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WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

Serving Colorado, Wyoming, and western Nebraska

2015-2016 Year End Approaching

By Deborah Frauenfelder, District Director



Congratulations to all the club and district officers who have already achieved Distinguished or above within their respective organizations. We still have a few days left in the year. Many clubs, area and division are extremely close to achieving distinguished. We are looking forward each day to celebrate your successes as we watch the [dashboards](#) with bated breath. As of Sunday, June 26, 2016, we celebrate the successes of the following clubs and their members.

President's Distinguished	Select Distinguished	Distinguished
Colorado Springs Toastmasters Sunrise Toastmasters Cheyenne 798 Toastmasters BodyShops Club South Suburban Toastmasters Timberline Toastmasters Aurorators Toastmasters Club Daybreak Toastmasters Club Buffalo Club Front Range Toastmasters Club Cherry Creek Toastmasters Club Pikes Peak Toastmasters Club Dawn Yawn Club Castle Rock Toastmasters Toast Of Inverness 21st Century Toastmasters Downtown Toastmasters Club Noonshiners Toastmasters Club Colorado Orators League High Plains Club Downtown Speakeasy Club Seamasters Toastmasters Club Talking Ideas Toastmasters Club Flatirons View Toastmasters Solar Speak Club Trusty Talkers Club Speak With Ease Club Colorado State University Toastmasters Club Simply Speaking Toastmasters EntSpirational Speakers Club Ranch Raconteurs Club Resource Masters TOP CLASS Toastmasters Anadarko Rockies Toastmasters Peak Articulators Proudly Speaking Eloquent Entrepreneurs	5280 Toastmasters ASC Speakeasy Toastmasters CO Xpressionists Club Columbine Communicator Club Dam Good Speakers Denver Techmasters Downtowners Toastmasters Club El Puente Bilingual TM Club Evening Stars Club Excelsior Advanced Toastmasters Club George Sutton Toastmasters Club Golden Speak EZ Liberty Toastmasters Liberty Toastmasters-North Opportunity Talks Toastmaster's Club OppTalk Parker Toastmasters Peak Performance Rise 'n Shine Toastmasters Speakeasy II Club Summit Club Thunderbolt Orators Club USB Speakeasies Westminster Communicators Club	BALL Talks Toastmasters Club Chemical Weapons Masters Earlybird Club FACCMasters Toastmasters Gates to Excellence Toastmasters High Nooners Club Littleton Toastmasters Club Lodo Toastmasters Club Meridian Mid-Day Toast On Broadway Toastmasters Club Professional Presenters Toastmasters Sure Speakers Society Club Thrillspeakers Toastmasters Club Wattenberg Toastmasters Producing Excellence Words Worth Speaking

Likewise we celebrate the wins of Area and Division Directors who have supported our clubs this past year. We still have high hopes that more Areas and Divisions will achieve Distinguished

Presidents Distinguished	Selected Distinguished	Distinguished
Gregory Harris, Eastern Div Dir	Michael Friend, Denver Div Dir Mark Entrekin, Foothills Div Dir	Bruce Ekins, Metro Division Dir
Mark Krekeler, D3 Area Dir Christopher Pine, D7 Area Dir	Bobby Olsen, D1 Area Dir Robert Sturtevant, E2 Area Dir Jennifer Rivera-Cardona, S1 Area Dir Victoria Cox, S4 Area Dir	Chris McMahon, E1 Area Dir Renee White, E3 Area Dir Hal Lunka, E6 Area Dir Lori Simpkins, F4 Area Dir Clare Kennelley, F7 Area Dir Cynthia Schuller, M1 Area Dir Marcia Wood, M4 Area Dir

It has been my pleasure to serve these past few years with many stellar district officers, district leaders, club officers, and members as we worked towards personal and organizational goals. We have each been mentor and mentee to one another as we learned together. Along the way I have made many friends throughout the district, the region, and the world. Thank you District 26 for allowing me to serve you.

Should the time come that Past District Governor Alan Swartz says to you, “You would be a good”, then run quick for you are in for the ride of your life. A special thank you goes out to Alan for twisting my arm, until I agreed to become the D-6 Area Governor in 2011-2012. We all should use those magic words to encourage members to experience leadership. The opportunities within Toastmasters are unlimited.

Now go forth, finish this year with zest; then, begin planning how you can achieve your goals next year. All the best to the incoming District Officer team – reach for the stars and land on the moon. Go forward to explore new horizons and achieve new heights.



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Make Up TLI Dates

More to be posted on D26 Calendar

Larry Scantland, Dialogue Editor

D26 LEADERS

Deborah Frauenfelder, District Director

Darryle Brown, Program Quality Director

Rhea Thompson, Club Growth Director

Rebecca Barth, Public Relations Officer

Marisa Macliz, Administration Manager

Peggy McIntosh, Finance Manager

Maura Shannon Thompson, Social Media Chair

Kathy Schneebeck Dulnoan, District Club Extension Chair

Keith Horowitz, District Club Coach Chair

DIVISION DIRECTORS

listed alphabetically by Division

Michael Friend, Denver

Greg Harris, Eastern

Mark Entrekin, Foothills

Bruce Ekins, Metro

Dana Morgan Barnes, Northern

Bala Kanumuri, 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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CLUB OFFICER TRAINING DATES

If you were unable to attend one of the four major Toastmasters Leadership Institute events, the following dates have been set for additional club officer training, so that clubs can have all of their leadership teams trained. It has been proven that when officers are trained, the Toastmaster year is more successful for its members and clubs.

At this time, the District is finalizing additional dates for Foothills Division (Denver suburbs), Northern Division, Eastern Division, and Southern Division. Because many of our Toastmasters work on the weekends, the District will provide additional Club Officer Training session during the week. Check the d26toastmasters.org/calendar for additional dates and locations near you.

The path to being a Distinguished Club starts here.

Club Officer Training – Foothills/Grand Junction

Saturday, August 13, 2016, 9:30am-12:00pm
HopeWest Care Center
3090 North 12th Street
Conference Room 102
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Club Officer Training – Denver Metro

Saturday, August 13, 2016, 1pm-4pm
Koelbel Library (Arapahoe Libraries)
5955 South Holly Street
Centennial, CO 80121

Club Officer Training – Foothills/Durango

Saturday, August 20, 2016, 9:30am-12:00pm
TBD

Club Officer Training – Denver Metro

Saturday, August 27, 2016 1pm-4pm
Southglenn Library
6972 South Vine Street
Centennial, CO 80122

NEW PHRASE FOR CLUB OFFICER TRAINING HELD AFTER OUR "BIG 4" TLIs!

Toastmasters International has indicated that the term "TLI" is associated with a 4-hour officer training session. Any club officer training after the "Big 4" we hold each year, Denver/Metro, Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, Cheyenne, will now be referred to as "Club Officer Training" since these sessions are less than four hours. We will discontinue using the term "Make-Up TLIs".



A message from your District Director, Deborah Frauenfelder, DTM

2016-2017 District Officers Planning Success

New district and club officers as you begin the planning process for the coming year you are encouraged to ask your predecessors two questions. What accomplishment are you most proud? What do you wish you had done differently? These two questions will along with the Club or District Mission statement will help you make good decisions early on during your term of office.

District Mission

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

Leaders are normally proud of their successes and best practices. Avoid changing for the sake of change by keeping best practices in play. If you have a reason to change, then of course make changes. Be prepared to pivot if necessary for success.

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.

Leaders tend to wish they had done thing differently when they did not achieve expected. Consider what your predecessor tells you, then consider how you might handle the situation differently. Garner buy-in from your officers and members for your solution before implementing to increase your success.

Read through the Club Leadership Handbooks and/or District Leadership Handbooks. Plan a time for you and your team to work though the Success Plan. The Success Plan will help you develop a roadmap. Roadmaps help leaders make ongoing good decisions. The Success Plan is a living document. Visit your Success Plan quarterly to decide if you need to pivot in a different direction to insure you achieve the most important goals that your team set.

Enjoy your time as a club or district officer and leader! Have a powerfully successful year.

A message from your Program Quality Director, Darryle Brown, MBA, DTM



Expanding Our Reach Through Relationship, Knowledge, and Empowerment

As we embark upon a new Toastmasters year, a world of opportunities and possibilities awaits us. I am excited to build upon the benchmarks and the foundation that has been established by my predecessors who have served and led this District before me.

I feel the inspiration of their legacies to envision an even greater future for District 26. I see the District rising to even newer heights, resulting from every member becoming involved in a collaborative effort to "Expand Our Reach." This means at every level in every Division, Area, and Club. Our success will stem from making the most of our relationships within and outside of the Toastmasters organization; which in turn ignites our culture, our identity, and our ability to support each other. Together we can achieve our goals and welcoming non-Toastmasters to become Toastmasters.

Our knowledge and experience in the Toastmasters' educational advancement opportunities as well as our hunger for more, furthers our development as leaders and communicators. Become a beacon that freely outpours knowledge to those thirsting for what it takes to become a better communicator and leader on their road to greatness.

Most importantly, the way in which we show we have the goods as leaders and communicators is reflected in how well we empower other Toastmasters to achieve success through mentoring, leading by example, and serving your Club, Area, Division, and District. Together, each one of us can impact our social circles in a big way like no one else can. Let us introduce someone you know to Toastmasters today so they can enjoy the benefits of Toastmasters, change their world and Expand Our Reach!

A Message from your Club Growth Director, Rhea Thompson, DTM



Year-End Recap

It is difficult to believe this year is drawing to a close. What a year it has been! We have seen growth not only in new clubs that have chartered but in clubs that are returning to vibrancy with the help of a club coach.

This growth was made possible because of wonderful members who stepped out of their comfort and into a, sometimes totally new, leadership role. They became the Extension and Retention teams.

They are talented, professional and servant-driven members whose heart is fixed on helping others. I am grateful for their leadership. We all came into our positions this year not knowing exactly what was expected of us.

It definitely has been a learning experience that we will not forget and it has given us more understanding of ourselves and of our members' needs.

Through the Extension Team's efforts, we have now chartered 14 clubs! We are keeping our fingers crossed that five more clubs will charter before June 30, 2016, bringing us to a total of 19!

Please welcome our newest clubs!

Suitetalkers

Club # 5545727

Chartered:

June 7, 2016

Sponsors:

Michael Simmerson and Kate Davis

Mentor:

Bruce Ekins

Speak UP REIT

Club # 5540237

Chartered:

June 6, 2016

Sponsors:

Jeremy Swathwood and Katelyn Juven

Our Retention Team has identified 14 club coaches who are busy providing leadership to help 14 clubs reach Distinguished status! We are grateful to those members who have accepted the role of Club Coach. Thank you, Extension and Retention teams!

TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR

As our 2016-2016 Toastmaster year comes to an end, it is time to consider who has contributed to our Districts success during the past year. Thankfully, many people have helped us create a fine member experience. Will you now consider nominating people for special recognition?

Please submit nominations for District 26 Toastmaster of the Year, Area Director of the Year, and Division Director of the Year by June 30, 2016. You may use the [Local Recognition Form](http://d26toastmasters.org) (d26toastmasters.org) as you consider who you would like to nominate. Toastmasters International has not updated the titles on the form. Yet, the form is still good for guiding your decision of whom to nominate.

- Due Date: **June 30, 2016**
- Email: DD1516@D26Leaders.org
- Subject Line: TMY Nomination – <enter name of your nominee>
- Example: TYM Nomination – Deborah Frauenfelder
 - o **Note: Please do not nominate Deborah Frauenfelder this was just an example.**
 - Include: your name, email, and phone number along with the nominees name, email, phone and a narrative describing why you would like to nominate the person in the subject line.
 - Multiple Nominations: You may nominate multiple people for each award. Please send separate emails.

The awards will be presented during the Hall of Fame Luncheon during fall conference on November 11-12, 2016 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver Tech Center Hotel at 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, Colorado.

YOU ARE THIS CLOSE

Many clubs may not be aware how close they are to becoming Distinguished Clubs. Division and Area Directors you can influence your clubs to help them become distinguished clubs this year. Help them gain bragging rights of being a Distinguished club!

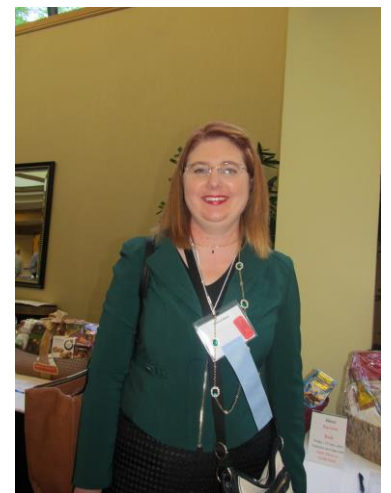
Let us ignite the club officers' imaginations and help them see the end goal is achievable. This recognition is a symbol for the club and its members on their hard work this past year. We all know when club officers set a goal, they normally with achieve the goal. You can provide the strength for that final push. We just have a few days left in the year... so see what you can achieve by working hard these last few days.

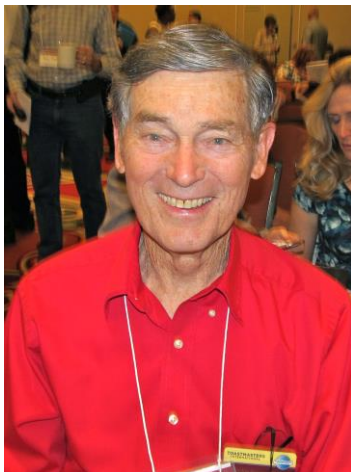
Several clubs are just an award short of Distinguished, while others need a few members to achieve Distinguished status.

PICTURES FROM THE SPRING CONFERENCE

photos by Cynthia Schuller



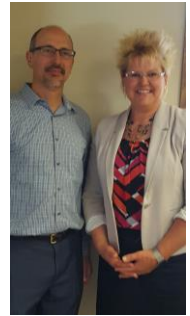




HEADS UP DISTRICT 26

Steamboat Springs

On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, Rhea Thompson, Lori High, David Johnson, and Larry Scantland visited Steamboat Springs for a Kick-Off meeting. This group was enthused and energetic. Below are some pictures from that event.



Dialogue Submission Protocol

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 if you have one. The July-August issue will be a combined issue with a due date for submission of July 15, 2016 and a publish date of July 22, 2016.

Toastmasters International Convention Update

Denver's own Ed Tate will be the keynote speaker for the Opening Ceremonies for the Toastmasters International Convention in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. To learn more about Toastmasters' 2016 International Convention, August 17-20, 2016, and obtain a complete schedule of events, including the Opening Ceremonies, Education Sessions and the Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speaking, visit <http://www.toastmasters.org/Events/2016-International-Convention>.

Fall Conference Date Set

Please join us for the Fall District 26 conference on November 11-12, 2016 at the DoubleTree in the Denver Tech Center. Please check the District 26 webpage and calendar for information on special rates and updates. This year the District 26 Trio has determined that the speech contest will be on Tall Tales and Evaluation. So think of your tall tale and get ready to compete for your change to excel on the stage. Think about it you could take items from your desk and create a speech... and make it all the way to the District stage like Kevin Collins.



RECOGNITION CORNER

Thank you Deborah for your service

District 26 was successful this year due to the leadership of Deborah Frauenfelder. From her trip to the International Convention throughout the calendar year, we celebrate and say thank you to Deborah with the pictures below.

