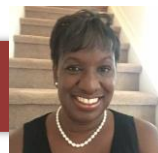




News from Denver Division



by Jacqueline Smith, MPA, ACG, ALB – Denver Division Director

The Denver Division is the largest division within District 26, encompassing the greater Denver and Aurora metropolitan areas. The Denver Division is comprised 8 areas, each with at least 5 or more active clubs and has a base of 44 clubs, with 45 paid clubs to date.

The Denver Division is an eclectic blend of corporate and community club, meeting the needs of Toastmasters and aspiring Toastmasters from every walk of life. With many clubs and club types to choose from there is something for everyone. There are young clubs, appealing to the millennials and younger and those young at heart as well as anyone of any age.

The following clubs have notable anniversaries (beginning 07/01/16 – ending 06/30/17)

- Daybreak Toastmasters, #2228, chartered 11/01/56, celebrating 60 years
- On Broadway Toastmasters, #8491, chartered 11/01/91, celebrating 25 years
- Skyline Toastmasters, #1038, chartered 03/01/52, celebrating 65 years
- Cherry Creek Toastmasters, #2977, chartered 10/01/81, celebrating 35 years
- Gates to Excellence, #3413, chartered 06/01/67, celebrating 50 years

The Denver Division has added the following clubs since 07/01/16:

- Speakers Alliance, #5685375, chartered 08/15/16
- Elevator's Toastmasters #5707439, chartered 09/12/16
- Leprino Foods, #5951591, chartered 12/14/16
- AP Toastmasters, #6047537, chartered 02/07/17

Leadership and support comes in all forms, including the District TRIO. The following Toastmasters have provided immense support to the Denver Division worthy of accolades for assisting in getting new clubs and ongoing efforts to sustain existing clubs. Through their efforts, there have been clubs birthed with corresponding mentors assigned and there have been clubs retained with the addition of coaches assigned.

- Tina Hubis, Denver Club Extension Chair
- Robert Olsen, Denver Club Retention Chair
- Kathy Schneebeck Dulnoan (posthumously), District Club Extension Chair
- Chyrese Exline, District Club Retention Chair

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Conference Early Bird Registration ENDS

April 15, 2017

Larry Scantland, Dialogue Editor

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Jacqueline Smith, Denver
John Withrow, Eastern
Clare Kennelly, Foothills
Tom Marrs, Metro
Dana Morgan Barnes, Northern
David Mead, Southern

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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District Leaderships Committee Announces 2017-2018 District Officer Nominees

by Deborah Frauenfelder, DTM , Immediate Past District Director

The 2017 District Leadership Committee (DLC) is pleased to nominate the following candidates for 2017-2018 District Officer Positions. You can learn more about the DLC nominated candidates by visiting the [2017-2018 District Officer Candidates](#) page and click on the individual candidate experience links. Please note that the candidate experience pages have replaced candidate articles in the District Dialogue (names listed alphabetical).



District Director:	Rhea Thompson
Program Quality Director:	Marcia Wood
Club Growth Director:	No nominee
Metro Division Director:	Carlos Diaz3
	Howard Levine3
Southern Division Director:	Victoria Cox
	Chris Mortenson
Eastern Division Director:	May Tran
Foothill Division Director:	Frank DeDominicis
Denver Division Director:	No nominee
Northern Division Director:	No nominee

Are you interested in running for a District Officer role? Please visit the [District Officer Candidate](#) page to learn how to run for an elected office from the floor of the Spring Conference Business Meeting. Likewise you can contact the District Leadership Chair at IPDD1617@D26Leaders.org for additional information.

Newsletter Editor and Other Openings

As we move closer to the end of another Toastmaster year, several other appointed positions will be available by the new leadership. District 26 Toastmasters interested in appointed positions can send their application to IPDD1617@D26Leaders.org . Specific instructions for applying for positions are located at [District Office Nominations Instructions](#). All applications will be transferred to the incoming District Director after the elections at Spring Conference who will then make all the appointments.

Even though I, Larry Scantland, have enjoyed the past two years as the editor of the District Dialogue, I will not be seeking a third term. So if you are interested in this position, please contact Rhea Thompson and Marcia Wood to let them know of your interest. I would love to offer mentoring during the remaining two months so that your first issue in July is ready for publication on July 1, 2017. As with the other positions, if you are interested, the District 26 TRIO will be happy to talk with you and offer advice on what possibilities are available once you have followed all required protocols as listed above.



A message from your District Director, Darryle Brown, MBA, DTM

EXPANDING OUR REACH – RELATIONSHIP

The Southern International Speech and Table Topics Contest for Areas S1/S2 on March 4, 2017, was the kickoff of the District level contest season. When asked how many were competing at the Area level, five contestants raised their hands identifying this event as their first experience competing beyond their clubs. It is a remarkable achievement for new toastmasters to take a courageous step to test their skills beyond the club experience.

District events such as contests and District Conferences provide opportunity, forging deeper relationships, networking and unlocking potential inspired by seeing other Toastmasters at various levels of growth. It is also an opportunity to see how far a newer Toastmaster has come as a result of their participation in these exciting events.

The key element in this rewarding experience is not just in winning the trophy (even though it's wonderful to do so). It is the level of support rendered through their fellow club members cheering them on as they take this very important step in their Toastmasters experience.

These events help introduce members of sister clubs to one another within an Area, building community as relationships are developed between clubs. The more these engagements take place in forging relationships between Toastmasters, the stronger our clubs become. Let us continue to expand our reach through these relationships. It will enable us to discover lasting value and cherished memories resulting in a richer Toastmasters experience that will follow us years after taking that first courageous step into a bigger world beyond our club.

A message from your Program Quality Director, Rhea Thompson, DTM



SPRING CONFERENCE PLANNING IS UNDERWAY

Spring Conference will be here before we know it! Have you registered? Early Bird Registration ends on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

Our conference will be held May 19-20, 2017, at the Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast, 3155 South Vaughn Way, Aurora, Colorado. Hotel room reservations are \$115 per night with breakfast included. To take advantage of these rates please dial 1-800-967-9033 and mention "1705TOASTY". Group rate ends Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

What can you expect? A time to network with fellow Toastmasters from all over District 26 and surrounding Districts; listen to the "best of the best" compete in the Table Topics and International Speech Contests; learn more about "Pathways"; choose from a variety of Educational presentations designed to inspire, educate, and entertain; vote for your 2017-2018 District officers; bid on baskets filled with

chocolate, wine, items to sooth the aching body, kitchen items and much, much more; and enjoy some of the best food this side of the Mississippi!

As mentioned, winners of the Division Table Topics and International Speech Contests will be competing during our conference and the winner of the International Speech Contest will go on to compete at the 2017 International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada in August!

Please join us Friday evening for the Table Topics contest and return on Saturday for a full day of exciting events beginning with Keynote Speaker, International Director, Margaret Page, DTM, and ending with the International Speech Contest in the evening.

View all the details on the District 26 website at <http://www.d26toastmasters.org/2017-spring-conference/>.

A Message from your Club Growth Director, Marcia Wood, DTM



WHAT'S YOUR VQ?

What is your VQ? Wait—you will need to know what VQ actually means before you can determine yours. Here is a hint: Just as IQ stands for Intelligence Quotient, VQ stands for Value Quotient.

Value is the benefit you provide to people with whom you interact. They can be your fellow Toastmasters, family, friends, work associates, or neighbors. What value do you bring to their lives?

To determine your VQ, take this simple survey:

- Do you **SHARE** knowledge, or do you **ABSORB** knowledge from others?
- Do you **GIVE** insights, or do you **TAKE** insights from others?
- Do you **CREATE** ideas, or do you **CONSUME** ideas from others?

If you are a *Sharer, Giver and Creator*, you are adding value to people around you. If you are an *Absorber, Taker and Consumer*, you are subtracting value from people around you. But that does not mean you are acting negatively. On the contrary, you are merely getting ready to grow! You are an apprentice Sharer, Giver and Creator. You will soon be someone who provides value to others.

What can you do to increase your VQ?

- **Share** knowledge about the Toastmasters vision, mission, and strategic success plan.
- **Give** insights from your experiences by becoming a Club Mentor or Club Coach.
- **Create** ideas by reviewing lessons learned and, more importantly, by trusting your instinct.

Why care? A benefit of your increased VQ is to watch your own satisfaction multiply by providing value to others. Share, Give and Create. These are the components of your Value Quotient.

D26 SPRING CONFERENCE UPDATE



by Marieta Ferrington, District 26 Spring Conference Chair

Are you interested in Expanding Your Reach and exposure within Toastmasters International? Are you feeling uninspired? Bored with the routine? Ever wanted to visit Denver's public-speaking Mecca? Would you like hors d'oeuvres with that? If you answered YES to any of these questions then it's worth your while to read on:

Here are the opportunities the Spring Conference offers YOU:

- Sign up early as Early Bird Registration ends April 15, 2017
- Watch top-echelon speakers at their best and discover they are just like you;
- Uncover shared interests with an eclectic set of professionals in an idyllic networking space;
- Find remedy to the uninspired
- Re-connect with the greater Toastmasters International organization as it prepares to relocate headquarters in our own backyard, the Mile-High City.

Apart from seeing talented speakers competing at the highest level, so close you can see them sweat :-); you will also have a chance to witness Margaret Page (pictured on the right) as a Keynote Speaker. She is not only one of the Toastmasters International Directors, but also a well-known speaker, author and entrepreneur.



Our motivated team is working tirelessly to line up inspirational Educational Breakout Sessions by six of our very own District 26 Leaders. Join us and share delicious food, fellowship and FUN with some of the most active, connected and inspiring fellow Toastmasters!

When: May 19-20, 2017

Where: Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast
3155 South Vaughn Way, Aurora, CO 80014.

Go online ([Spring Conference](#)) to book your spot and join us as we learn from and support THE BEST our District has to offer as they compete and inspire. Stay tuned for a NEW level of connection promoting the conference coming SOON!

The Business Meeting will take place on Saturday afternoon. Clubs and individuals, please begin to start thinking about your club's Silent Auction basket. These silent auction items help the District control cost and bring in world class speakers and education sessions.

Would you like to help out at the Spring Conference? D26 Needs You! Volunteer opportunities are available! If this is your first conference, there is no better way to get involved and meet new people. Please fill out [Volunteer For Spring Conference](#) and email to AssistAtDistrictEvents@d26leaders.org or contact Melissa Butler at mkbutler@ofiglobal.com we will find a place for you.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE

by Rhea Thompson, DTM, Program Quality Director



Membership renewals were due to Toastmasters International by April 1, 2017. For those clubs/members who have yet to submit your dues, please get those renewals in quickly. ***Do not risk the chance of being unable to use Club Central to perform club business because your club is not "in good standing"!***

What does it mean to be a club "in good standing"? The answer, have eight or more membership payments submitted to Toastmasters International with a minimum of three of these being renewing members. ***Transfer members do not count toward the eight needed.***

What happens if clubs do not submit membership renewals in a timely manner? If a member is competing in one of our Table Topics or International Speech Contests on or after April 1, 2017, and the member's payment has not been received by Toastmasters International prior to the contest, that member will not be allowed to compete.

NOTE: Even if the member's individual payment has been received by Toastmasters International but the club is not "in good standing", that member is ineligible to compete.

AREA DIRECTOR JOYS

by Frank DeDominicis, F3 Area Director



Approaching final-quarter of my second year serving as F3 area director, I reflect on what began as a nerve-racking thrust into a new job role without experience. However, our District 26 support system taught me we are a non-punitive, self-paced learning environment. If you aspire to this role, know that the learning curve is simple with ample support from other leaders. Within Toastmasters, I see three different levels:

1. With advanced clubs, I thoroughly enjoy synergizing ideas to further enrich their team culture; to nourish and support new talent; and, to groom mid-level players for higher levels of personal growth and achievement.
2. My visits to clubs dealing with 'bumps in the road' showed me an amazing resilience of spirit demonstrated by real leaders. I have witnessed clubs turnaround because of the sincere belief, dedication, smart work and, commitment of only a few with heart and fire. Meeting these Toastmaster warriors is a powerfully energizing experience, just to witness steadfast courage against sometimes overwhelming challenges. The turnaround stories turned me around about how I perceive Toastmasters, as much more than be expressed in words.
3. Clubs requiring the support of a coach to maintain basic dashboard vital signs have been eye opening. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing how efficiently District leadership assembles for ad hoc teamwork problem-solving sessions for clubs needing D26 TLC.

I encourage you towards this role and to consider if a second-year of service, based on your personal goals and your mentor's guidance, is right for you.

DENVER DIVISION (CONTINUED)

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The Denver Division, like most Divisions around the globe, is actively holding the Table Topic Topics and International Speech Contests as we gear up for Spring Conference.

I am thoroughly enjoying my tenure as Denver Division Director and perhaps what I am enjoying most is the rapport that I have established with all 8 of the Denver Division Area Directors. I sincerely would like to express my humblest gratitude for each of the following individuals:

- Kathy Barrett, D1 Area Director, who is actively in pursuit of her DTM and is always will to assist with District level events
- Robert Case, D2 Area Director, who is actively in pursuit of his DTM and who is currently working to satisfy the requirements of his HPL
- Carolyn Conover, D3 Area Director, who is actively working in pursuit of her DTM and who is currently working to satisfy the requirements of her HPL
- Joel Weissman, D4 Area Director, who stepped away from his comfort zone as a Club Secretary and decided to serve at the District level
- DanaClaire Discher, D5 Area Director, who was instrumental in establishing a club in Poland and brings with her a wealth of experience in membership building
- Jim Roth, D6 Area Director, who stepped away from being a Club President, decided to serve at the District level and who brings a wealth of experience in public relations
- Pete Hazlet, D7 Area Director, who stepped out-of-the-shadows as the Club Sergeant-At-Arms, decided to serve at the District level and who was instrumental in helping revive a club
- Carol Pace, D8 Area Director, who brings a wealth of valuable Toastmasters experience, was recently awarded another DTM and who has likely assisted all within the Division (myself included) with her experience and tenacity

To all of the Denver Division Directors, to all within the District, to all the District members and the District TRIO, I thank you all for your vote of confidence and allowing me to serve.

SPRING CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Margaret Page, DTM, International Director Region 1



Margaret joined Toastmasters in 2003 and has held a number of high-profile leadership positions within the organization since then. As well as serving on the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, she is active in a Lean In group, where she mentors professional women on career growth.

District 26 falls within Region 1 and we are very fortunate to have her at our Spring Conference. Additionally, the team is looking for speakers for breakout sessions, so visit our website d26toastmasters.org and check out how you can support our District.

Division Contest Dates

The conclusion of the Area contest and the beginning of the Division contest start in April. Additionally, all dues must be collected by April 1, 2017 to receive credit towards the Distinguished Club Program.

Saturday, April 15, 2017 – Denver Division (AM) / Metro Division (PM)

Saturday, April 22, 2017 – Southern Division (PM)

Saturday, April 29, 2017 – Eastern Division (AM) / Foothills (PM)

Saturday, May 6, 2017 – Northern Division (AM)

All Division contest require a lot of work and support from the member clubs of each Division as well as cooperation within the District. So if you would like to support your Division or reach out to another Division, please contact your Area or Division Director and see how you can ensure the event is successful.

We strive to ensure an even playing field for all contestants and to ensure the event is fun, entertaining, and an opportunity to network with other Toastmasters. The District Table Topics contest will be held on Friday night of the Spring Conference. The International Speech contest will be held on Saturday night as the crowning moment of the conference.

Charter Parties and Banner Celebrations



Greeley Noon Toastmasters
March 2, 2017



Gogo Toast & Talk
March 7, 2017

DIALOGUE SUBMISSION PROTOCOLS

The Dialogue is open to any Toastmaster in District 26 to submit an article. Remember this is your newsletter; however please limit your word count to 250 words. We would also like a picture of either you or the event. The deadline for the April issue will be April 20, 2017. April 15, 2017 is tax day and I want to make sure everyone has some time to rest between submissions.

MEMBER RECOGNITION CORNER

by Jennifer Costello, DTM, District 26 Administrative Manager

The District 26 leadership team is proud to recognize the following members for their achievements so far this Toastmaster year. Congratulations to all Toastmasters who have earned an educational award since February 14, 2016.

Competent Communicator

Adam Byrne	Amy Lieberman	Larry Scantland
Luis Moreno-Perez	Brittni Schmidt	Marcia Wood
David Bachelor	Carlos Lopez	Steven Daquino
Phani Paparaju	Rachel Noble	Diana Williams
Tina Gustafson	Jennifer Winters	Michael Diestel
Joyce Ford	Harold Filbert	Tracy Kimball
Allyn Orwig	Chris Biondolilo	Jill Little
Keith Motzner	Richa Acharya	Jennifer de Jarnette
Sean Wolf	Debra Patterson	Vance Watt
Cheryl Weiland	Sujatha Reddy	Gilbert Mfitundinda

Competent Leader

Victoria Cox	David Bounds	Leidy Boyce
Renzo Amaya	Heather Gutherless	John Rusty Stephens
Daniella Kiaha	Sean Wolf	Sue McClure
Joyce Ford	Katie Hagerty	Larry Scantland
Dianna Breedlove	Jeanne Ladewig	Mike Everson
Keith Motzner	Meghan Trubee	

Advanced Communicator Bronze

DanaClaire Discher	Melishea Combs	Larry Scantland
Zora Toth	Ashutosh Mittal	Angela Schnaubelt
Alison Miller	Rhonda Peters	

Advanced Leader Bronze

Ashutosh Mittal	Colette Smith	Hilda Alipour
Ashley Pyle	Marianne Graham	Dmitriy Vassilyev

Advanced Communicator Silver

Jonathan Sabar	Maura Thompson
Michael Sales	Bob Baxter

Advanced Leader Silver

Bruce Ekins	Penny Alleman
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Excellence in Leadership

Penny Alleman

Rheid Schloss

Advanced Communicator Gold

Aimee Voth Siebert

Keith Horowitz

Douglas Potter

David Johnson

Distinguished Toastmaster

NONE

Triple Crown

David Johnson

Douglas Potter

Larry Scantland

Colette Smith

Keith Horowitz



This is a list of award winners through March 14, 2017. Please check back next month to see our District celebrate new award recipients.



Club Recognition Corner

by Jennifer Costello, DTM, District 26 Administrative Manager

Congratulation to the following clubs for achieving the most educational awards through March 14, 2017:

- BodyShops Club – 19 Educational Awards
- Words Worth Speaking – 19 Educational Awards
- Front Range Toastmasters – 19 Educational Awards



The District 26 leadership would like to join in the celebration and congratulate the following clubs for reaching milestone anniversaries.

March

- Skyline Toastmasters – 65th Anniversary
- LEAD Toastmasters – 15th Anniversary

April

- Titan Club – 60th Anniversary
- Rise N' Shine – 25th Anniversary
- Words Worth Speaking – 10th Anniversary
- 5280 Toastmasters – 5th Anniversary



Welcome to District 26! This club chartered during March 2017.

- WorldView Toastmasters

