



### Know Your Resources

The 2016-2017 Toastmasters year for District 26 looks to build on the great success of the previous year. Many of the projects implemented by Immediate Past District Director Deborah Frauenfelder, District Director, Darryle Brown, and Program Quality Director, Rhea Thompson, are in full force for this year.

We have moved the D26 website to a new server that allows easier processing and quicker uploads. To this effect, every Toastmaster in D26 should know our website ([d26toastmasters.org](http://d26toastmasters.org)). There we house the District Dialogue as well as the list of leaders and how to contact them, our District calendar, and updates on events coming to District.

Our first big event of the year is to train a minimum of four club officers per club. We ideally would like to see all seven club officers trained. On the [calendar](#), you and your members can see dates, times, and locations of upcoming officer trainings. Many club officers received training during the June Toastmasters Leadership Institutes, but due to schedule conflicts, others still need to receive training.

So our Division Directors and their Area Directors have scheduled the following dates for Club Officer Training. Please note if your club is in another Division, you can still attend any officer training session, the Division signifies the team hosting the event. Address locations details are located on the District calendar.

Saturday, July 30, 2016	8:30am	Xilinx	Longmont (Eastern)
Friday, August 5, 2016	6:00pm	St. Anthony's Hospital	Lakewood (Foothills)
Tuesday, August 9, 2016	9:00am	Statera	Denver Tech Center (Metro)
Saturday, August 13, 2016	9:30am	Hope West Hospice	Grand Junction (Foothills)
Saturday, August 13, 2016	1:00pm	Koelbel Library	Denver Metro (Denver/Metro)
Saturday, August 20, 2016	9:30am	Centennial Park Library	Durango (Foothills)
Saturday, August 27, 2016	9:40am	Primrose Retirement	Pueblo (Southern)
Saturday, August 27, 2016	1:00pm	Southglenn Library	Denver Metro (Denver/Metro)
Sunday, August 28, 2016	3:00pm	Smokey Hill Library	Denver Metro (Denver/Metro)

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**Check District Calendar for  
Officer Training Schedule and Contest Dates**

**Larry Scantland**, Dialogue Editor

## D26 LEADERS

**Darryle Brown**, District Director

**Rhea Thompson**, Program Quality Director

**Marcia Wood**, Club Growth Director

**David Johnson**, Public Relations Manager

**Jennifer Costello**, Administration Manager

**Brenda Uitts**, Finance Manager

**Chyrese Exline**, Club Coach Chair

**Kathy Schneebeck Dulnoan**, Club Extension Chair

**Greg Harris**, Webmaster

**Alexander Pyle**, Technology Lead

**Kelsey Robb, Clancy Taylor**, Speakers Bureau Chairs

## DIVISION DIRECTORS

*listed alphabetically by Division*

**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 member are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

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## 2015-2016 YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DISTRICT 26

by Deborah Frauenfelder, Immediate Past District Director

Congratulation District 26 for all you achieved during the 2015-2016 Toastmasters year. Together we accomplished many goals.

We came close to achieving Distinguished District. Although we missed the Distinguished District goal, **WE:**

- ended the year with 178 paid clubs;
- ended the year with 7,778 payments;
- had 780 educational awards submitted;
- had 87 Distinguished or higher clubs:
  - 14 Distinguished
  - 19 Select Distinguished
  - 54 Presidents Distinguished;
- had 17 Distinguished or higher Areas:
  - 8 Distinguished
  - 3 Select Distinguished
  - 6 President's Distinguished;
- had 5 Distinguished or higher Divisions:
  - 1 Distinguished
  - 2 Select Distinguished
  - 2 President's Distinguished;
- built 16 new clubs with several more clubs ready to charter in the near future
  - which includes kickoff meetings
  - organizational meetings
  - charter celebrations
  - and many calls with sponsor;
- helped rebuild several existing clubs which allows those clubs to continue helping people find their voices;
- rescued one club the day it was closing
  - club ended the year President's Distinguished;
- documented processes and procedures for building new clubs;

District 26 Performance		
1.14% Growth	0.44% Growth	49.43% of Clubs
		
Paid Clubs	Payments	Distinguished Clubs
Base	Base	Base
176	7,744	176
To Date	To Date	To Date
178	7,778	87
Goals	Goals	Goals
Distinguished	Distinguished	Distinguished
182	7,977	71
Select Distinguished	Select Distinguished	Select Distinguished
185	8,132	80
President's Distinguished	President's Distinguished	President's Distinguished
191	8,364	88

- created a new Club Coach Contract;
- began training club sponsors, club mentors, and club coaches;
- extended our reach on social media by a magnitude of 100,000 or more;
- maintained accurate financial and administrative records;
- published 12 newsletters to keep the members informed;
- had radio coverage at fall conference and television coverage at the recent Cheyenne Toastmasters Leadership Institute;
- held 8 Toastmasters Leadership Institutes and nearly 30 Club Officer Training sessions across the District;
- trained hundreds of club officers every 6 months which helped achieve club excellence;
- held nearly 148 district level contest which provided for members to speak outside their clubs;
- held 3 District officer and leader training sessions;
- held 2 major conferences which provide even more opportunities for members to speak, and provide opportunities for people to learn event planning.
- began the process of transforming and updating our District Website;
- visited many clubs twice across the District from the northern Wyoming to the southern Colorado, from the western slope in Colorado to the west in Nebraska; and
- grew as individual leaders and as followers.

To consider how successful District 26 was, just compare our results to that of other Districts in Region 1. We ended the year producing the most total membership payments, the most total paid clubs, and the most total Distinguished clubs. District 26 you excelled within Region 1.

<div> <div>Expand</div> <div>Collapse</div> </div>			Membership Payments						Club Growth			Distinguished Clubs	
Region			New	Renewals	Charter	YTD	Base	Growth	YTD	Base	Growth	YTD	%
▼	Region 01	DSP Training	8,358	26,152	1,183	35,693	36,351		887	907		401	
	District 02	Y Y	1,715	5,420	175	7,310	7,709	-5.18%	172	184	-6.52%	80	43.48%
D	District 09	Y Y	440	1,577	66	2,083	1,985	4.94%	62	60	3.33%	29	48.33%
	District 15	Y Y	787	2,354	148	3,289	3,346	-1.7%	87	83	4.82%	38	45.78%
	District 21	Y Y	1,333	4,061	89	5,483	5,709	-3.96%	149	162	-8.02%	60	37.04%
	District 26	Y Y	1,749	5,586	443	7,778	7,744	0.44%	178	176	1.14%	87	49.43%
	District 32	Y Y	764	2,571	65	3,400	3,448	-1.39%	94	97	-3.09%	42	43.3%
	District 96	Y Y	1,570	4,583	197	6,350	6,410	-0.94%	145	145	0%	65	44.83%

The District was a very successful this year due in part by an energized team of District Officer and Leaders. If you see any of the 2015-2016 District Officers and Leaders at upcoming events, please tell them “Thank you for your service!” When people donate their time and skills, we support our members throughout the District.

To every member, club officer, District leader and District officer, I personally say from my heart “Thank you for your time, your commitment, and your service to District 26.”



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

### **Expanding Our Reach – Relationships – Connecting them to Toastmasters**

Have you invited people in your social circles to attend a Toastmaster event? Are you aware that the greatest pool of potential new Toastmasters is found in our personal and professional relationships?

Imagine if every Toastmaster made the most of our opportunities to reach one person in our social circles to join Toastmasters. Obviously, we would double our membership immediately. There is a significant advantage for each Toastmaster to positively impact our social circles through our relationships.

It is with the power of influence that we can change this dynamic. Many of the people we maintain either personal or professional relationships with, have never attended a Toastmaster event, meeting or function. And, it can be for one simple reason — they were never invited! If you are wondering about the best way to share Toastmasters, it is not with a scripted sales pitch, gimmicks or hype. It is with that first invite.

The passion we have for Toastmasters and the energy we bring to our meetings and receive from them is the message we need to share. The value of Toastmasters sells itself once they are exposed and especially if we continue to dedicate our experience to achieving communication and leadership goals.

Therein lies our story. The beauty of expanding our reach through relationships is it eliminates the cold call. We know them and they know us. The moment they have a chance to hear our “toast-a-monial” it allows them the opportunity to see how Toastmasters fits into their lives.

We should always want to share how Toastmasters has changed our life and our influence will do the rest. Join us in connecting our personal and professional relationships to Toastmasters by inviting someone new to a Toastmasters event. In doing so, we will do our part in enabling District 26 to Expand Our Reach!

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



### **IT IS A NEW YEAR**

Yes, we are already into our Toastmasters new year. Many of you are taking on new roles this year and setting goals you never imagined on June 30, 2016! This is an exciting time. We get the opportunity to look ahead, put the past year behind us and set a new course.

What does the coming year hold for you? As a member, what do you want to accomplish? If you are a club officer, what vision have you set for your club? If you are a District officer, how will you end this next year? We set our own paths; no one can do it for us; however, we can reach out to others who have been where we are now and glean from their experience.

TIPS:

- **Find a Mentor!** Work together to solve a challenge. We have all heard the saying, “Do not try to re-invent the wheel.”
- **Delegate!** Take time now to reach out to others and form a team that can assist you when necessary. Your team can help you when you are suddenly faced with a challenge that needs solved immediately, you are already swamped with other requests and you wonder how you can add one more thing to your plate.
- **Train others!** We are all leaders, can you imagine what would happen if each of us trains just one person to become a leader? Our clubs would be dynamic, our membership would explode and members’ needs would be met!

IT IS A NEW YEAR! Create something you will be proud of on June 30, 2017.

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



**MEET “TEAM G”**

“It is a perfect day for a balloon ride,” I told the riders in the car as we drove to District Officer Training in Longmont, Colorado, on July 9, 2016. (I promise to come back to that later.) First, I will explain the reason for my writing. It is about the notorious “Team G.” The goals I have established as your incoming Club Growth Director are to GROW. That is what “Team G” stands for—Growth. This growth comes from three areas:

- encouraging thriving clubs to recruit new members,
- creating new clubs in all divisions, and
- assisting struggling clubs.

To that end, I have appointed chairs and coordinators to assist me. District Club Extension Chair Kathy Schneebeck Dulnoan returns to help another year. District Club Coach Chair Chyrese Exline will lead the retention coordinators. Under their supervision, we will have a club extension and a club retention coordinator for every division.

But what does this mean to you and your club?

- If every club signs up eight new members, your club and the District will succeed.
- If every division charts three new clubs, your division and our District will succeed.
- If experienced Toastmasters agree to be mentors and coaches, (yes, you guessed it) new clubs and our District will succeed.

Then, my friends, we will have an opportunity to view a significant event. I have challenged my fellow trio members, Darryle Brown and Rhea Thompson, to take a balloon ride with me if District 26 achieves President’s Distinguished status. Up, up, and away!

JUNE PROCLAIMED TOASTMASTER MONTH IN MESA COUNTY

With the help of Commissioner Scott McInnis of Mesa County—the month of June 2016 was declared Toastmasters Month in Mesa County, Colorado.



## AREA AND DIVISION CONTEST DATES SET

Please visit District [calendar](#) for more details.

**District 26 Toastmasters**

Today: ◀ ▶ **September 2016** ▼ Print Week Month Agenda ▼

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3pm Club Officer Training - Denver/IL			Last day for club, area, and division dues	Clubs to submit membership dues		
		5:30pm M4/M6 Evaluation & Tall Tales			5:30pm F7 Evaluation & Tall Tales	9am F2 Evaluation & Tall Tales 9:30am N1 Evaluation & Tall Tales
12:30pm M5/M7 Evaluation & Tall Tales						8:15am N3/N4 Evaluation & Tall Tales 10am S6 Evaluation & Tall Tales 12:30pm M1/M2 Evaluation & Tall Tales
		5:30pm M3 Evaluation & Tall Tales	5:30pm D1 Evaluation & Tall Tales	6pm S3 Evaluation & Tall Tales	6pm F4/F6 Evaluation & Tall Tales	8:30am E4/E5 Evaluation & Tall Tales 12:30pm D2 Evaluation & Tall Tales 3:30pm D5/D8 Evaluation & Tall Tales
12:40pm S4/S5 Evaluation & Tall Tales	7pm District Officer Call -- 4th Tues	5:30pm D3 Evaluation & Tall Tales			Smedley Award membership builds	Oct 1 9am Northern Division Evaluation & Tall Tales 1:45pm Foothills Division Evaluation & Tall Tales

Events shown in time zone: Mountain Time

Google Calendar

District 26 Toastmasters

Today

October 2016

Print

Week

Month

Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Oct 1
25 12:40pm S4/S5 Evaluation & Tall Tales	26 7pm District Officer Call -- 4th Tuesd 5:30pm D3 Evaluation & Tall Tales Sp	27	28	29	30 Smedley Award membership build	October dues renewals due to TI	
						9am Northern Division Evaluation & 1:45pm Foothills Division Evaluation	
2	3 6pm D6 Evaluation & Tall Tales Spe	4	5	6	7	8	
						October dues renewals due to TI fr	
						8am Eastern Division Evaluation & 1:30pm Southern Division Evaluation	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
						7:30am Denver Division Evaluation & 12:30pm Metro Division Evaluation	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	



## RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS AWARD

*by Betty Reynolds Funderburke and Elinora Reynolds*

District 26 is blessed with many Toastmasters who combine their Toastmaster experience with their everyday lives. For many years, sisters Betty Reynolds-Funderburke, DTM and Elinora Reynolds, DTM (co-founders of the Absolutely Articulate Toastmasters Club) have presented an award to a person of distinction within their community.

On Saturday, June 4, 2016, the sisters presented their Random Act of Kindness Award to Flora Young, CC, CL. The 2014 Toastmaster of the Year for Absolutely Articulate) currently works as the Youth Coordinator at Macedonia Baptist Church where she is responsible for the outreach and inward growth of children ages 6 to 18. In her position she challenges each of them be a difference maker in this world.



Flora, a pastor's wife, is a former educator and was the first member of her family to graduate from college. She uses her Toastmasters and educational skills in volunteering as a member of the Mass Choir, teaching Sunday School, sitting on the Board of Christian Education, as well as serving as an officer in the Deaconess Board and the Denver Council of Ministers' Wives Ministers' Widows and in her spare time she finds time to be a PTA President, Den mother for Boy Scouts, and an active member of Absolutely Articulate.

She was also honored by the City and County of Denver in 2007 when Mayor John Hickenlooper declared May 23, 2007, to be Flora Young Day. Sisters Betty and Elinora (representing Sisters Enterprise, a local nonprofit) continue to be a strong supporter of the District and have their watchful eye on Toastmasters that step up and expand our reach.

## IF YOU CAN SPEAK, YOU CAN WRITE

*by Dr. Steven Visentin, D.C.*

Stories from speeches we have already given can make excellent articles for the District Dialogue and other publications. The creative process of writing a speech is very similar to writing an article. Transcribing a talk we have already given, and revising it to meet the submission guidelines is just a short step from being published.



*What if we feel we cannot write?*

Personally, I took a creative writing class in college with disastrous results. My professor rejected my work and gave me such poor grades, I finally asked him, "Why?" We talked for a while; he was polite but finally blurted, "Steve, you can't write!"

Of course, I felt crushed and for the longest time I believed what he said. Then one day a friend of mine invited me to write articles his blog where I explained I "couldn't write." He helped guide me through



the process by proofing and editing before publishing my writing. That small successful beginning encouraged me to submit articles to magazines. Even if we believe we “can’t write” chances are, a friend can be there to be supportive.

### Good News

A standard speech is only 5-7 minutes long. That correlates to about 700 words. For an article all one would need to do is expand on sections that may have been shortened to meet the timeframe.

Newsletters, magazines, blogs, all have their own voice, so research is critical prior to submission. Explore what they are looking for, the word count, format, and look for other articles that may be similar in theme as what is being submitted. Once submitted, the editor will tweak, possibly rewrite, or cut copy to fit the voice of the publication. This is no reflection of the article, just the preference of the editor and the publication. ---end part 1.

## CHEYENNE 798 – SIX MONTHS TO PRESIDENTS DISTINGUISHED

*by Dana Morgan Barnes, DTM, Northern Division Director*

Many clubs achieve Distinguished within a few months after the beginning of the new Toastmaster year and are just waiting for the renewal dues in April to achieve all ten goals. However, the journey for Cheyenne 798 this past year was the opposite. Membership was down to three active members, enthusiasm was down, and on a cold December, Wyoming night, they were looking at closing the club.



Six months later, Cheyenne 798 Toastmasters achieved Presidents Distinguished with a club full of vibrant and active members. So on July 13, 2016 Dana Morgan Barnes, Northern Division Director kicked off a great celebration for achieving Presidents Distinguished!

Krystal Wilder was awarded with Area Director of the year and William Gallup Toastmaster of the year for Northern Division. The old banner was retired and the new banner was presented to the club with all their ribbons attached.

It was a great evening filled with friends and showing how with a little effort and belief anything is possible. Also in attendance were many of District 26's Toastmaster including Stacey A Williams acting as Toastmaster and John Barnes serving as Table Topicmaster. Immediate Past District Director, Deborah Frauenfelder, and Program Quality Director, Rhea Thompson, ventured up from Denver to enjoy the celebration.

Like with anything in Toastmasters, nothing can be accomplished alone. Thanks was extended to Robin Cooper for being a great example of stepping out, Joanna Foss, Reed Barrett, and so many more for making this six month period such a resounding success.

## YOUR 2016-2017 AREA DIRECTORS

The District 26 website ([contacts](#)) contains the most recent listing of officers and how members can contact Area and Division Directors as well as other members of the District Leadership team.

### Denver Division

Kathy Barrett, D1  
Robert Case, D2  
Carolyn Conover, D3  
Joel Weissman, D4  
DanaClaire Discher, D5  
Jim Roth, D6  
Peter Hazlet, D7  
Carol Pace, D8

### Easter Division

Tommy Maloney, E1  
Eric Kronwell, E2  
Renee White, E3  
Cheryl Marie, E4  
Stephen Bailey, E5  
Linda Brotman-Evands, E6  
Brian Fuller, E7

### Foothills Division

Kristin Walter, F1  
Penny Alleman, F2  
Frank DeDomicus, F3  
Joe Schneckenburger, F4  
May Tran, F5  
Pattie Koop, F6  
John Yarbrough, F7

### Metro Division

James Cooper, M1  
Howard Levine, M2  
James Umbenhowe, M3  
John Donnellon, M4  
Mike Osolinski, M5  
Nina Moore, M6  
Melissa Butler, M7

### Northern Division

Gini Horner, N1  
Jude Watters, N2  
William Gallup, N3  
Krystal Wilder, N4

### Southern Division

Sunitha Mushini, S1  
Rajalakshmi Muthukumarasamy, S2  
Ken Norwood, S3  
David Wheeler, S4  
Anil Dewan, S5  
Rusty Stevens, S6

*If you would like to become a member of the District's Extension or Coaching teams, please contact Kathy or Chyrese directly.*

### Extension Team

**Kathy Schneebeck Dulnoan**, Chair  
Tina Hubis, Denver Division  
Cynthia Schuller, Metro Division  
Tami McDowell, Southern Division

### Coaching Team

**Chyrese Exline**, Chair  
Bobby Olsen, Denver Division  
Colette Smith, Foothills Division  
Catherine Carpenter, Metro Division  
Dave Dawson, Northern Division  
Patricia Saunders, Southern Division

## HEADS UP DISTRICT 26

### DISTRICT 26s NEWEST CLUBS

Please welcome our last two new clubs for 2015-2016. These new clubs bring our district to 16 new clubs for 2015-2016!

**OneToast** Club # 5607554  
Location: Englewood  
Chartered: June 28, 2016  
Sponsors: Brenda R. Salinas, ACB, ALB  
Sabrina A. Wilson

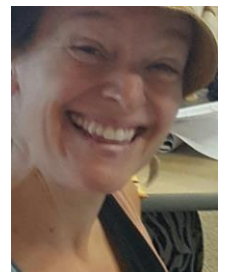
**Talking Feds** Club # 5594678  
Location: Denver  
Chartered: June 30, 2016  
Sponsors: Brian Hill  
Patrick F. McNellis

### 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.

### DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

Pictures from the recent officer training.



### CHARTER CELEBRATIONS

Please help us celebrate with Springs Liberty Toastmasters! Springs Liberty Toastmasters chartered on April 4, 2016 with 22 members. This is a community club located in Colorado Springs. Rhea Thompson, Program Quality Director and Deborah Frauenfelder, Immediate Past District Director, presented them with their Club Banner and Charter Member Certificates on July 11, 2016. We look forward to seeing this club reach President's Distinguished in 2016-2017!



Davita's charter celebration earlier this month showed the spirit and celebration of receiving their Club Banner and Charter Member Certificates. Attending the meeting were Program Quality Director, Rhea Thompson, Club Growth Director, Marcia Wood, and Tina Hubis and Cynthia Schuller from the Club Extension team. We are so very proud to join in their celebration.... Congratulations!

