



# District 26 Dialogue

Serving Colorado, Wyoming and Western Nebraska

## WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

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Marcia Wood, Program Quality Director

Mark Krekeler, Club Growth Director

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For District Events

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A Message from  
our

District Director

Rhea Thompson

### Delegation

We have set lofty goals for District 26 in 2017-2018, the District becoming a Distinguished District along with every Area and every Division becoming Distinguished!

These goals cannot be achieved by a small group of leaders. It will encompass every member. It will require focusing on these goals, deciding what each of us can do in our own area and what needs to be delegated to accomplish our goals.

Delegation is important in working as a team, but it can be tricky if we're unsure how to accomplish it. And it can certainly be unsuccessful if the person being delegated a task is not the right person for the task, does not follow through or if the person delegating has not given clear instructions.

My challenge to all of us is to learn to delegate. Follow these steps for success!

1. Decide on the tasks you want to delegate.

- Define each one clearly.
- List the goals/targets to be achieved.
- Determine the person to whom this responsibility will be given.

2. Delegate authority to perform the task to the person to whom you are about to assign the task.

3. Get "buy-in" from the person – this is the most critical step in the delegation process. If the initial person objects to the tasks, find someone who is willing to take on this new challenge!

4. Request accountability.

- Determine the time-line for reports/feedback to be given you.

Enjoy the fruits of a growing leader, learn to delegate!

## 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**



### Nice Day for a Roller Coaster Ride

I challenged my colleagues, Rhea Thompson and Darryle Brown (also known as the D26 Trio) to take a hot air balloon ride with me if our dear District 26 became President's Distinguished by June 30, 2017. And you know what? Rhea and Darryle answered with a resounding NO-NO-NO!!! NOT on your LIFE!!

Hmm. Perhaps, a bit of downsizing was necessary.

So, I challenged the Trio to take a Roller Coaster Ride with me if our dear District 26 became Distinguished by June 30, 2017. To that, Darryle and Rhea both agreed.

You know what? WE DID IT!! The District became Distinguished! Darryle and Rhea have agreed to take the Roller Coaster Ride to celebrate! And you are all invited to come with us on that historic Roller Coaster Ride on Saturday, August 12, at Elitch Gardens Amusement Park in downtown Denver. (See page 5 for details.)

Now, you may ask yourself, which roller coaster will we ride? There are three at Elitch Gardens: Wild Kitty, Twister II, and Mind Eraser. Which one will we choose? I choose the Mind Eraser!!

What's that Rhea and Darryle? Hmm. Perhaps, a bit of downsizing is necessary. Wild Kitty it is, but only if Darryle can fit in the car. *It is a kiddie ride after all.* There could be some restrictions for height and age, plus that distinctive 20-ton attitude!

## 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 our  
Club Growth Director  
Mark Krekeler



### Summer Time COTs

I enjoy this time of year.

Yes, it is Summer. Even though they are getting shorter, I love long hot days. I would say middle to upper 90 degrees Fahrenheit suits me best. Taking a walk in the heat of a late Summer afternoon is the best.

There's another reason I like this time of year, Club Officer Trainings (COTs). To see all of those who are not only new to Toastmasters, but new to being officers, is fun! Asking, mostly to themselves - what have I gotten myself into? What was I thinking? I don't know what I'm doing - am I good enough for this? What about time? I don't think I have time for this, do I? Possibly having a "deer in the headlights" look to them of shock and dismay.

What makes this so much fun? Knowing that most everyone of us had those same questions and also had the same shock and dismay look on our faces as well. I can think of four or five times for me. And then over time, transforming that look to confidence, and the feeling that I know what I'm doing. Then, on to that next step, starting the process over again, and over if you so choose.

Then in turn, one day becoming competent enough to train those who are now in the same position you once were. Isn't this the natural progression of such things? And this progression can be seen at its best, in my experience, is found in Toastmasters!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ August 1-September 30, 2017: Smedley Award Membership Campaign - Recruit five new members
- ◆ August 23 - 26, 2017: Toastmasters International Convention, Vancouver, Canada
- ◆ September 30, 2017: Deadline for Member dues
- ◆ November 10-11, 2017: D26 Fall Conference  
Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests  
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton, 7801 E Orchard Road,  
Greenwood Village, Colorado

## Get Ready to Become an Accredited Speaker!

Deborah Frauenfelder, Past District Director 2015-2016

The Accredited Speaker Program (ASP) is a certification process by which professional speakers differentiate themselves from other paid speakers. Each year during the Toastmasters International Convention qualified candidates give professional speeches before a judges' panel. These speakers aspire to acquire the Accredited Speaker credential.



Last August, I watched multiple people perform in hopes they would earn the coveted credential. Only two of those candidates earned the Accredited Speaker designation in 2016: Darren LaCroix, ATM, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, and Eldonna Lewis Fernandez, ACS, ALB, Irvine, California, USA. Every speaker gave an outstanding presentation. Yet, the judging criteria are stringent. No worries! Qualified candidates can, and do, reapply.

Are you a professional speaker or aspire to become a professional speaker, if so I encourage you to consider working on your qualifications for the Accredited Speaker application. We were told last year that many otherwise qualified candidates were disqualified in 2016 because they did not follow the exact rules and application process. You can learn from other people's mistakes. Consider printing and reading all the Accredited Speakers documents, and then begin tracking your performance for the application. Once you have met the requirements, submit your application any January to arrive at World Headquarters before February 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are serious about becoming an Accredited Speaker, then register to attend the 2017 Toastmasters International Convention next month to watch the Accredited Speaker candidate presentations on Saturday, August 26, 8 am to noon. What you learn while watching the process far outweighs the cost of registration, travel, hotel and meals. Hope you have your passport ready!



## Message from the Editor

Hello everyone. My name is Michelle Mras, DTM out of the Southern Division. I am stepping out of my comfort zone by taking over the duties of the District Dialogue. Most of you have noticed the arrangement of the newsletter is altered. There is a learning curve involved and there is a lot of falling forward occurring. Remember, this publication is for you! Help us assist spreading the fabulous growth occurring throughout our district and submit articles.

### DIALOGUE SUBMISSION PROTOCOLS

When there are awesome celebrations occurring in your area, write an article 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](mailto:newsletter@d26leaders.org). Please state "newsletter" in the subject line.

## What is 435 Miles Among Toastmaster Club Members?

### Advanced Network Management has a New Corporate Club

#### *ANM Speaks*

#### The newly chartered club celebrates in two separate states simultaneously

Marcia Wood, Program Quality Director

ANM Speaks is a newly chartered club in District 26 that celebrated its charter with a ceremony on July 18. The club chartered with members scattered across two separate states, making it the first club in the district to hold virtual meetings. Since the corporation has associates in several cities across the southwest, half of its members reside in Colorado, while the others reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Just because their meetings are virtual, doesn't mean they are prevented from making meaningful connections with each other. They have proven that distance is no impediment to friendly relations and empathy toward one another. In this photo, Albuquerque members stand beside the screen that shows the Denver contingent displaying the club's banner.

### Want to join us on a roller coaster ride?

Discount tickets for \$29.99 are available to the first 15 people to contact Marcia Wood, [pqd1718@D26leaders.org](mailto:pqd1718@D26leaders.org) or call 303-884-7656 to make reservations.

Regular adult admission at gate is \$54.99. Parking is available for an additional \$15.

Light Rail and RTD Bus make regular stops at Elitch's.

**Schedule: August 12, 2017**

Meet at Food Court: 11:00

Networking: 11:00 – 11:35

Move to Twister II roller coaster: 11:35 – 11:45

Estimated time of departure on the Twister II: 12:00 – 12:15 depending on the length of the line.

We will play at the park until closing time!