CLUBS	YOUR REWARD
Assist Extension Coordinators in chartering 25 club	\$75 Gift Certificate
Assist Extension Coordinators in chartering 20 clubs	\$40 Gift Certificate
Assist Extension Coordinators in chartering 15 clubs	\$25 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE AN EXTENSION COORDINATOR...

CHARTERING CLUBS	YOUR REWARD
<p>Charter the number of designated clubs by presiding over the Kick-Off Meeting, Organizational Meeting and assisting with charter forms to charter by June 30, 2018</p> <p>Denver - 3 clubs Eastern - 2 clubs Foothills - 2 clubs Metro - 3 clubs Northern - 1 clubs Southern - 2 clubs Urban - 2 clubs</p>	\$50 Gift certificate
Serve in a meeting role for 10 or more Kick-Off meetings, whether or not in your division.	\$15 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE RETENTION CHAIR...

RECRUITING EFFORTS	YOUR REWARD
Assist Retention Coordinators in recruiting 30 or more Club Coaches	\$75 Gift Certificate
Assist Retention Coordinators in recruiting 20-29 Club Coaches	\$50 Gift Certificate
Assist Retention Coordinators in recruiting 10-19 Club Coaches	\$25 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE A RETENTION COORDINATOR...

RECRUITING EFFORTS	YOUR REWARD
Recruit Club Coaches for all clubs in your Division who qualify for a Club Coach	\$60 Gift Certificate
Recruit Club Coaches for 75% of all clubs in your Division who qualify for a Club Coach	\$40 Gift Certificate
Recruit Club Coaches for 50% of all clubs in your Division who qualify for a Club Coach	\$20 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE A CLUB COACH...

REACHING DISTINGUISHED	YOUR REWARD
Club reaches President's Distinguished	\$75 Gift Certificate
Club reaches Select Distinguished	\$50 Gift Certificate
Club reaches Distinguished	\$25 Gift Certificate
MEMBERSHIP GROWTH	YOUR REWARD
Club did not achieve Distinguished status but membership improved	
Help club increase membership by net 3 members by June 30, 2018	\$15 Gift Certificate
Help Club increase membership by net 5 members by June 30, 2018	\$25 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE A CLUB MENTOR...

COMPLETING YOUR ASSIGNMENT	YOUR REWARD
Complete Mentor Check List and have Club President's signature on District's check list and WHQ Club Mentor form	\$25 Gift Certificate



Veterans Day November 10, 2017

In honor of the men and women
who have served the United States.

Thank you.

Sharing with Children on Veterans Day

Toastmaster Alan Swartz, DTM gave a Veterans Day presentation on November 10, 2017 to Carson Elementary School in Denver, Colorado about serving our country.





Member Recognition Corner

Cynthia Cunningham, Administration Manager

November Educational Awards

(10/31 thru 11/26)

Competent Communicator

Greni, Sterling
(10/31)
Lucero, Mona
(10/31)
Killough, Eric
Scherer, Elizabeth
Glenn Knight
Horowitz, Deborah J
Brown, Daniel P
Allendorfer, Kathy M
Burke, Jiejun
Joey Fielder
Matt Quist
Kayse Loveless
James Mulberry
Bob Sikorski
David Wickham
Val Burgess

Advanced Communicator Bronze

Carlos Lopez
Michael Orwig
Mark Mahoney

Advanced Communicator Silver

Christopher Pine
(10/31)
Dale Demarchi
John Stephens
Carol Banks

Advanced Communicator Gold

Tran, May L.

Competent Leader

Rein, Kimberly
(10/31)
Sanders, Tina
(10/31)
Clemens, Laura
Vera, Alejandro
Thompson-
Buchanan, Scott
Morris, Melanie E
Susan Mavrich
Horowitz, Keith A.
Michael Orwig
Christopher
Mortenson

Competent Leader continued...

James Owiny
Joy Davidson
Kenneth Guentert
Sarah Beasley
Glenn Knight
Jiejun Burke
Hazel Ramsbotham
Judith Lukjan

Advanced Leadership Bronze

Crawford, William
(10/31)
Barrett, Richard
Welch, Marta
Kimbrel, Sean
Jean Walter
Morris, Melanie E
McCarthy, Joseph G.

Advanced Leadership Silver

John Stephens
Tran, May L.
Gini Horner

Distinguished Toastmaster

Timofey Ovcharenko
(10/31)
Case, Robert
May Tran
John Stephens

Leadership Excellence

Tran, May L.
Beasley, Sarah B.
Richard Barrett

Triple Crown

May Tran, LDREXC,
ACG, ALS, DTM
Christopher
Mortenson, ALS,
DTM, CL
Glenn Knight, CC,
CL, CL
Gini Horner, ALB,
LDREXC, ALS

New Clubs

Spectrum Speakers
(11/16)



Anniversaries, Achievements and Charters

Congratulations to the following clubs for reaching a milestone anniversary in December:

Apple Polishers: 35th

Congratulations to District 26 for achieving the following educational awards in July-September:

Competent Communicator: 66
Advanced Communicator Bronze: 22
Advanced Communicator Silver: 9
Advanced Communicator Gold: 9
Competent Leader: 48
Advanced Leader Bronze: 23
Advanced Leader Silver: 10
Leadership Excellence: 6
Triple Crown: 7
Distinguished Toastmaster: 8
Total Awards Earned: 208

Congratulations to the following clubs for achieving the most educational awards in July-September:

Peterson Toastmasters: 7
BodyShops Club: 6
Simply Speaking Toastmasters Club: 6
Greeley Early Risers Toastmasters: 5
South Suburban Toastmasters: 5

Congratulations to the following clubs for achieving the most educational awards in November:

Colorado Springs Toastmasters Club: 4
Quail Lake Toastmasters Club: 3
Westminster Communicator Club: 3

Congratulations to the following club that chartered in November:

Spectrum Speakers (11/16)

Speech Masters Advanced Club held its charter celebration on November 13.



Toastmaster of the Year

In Sincere Gratitude

By: Penny Alleman, DTM



On November 11, 2017, I was honored to receive the District 26, 2016-17, Toastmaster Of The Year Award. I was humbled by the tremendous significance this award represents.

It would not have been possible if not for the exceptional leadership District-26 has provided for me, and the support of the seven clubs in Western Colorado (Area F2); Earlybird Club and La Plata Luminaries in Durango, Black Canyon Voices in Delta, Talk of The Town Toastmasters, Western Slope Toastmasters and Grand Junction Toastmasters in Grand Junction and Roaring Colorado Toastmasters in Rifle.

I am here to shine the light for anyone who wishes to follow my path on this incredible journey.

My sincere gratitude is to everyone who made this award a reality for me.

What's Happening Around the District?

Grand Junction Toastmasters, Club #1671 Celebrates it's 63rd Anniversary!

By: Penny Alleman, DTM, Toastmaster of the Year

Chartered November 1, 1954. Our club was unique that we had several long standing original charter members that paid it forward. For example: Robert (Bob) Sayre, charter member for 42 years. When he died in in 2002 his wife Bonney continued to her death in 2012.

Mary Watson, club president, has spent over ten years dedicated to the success of our club. Mary has been the key player in providing important annual events for the community like Youth Leadership, IGNITE, and SpeechCraft. Mary has also actively served by hosting Area Contests and Area Club Officer trainings.

Grand Junction Toastmasters is on it's way to earning all 10 of the Distinguished Club Program goals for the third year in a row. Many members of the club have competed and won at the Area Contest level. Mary Watson's goal for the club was to be a Championship Club in the Grand Junction community, thanks to her, we are!



A Special Toastmaster

By: Chris Mortenson, DTM

Bill Baxter, DTM, is a member of Colorado Springs Toastmasters, #555. He has been a member of Toastmasters International for over 27 years. Toastmasters is like family to him.

Born in 1954 with birth complications, Bill has lived with a life-long developmental disability which hasn't stopped him. He joined Toastmasters in 1990, finished his DTM in 1996, won many contests and has completed fifteen CC awards!

Amazingly talented in storytelling, singing, and playing ukulele, Bill has been featured three times on the Story Project, a local program which broadcasts on a Colorado Springs National Public Radio station. He has sung the National Anthem at local speech contests, District Conferences, Sky Sox baseball games, and retirement communities.



On July 9, 2016, Bill was hospitalized due to a massive pulmonary embolism. When he returned home, he discovered many of his belongings and Toastmasters trophies were gone. His home club realized his distress and replicated the lost trophies and presented them to him. The experience changed Bill forever. He not only took his health back, but he was compelled to finish his legacy, his book.

Bill's book, *WEB Tales* (W.E.B. = William Edwin Baxter) is a compilation of stories many based on speeches he has delivered. They include tall tales, historical stories, Christmas Stories, and more.

For more information about Bill, <http://skysox56.wixsite.com/billbaxterdtm>



Spooky Fun

By: Sarah Elshof, ACB, ALB

The BALL Talks Toastmasters club had a fun meeting on Halloween. We had a potluck lunch, watched an interesting TED Talk (with a verbal evaluation of the speaker afterwards), and enjoyed some spooky ghost stories during Table Topics.

BALL Talks is an internal club for Ball Corporation and we meet every Tuesday over the lunch hour. BALL Talks currently has 7 members working on Advanced Communication manuals and several members who are very close to receiving their Competent Communicator award.

Our members definitely know how to have fun while working on their individual development!

Constant Pursuit of Goals

By: Mary Watson, Foothills F2 Area Director

Michael Conklin, ACS, CL is Club President and VP of Education for Talk of the Town Toastmasters in Grand Junction. Michael is an Author of several books, creator of family-friendly trivia games, professor/lecturer, public debater, Podcaster, Denver Post guest commentator and mentors a Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program. During his two years in Toastmasters, Michael has won Evaluation and Table Topics Contests as well as a Triple Crown award.

“How he does it all?” His response, “I believe it is highly important for people to be constantly pursuing goals in every aspect of their life. Stagnation and apathy are destructive to human well being. However, I would like to dispel the notion that one must forego all recreational pursuits to accomplish a lot. Quite the opposite; It's important to have a balanced life. I have my favorite TV shows I watch almost daily, read fiction for pleasure almost every night, and engage in an athletic pursuit five to six times a week. Making time for hobbies and relaxation, and not feeling guilty about it, leads to a more productive life.

Working nonstop from morning to night, while affording you more work hours, ultimately leads to less productivity.”

Michael has summited the 100 highest peaks in Colorado, traveled to South America to summit the highest volcano in the world, and has visited every presidential library in the United States.



Volunteers Needed for Toastmasters Leadership Institutes (TLIs) - January 2018

Would you like to assist at TLI?

We need facilitators for officer breakout sessions.

[Follow this link](#)

to submit an “Assist at District Events” form.

For more information, go to the D26 website [calendar](#) or
send a message to: PQD1718@D26Leaders.org.

Save the Date **District 26 Spring Conference** **May 18-19, 2018**

[Location:](#)

Radisson Denver Hotel Southeast
3155 South Vaughn Way
Aurora, Colorado 80014 ([map](#))

Early Bird Registration Coming Soon!

- Buffet dinner on Friday, Communication & Leadership Award luncheon and formal dinner on Saturday
- Dynamic District Table Topics Friday evening and International Speech Contest Saturday evening
- Exciting educational sessions on leadership, communication development, club-building, etc.
- Business meeting where candidates for elected office for the 2018-2019 term will be elected
- Special recognition for Toastmasters in the district who have received their DTM awards.
- Great time of networking and fellowship with Toastmasters from throughout the District. Every member should attend the district conference, especially the club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education because they have a vote in the election of new officers next year.

Keep Our District Connected

If you are not following us on Social Media, please do. This is the best way for the District to keep you aware and keep us aware of what is going on in our District so that we may best support it.

The links are below:

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/D26Toastmasters/>
- Twitter <https://twitter.com/D26Toastmasters?lang=en>
- LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/390685/>
- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/district26toastmasters/>
- You Tube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRAAnj3Sg3NT7Z_UyCoxa_A
- Best way to keep track of these in your clubs is www.Buffer.com - Give it a try!



If you have information for Social Media that you would like us to share on one or more of the D26 Social Media pages please email me at :

Trixie Hunter-Merrill, Social Media Chair

D26SocialMedia1718@D26Leaders.org

More info about Guidelines and what to share can be found at

<http://www.d26toastmasters.org/members/social-media-and-district-26>

WANTED: Articles



Michelle Mras, DTM
Newsletter Editor

Hello fellow Toastmasters. The entire District would love the opportunity to celebrate with you. What's going on in your Club, Area or Division? Write an article and share a photo. See below for the submission protocol and send it to me. If you need help writing, let me know and I will help you develop it. Let's share and raise the bar throughout District 26!

DIALOGUE SUBMISSION PROTOCOLS

Articles limited to 250 words or less along with a photo of yourself or a representation of the event. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month. Send articles and photos to the editor newsletter@d26leaders.org.

Please state "D26 newsletter/ month / Title" in the subject line.