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DISTRICT 26

DIALOGUE

WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

Serving Colorado, Wyoming, and western Nebraska

News from Northern Division



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

Northern Division is comprised of ALL of Wyoming (minus Jackson) and western Nebraska, yet the entire population of this division is less than the city of Denver, Colorado. Does this fact discourage the leaders and members of Northern Division? Not at all!! These are hearty and excited Toastmasters, ready for the fun and the challenge our great Division offers.

Here's an example! A new club is forming in Rock Springs with the closest D26 club four hours away, in Laramie. How do we find sponsors and mentors for such a remote club? We turned to our friends and fellow Toastmasters in District 15. An Area Director who covers eastern Utah and an experienced member from the Vernal, Utah club have stepped up to help this club. These folks will earn mentorship credit towards their DTM and the club will benefit from their experience. It's a win-win!

Sage advice from Northern Leaders:

N1 Area Director, Gini Horner, CC says "Stepping out of your comfort zone is worth every minute of feeling uncomfortable. Take on new roles and new challenges. It's the best way to grow."

N2 Area Director, Jude Watters, CC says "Stay involved! You will see the benefits, have more fun and get better at the

things you joined Toastmasters for when you are active and engaged with your club(s)."

N3 Area Director, Will Gallup, ACB says "There is no such thing as a bad speech, there speeches that need improvement. Speakers: listen to your evaluators and put their suggestions into practice. Evaluators: always be encouraging."

N4 Area Director, Monica Miller, CC says "Toastmasters is not about public speaking. It's about taking initiative, helping others and your own personal growth."

Northern Division is where it is not the size of the club that is as important as ensuring that each meeting is meaningful to the members. We have been able to meet the goals of Toastmasters International, while winning on the stages of District 26 in Evaluation and Tall Tales over the past several years.

We welcome everyone in D26 to take a trip north and discover the beauty that is the people of Northern Division. Their heart, mind, and commitment to each other is what makes us a community and we want to share it with you.



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Fall Conference

November 11-12, 2016

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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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District 26 Fall Conference Update

Pat Johnson, DTM

Past International President for Toastmasters International (2010-2011) will be our special guest during the conference. Her “You Raise Me Up!” keynote presentation will be given Saturday and she will provide an education session on “What Leaders Are Made Of.”



Six New Educational Breakout Sessions



To help inspire our members, we have added six NEW educational sessions to the Saturday agenda. These 45 minute sessions will provide fresh ideas that will spark creativity. They include: 30 Seconds That Can Change Your Life; Dreams + Visions = Unlimited Success; Project a Powerful Presentation Lead and Reach Every Team Member; Meet D26 Team “G”; and Leverage LinkedIn in Cyberspace.

Award Winning Contests!

After months of club, area, and division contests, we are down to the final six. On Friday evening, November 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., the Evaluation contest will begin. The Tall Tales contest will take place the following evening, Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.



Conference Information

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Denver Tech Center, 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village. Visit [Fall Conference](#) to register and call 800-327-2242 to make your room reservation by November 4, 2016 (be sure to mention D26 Toastmasters for the group rate).

The Silent Auction

The silent auction will be held during the two-day event. Bring your item on Friday night or Saturday morning and get the bidding started. Bids close 45 minutes after the close of the business meeting.



The Business Meeting

All Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education are encouraged to attend the Business Meeting. There is no charge and if you cannot attend, please send your club’s proxy with a member that is attending. All proxy holders must submit the proxy to the credentials chairs in person.



Friday’s Roast / Saturday’s Hall of Fame Luncheon

On Friday evening, we will be roasting our Immediate Past District Director, Deborah Frauenfleder. So here is your chance to let Deborah smile. During our lunch session on Saturday, she will lead the celebration of our last year during the Hall of Fame luncheon





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

EXPANDING OUR REACH – SHARING KNOWLEDGE

If someone posed the question, “How does the Toastmasters organization teach leadership and communications development to their members?”

What would you say? Could you describe the learning environment provided by our organization? Would you be able to discuss individual educational achievements, such as Competent Communicator, the Advanced Communicator levels or the Competent Leader and Advanced Leader levels?

These are important questions every developing Toastmaster should not only be prepared to answer, but be eager to share their knowledge with new Toastmasters, guests and people they meet outside of their clubs. The knowledge gained from our Toastmasters experience is extremely valuable to the outside world because every career, every social environment and every situation calls for good leadership and communication skills.

By giving speeches as often as possible and actively participating in meeting roles, are you aware you are not limited to sharing knowledge, but sharing the overall Toastmasters experience? By doing so, it promotes a strong interest in what we have to offer. Our experience puts us in the best position to answer any of those questions and draw more people to toastmasters than ever before. The knowledge we have gained at all levels of this organization was never meant to be kept to ourselves because, after all, we are communicators and leaders. Let us get out there, share our knowledge and expand our reach because people are waiting to hear from us!

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



FEAR OF REJECTION!

Fear of rejection ranks right up there with the fear of public speaking. What happens when we give in this this fear? Do we live our lives in sorrow, wishing we had done something different? Are we doubtful we have what it takes to be successful?

We all face this fear at some point in our lives. Here is a tip, just as those new Toastmaster who are afraid to speak in public do not stop breathing after they give their Ice Breaker speech, we will not stop breathing when we face the fear of rejection and take action.

The fear of rejection usually rears its ugly head when we must ask another to help us in some way. The fall contest season is over for our Area and Division Directors. Had they not taken action to overcome this fear of rejection, our contests would not have taken place and we all would have been deprived the privilege of witnessing tremendously funny speeches and thoughtful evaluations.

What about the contestants? Have you ever heard a contestant say, “I’ll be happy with last place; I love rejection”! No way. Each contestant had to fight the fear of rejection.

The outcome of our Area Directors, Division Directors and contestants fighting the fear of rejection is the granddaddy of all contests – our District Contests to be held November 11-12, 2016 at the Fall Conference! Come, enjoy the triumph of those who overcame the fear of rejection! DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, Colorado.

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



TALK LIKE A TOASTMASTER

Can you speak other languages besides English? We have one official—and several unofficial—bilingual clubs in District 26.

Does anyone you know speak fluent Pirate? I know one or two of my fellow Toastmates who do. We recently celebrated the annual “Talk Like a Pirate Day” on September 19, 2016. But if ye be talkin’ like a pirate, then ye should be askin’ yerself, why not “Talk Like a Toastmaster Day”? Avast! Shiver me timbers!

Talking like a Toastmaster can take many shapes in different locations at varied times. For corporate clubs, it may be inviting your co-workers to attend a club meeting with you. Or telling your supervisor about the benefits you have gained by joining Toastmasters. Or looking for other department managers and asking them to give you five minutes to talk about Toastmasters at their next staff meeting.

For community clubs, you can talk like a Toastmaster by asking your neighbors to attend a meeting. Talking to other parents as they drop off or pick up their students. Mentioning to teachers and the principal the leadership skills taught by Toastmasters. Talking to the bank teller and the grocery store cashier about how Toastmasters has a plan to improve communication skills, and it is more economical than taking a college course.

So, hoist the mainsail and raise the anchor. Set sail for the Coast of Toast, and talk like a Toastmaster!



Littleton Toastmasters 60th Anniversary Celebration

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL MOVING TO DENVER

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif., Oct. 17, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Toastmasters International, the global organization devoted to communication and leadership skills development, announced today that it has finalized the purchase of a building in Denver, Colorado. The building will become the organization's new World Headquarters when the transition to Denver is complete in the third quarter of 2018. The property will be located at 9127 South Jamaica Street in Englewood, Colorado, a city in the Denver-Aurora Metropolitan area.



"We're eager to relocate our headquarters to such a dynamic and growing area," says Toastmasters Chief Executive Officer Daniel Rex. "Denver is home to an affordable and talented workforce in a business environment that is more cost-efficient than California. As a nonprofit organization that strives to maximize resources, we're often challenged to do more with less. It's critical for us to be competitive in the marketplace and able to attract and retain employees."

Based in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, for the past 26 years, Toastmasters International has grown in membership and staff and needed a larger building. This created an opportunity to move its headquarters to an environment with lower costs and a talent-rich workforce. Toastmasters International's Board of Directors embarked on a multiyear process to determine the potential new home for the organization. After considering many sites, the Board made the decision to relocate to its future home in Englewood.

At 106,575 square feet, the new space is nearly double the size of the current World Headquarters and gives Toastmasters an additional revenue stream through leasing the unoccupied space of the four-story building. This new property will provide Toastmasters with adequate space for 25 to 30 years.

"California has been a wonderful home to the organization since it was founded in 1924, and it will always be part of our legacy," says Mike Storkey, Toastmasters 2016-2017 International President. "However, we are a global organization, so the location of World Headquarters isn't a representation of our membership. Although California is a part of our roots, we look forward to opening our doors in Denver."



HEADS UP DISTRICT 26

LEPRINO FOODS

On October 12, 2016, the District 26 kickoff team presented a Toastmasters demonstration meeting for Leprino Foods in north Denver. Around 30 associates attended the meeting. Do you want to participate in the next kickoff meeting and help launch a new club in your area? Please contact Marcia Wood, CGD1617@d26leaders.org to have your name added to the notification list.



TALKING FEDS



On October 5, 2016, Team G celebrated the District's newest club with a banner celebration and charter party.

MAJOR ANNIVERSARY DATES

Congratulations to the following clubs for reaching milestone anniversaries.

Littleton Toastmasters	60th Anniversary
Daybreak Toastmasters:	60th Anniversary
On Broadway Toastmasters:	25th Anniversary
Castle Rock Toastmasters:	15th Anniversary
Aurorators	15th Anniversary

Thank you for making our District wonderful.



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 December issue will be November, 15, 2016. I will be in Houston over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CELEBRATES DR. KARL BERNKLAU

by David Johnson, Public Relations Manager

District 26 Toastmasters has seen many milestones over the past few years, but for Club 739, Rocky Mountain Toastmasters, we are celebrating Dr. Karl Bernklau for his longtime membership in our club. His 40+ years of service includes many award winning speeches and service to both the Toastmaster and local communities. He retired from his dental practice where he also spent 40+ years.



Like many of us in Toastmasters, he joined to conquer his fear of public speaking. He was elected President of the Nationwide Flying Dentist Association in 1976 and he joined Rocky Mountain to overcome that fear. He served in all club leadership positions. With over 300,000 members worldwide, Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization, providing a safe environment for its members. Rocky Mountain is an open club located in the Metro Division. We meet every Thursday evening at the Broken Tee Golf course from 6:30p.m. --8:30p.m. A social and food gathering takes place prior to the meeting.

Dr. Bernklau received his dental degree from Northwestern University and after serving two years in the United States Air Force (1954-56), he moved to Colorado to pursue his love of flying. Eventually he bought his own Cessna 180 which he flew from coast-to-coast. His favorite time flying was taking children who have been diagnosed with cancer up into the Colorado sky. We are very proud of his continued support of our club and we are proud to honor him for his years of service.

WHY I JOINED TOASTMASTERS

by Scott Perry, ENTspriational Speakers

On the team that I work for a question was asked right after I got to the new job, "who wants to be 'the face of information security?'" I told my boss I wanted to do that. For over three years now I have been performing speeches, meeting with groups, and talking with teams about information security.

At my last performance review a few months ago I told my boss that I was mortified at speaking in public. This was before I joined Toastmasters. I decided I needed to expand my horizons and face the inner bully that questioned every move I made. The best way to describe what was going on in my head the day I volunteered is to think of a completely frozen lake, all serene and peaceful, but underneath it was churning and moving, just like my heart. My boss was flabbergasted and said he would never have guessed I was even a bit nervous when speaking in front of an audience.

I joined Toastmasters at some gentle nudging of a fellow Toastmaster a few months later. I can tell you Toastmasters helped me to polish and hone the skills I have. It has helped me to become a much better speaker than when I first "volunteered". I am currently working with a few Toastmasters who will be giving Ted-X talks in Colorado Springs, Colorado, next month.

I was so happy to see that CNN did this great piece on the International Speech Contest and I wanted to share it with everyone. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/10/14/us/toastmasters-champions/index.html>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all Toastmasters who have earned an educational award since the beginning of the Toastmaster year. You are all bright and shining stars for our District. Good luck as you continue on your Toastmasters journey.

Competent Communicator

Serena Billmayer
Aaron Scott
David Hauser
Patricia Connally
Terri Krue
Nicole Marie Anderson
Jean Kelly
Teresita Mulero-Mulero
Zachary Dunlop
Christopher Tremel
Valerie Cassano
Janet Sellers
Dagmar Kollar
Judy Hensley (x2)
Jane Kasiman
Victoria Bard
Pilar Meneses
Sharon Frickey
Norman Frickey
Kimberly Rein
Lulu Ding
Jack Verlon
Suqin Zhong
Jerry Swain
Leidy Yaneth Boyce
Stephanie Wilson
Jonathan Christopher Woelfel
Candice Owen
Alexandria Michelle Hendrix
Gregory Kotsaftis
Benjamin Thooft
Sara Simpson
John Lauron
Kathleen Shanahan

Competent Leadership

Lisa Covert
Karwei Koay
Deborah Frauenfelder (x2)
Ronald Pecoraro
Christopher Tremel
Darryle Brown
Jeffrey Underwood
Lori High
Jane Kasiman
Gayle Perron-Krawetz
Lisa Gross
Nicholas Cox
Joseph Costello
David Stevens
Margo Griffin
Angel Gutierrez
Kevin Haase
Tina Austin
Gail Longenecker
Joan Janies
Bruce Denton

Advanced Communicator Bronze

Cynthia Howard
Andrew Tait
John Donnellon
Judy Hensley
Susan Crocker
Linda Ross
Ashley Hagood
Bonnie Ann Smith

Advanced Leader Bronze

Hugh Curley
Douglas Potter

Advanced Communicator Silver

Douglas Potter
Alan Swartz
Norman Frickey
Glenn Knight
Carol Pace
James Umbenhowe
David Johnson

Advance Leader Silver

Norman Frickey

Advanced Communicator Gold

Mark McMillan

Distinguished Toastmaster

Mark McMillan
William David Starr

Triple Crown Award

Norman Frickey
Judy Hensley
Carol Pace
William David Starr

Leadership Excellence

Kathy Barrett
Cynthia Ann Thorstad

This is a list of award winners from September 14, 2016 through October 13, 2016. Please check back each month to see our newest award winners.

