



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

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**Check the District
Calendar**

For District Events

www.D26Toastmasters.org

District 26 Dialogue

Serving Colorado, Wyoming and Western Nebraska

A Message from our

District Director

Rhea Thompson, DTM



Preparing For The Future

May is a month in each Toastmasters' year when we begin planning for the future. It's time to set direction for our clubs, areas, divisions and the district.

Club Officer Elections: each of us has the opportunity and, yes, obligation as a member of our club(s) to run for a club officer role. Are we aware that Toastmasters International suggests ALL clubs hold Club Officer Elections the first week in May? Why? To prepare for the future of the club. To allow a sufficient amount of time for the incoming officers to learn from their predecessors.

Cast your vote during the District 26 Spring Conference Business Meeting: why is this important? To prepare for the future of the district.

Election of District Officers and Realignment of clubs: be informed by attending the Candidate Showcase on Saturday morning to learn more about the candidates running for office. Read the minutes of the November District Council Meeting which can be downloaded from the District 26 website at <http://www.d26toastmasters.org/members/district-minutes/>.

Proxies: club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education, you each carry a vote for your club. If one or both cannot attend the Business Meeting please assign your Proxy to one of your club members who will be attending. The Proxy Form can be downloaded from the District 26 website at <http://www.d26toastmasters.org/2018-spring-conference/>. Scroll all the way to the bottom of this page.

We look forward with great anticipation to this next year and the future of District 26!

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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Program Quality Director
Marcia Wood, DTM**



Leaders Lead Change

Let's address the 2-ton elephant in the room, shall we? ... It's – wait for it – PATHWAYS.

I've attended several virtual support sessions by the Pathways Guide assigned to my club where I am the Vice President Education. The Pathways Guide presented basic information essential to understanding Base Camp. The guide also explained how to orient new members and help them progress through their first Path.

The sad and sobering fact about these sessions was that I was one of only two club VPEs attending the sessions. This Pathways Guide has been assigned to eight clubs. Where were the other six VPEs??

Leaders Lead Change. We cannot wait until our newest club member is at the point of frustration. We need to LEAD CHANGE. Club officers, may I have your attention? I am concerned that we are hesitant to embrace Pathways. As leaders, we must be early adapters. That's because we're elected to lead change into the Future.

Pathways IS the Future. Will you stay put in denial? Not if you are a true leader. That's because **Leaders Lead Change**.

Club Vice Presidents Education, Club Presidents, and Club Secretaries! You all have responsibilities in Pathways Base Camp. For other club officers? You need to **support these leaders** as they lead the charge up the hill to the Future.

Please join me as we charge up the hill together to Pathways and to the Future!



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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For District Events

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D26Toastmasters

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A Message from
Club Growth Director
Mike Akins, DTM



New Clubs, Beat the Clock Campaign

Please welcome these newly chartered clubs to District 26:

Aegon Toast [#6877264](#), Closed, Transamerica, Denver, CO
Chartered 4/6/18 by Jacque Cochell

Toastmasters are taught to run meetings on time, finish speeches on time and reach membership goals on time. In that spirit, "Beat the Clock" is a great motivator for finishing the year on schedule—on time and with record numbers! Make it your club's goal to earn the "Beat the Clock" award and encourage every member to take part. Clubs adding five new, dual or reinstated members with a join date between May 1 and June 30 receive a "Beat the Clock" ribbon to display on the club's banner. Qualifying clubs also earn a special discount code for 10-percent off their next club order.

Applications and payments for members with a join date between May 1 and June 30 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than June 30. The addition of transfer and charter members does not count toward "Beat the Clock" credit.

District 26 also offers \$40 and \$75 membership growth incentives here: <https://www.d26toastmasters.org/members/2017-2018-incentives/> or view newsletter pages 5-8.

Finally, please email me if you are interested in chartering, mentoring or coaching a club. One of these is required to complete your Advanced Leadership Silver (ALS).

[Contact me](#)

Toastmasters International Opens New World Headquarters in Englewood, Colorado

Did you hear the news?

Toastmasters International has opened its new World Headquarters at 9127 South Jamaica Street in Englewood, Colorado. The new building has 106,575 square feet and Toastmasters expects to hire 60 positions in the coming months.

District 26 is honored to have the World Headquarters in our district.



RAISE THE BAR! District 26 Incentives 2017-2018

IF YOU ARE A CLUB.....

REACH DISTINGUISHED	YOUR REWARD
Membership renewals submitted and DCP Goals achieved to qualify for Distinguished status on March 31 st	
Achieve President's Distinguished	\$50 Gift Certificate
Achieve Select Distinguished	\$40 Gift Certificate
Achieve Distinguished	\$30 Gift Certificate
<u>Not Distinguished by March 31st - Second Chance!</u>	
Reach Distinguished status by May 31 st	
Achieve President's Distinguished	\$25 Gift Certificate
Achieve Select Distinguished	\$20 Gift Certificate
Achieve Distinguished	\$15 Gift Certificate
PERFECT 10 - All 10 DCP Goals achieved!	\$60 Gift Certificate
TRAIN YOUR OFFICERS	YOUR REWARD
All 7 officers trained at either session	\$25 Gift Certificate
GROW MEMBERS	YOUR REWARD
Achieve all three membership building awards - Smedley, Talk Up Toastmasters & Beat the Clock Awards	\$75 Gift Certificate
Achieve any two consecutive membership building awards (Smedley & Talk Up Toastmasters OR Talk Up Toastmasters & Beat the Clock) - exclusive of earning all three membership awards)	\$40 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER...

ATTEND CONFERENCE	YOUR REWARD
Attend Conference for the first time	Where Leaders Are Made Pin
EARN EDUCATIONAL AWARD	YOUR REWARD
Achieve three different Educational Awards (first time achieving this)	Triple Crown Pin (awarded during Hall of Fame event)
Achieve DTM Award	DTM Medallion (awarded during Hall of Fame event)
SPONSOR A MEMBER (MUST PERSONALLY INVITE GUEST WHO LATER BECOMES A MEMBER)	YOUR REWARD
Members must be sponsored within Toastmasters year (July 1-June 30)	
Sponsor 5 members	\$10 online Gift Certificate + blue pin from TMI
Sponsor 10 Members	\$25 online Gift Certificate + burgundy pin from TMI
Sponsor 15 Members	\$50 online Gift Certificate + 25% off next online order

HELP CHARTER A CLUB	YOUR REWARD
Charter a new Club before June 15, 2018	D26 Computer Bag (OR Computer Messenger Bag when inventory of D26 Computer Bag is depleted) + \$50 Gift Certificate
Submit a lead for a new club (member does not charter club) and club charters before June 15, 2018	\$25 Gift Certificate
IF YOU ARE AREA DIRECTOR...	
AREA CLUB VISITS	YOUR REWARD
Submit all Area Club Visit Reports by August 31, 2017 & February 28, 2018	Gold Medallion
Submit all Area Club Visit Reports by September 30, 2017 & March 31, 2018	Silver Medallion
Submit all Area Club Visit Reports by October 31, 2017 & April 30, 2018	Bronze Medallion
Visit all clubs a minimum of three times and have club President's signature on Club Visit Form	\$20 Gift Certificate
IF YOU ARE DIVISION DIRECTOR...	
HEALTHY DIVISION	YOUR REWARD
End the year with 50% + 1 of the division's base clubs earning Distinguished Club or better, with no net loss in clubs. Denver - Base 36; Distinguished Clubs - 19 Eastern - Base 29; Distinguished Clubs - 16 Foothills - Base 39; Distinguished Clubs 21 Metro - Base 28; Distinguished Clubs - 15 Northern - Base 13; Distinguished Clubs - 8 Southern - Base 23; Distinguished Clubs - 13 Urban - Base 20; Distinguished Clubs - 11	Plaque (awarded during Hall of Fame event)
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	YOUR REWARD
All Base Clubs within all Areas have a minimum of eight paid membership dues for October renewal period by October 10, 2017	\$50 Gift Certificate
All Base Clubs within all Areas have a minimum of eight paid membership dues for April renewal period by April 10, 2018	\$50 Gift Certificate
IF YOU ARE EXTENSION CHAIR...	
CHARTERING CLUBS	YOUR REWARD
Assist Extension Coordinators in chartering 25 club	\$75 Gift Certificate
Assist Extension Coordinators in chartering 20 clubs	\$40 Gift Certificate
Assist Extension Coordinators in chartering 15 clubs	\$25 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE AN EXTENSION COORDINATOR...

CHARTERING CLUBS	YOUR REWARD
<p>Charter the number of designated clubs by presiding over the Kick-Off Meeting, Organizational Meeting and assisting with charter forms to charter by June 30, 2018</p> <p>Denver - 3 clubs Eastern - 2 clubs Foothills - 2 clubs Metro - 3 clubs Northern - 1 clubs Southern - 2 clubs Urban - 2 clubs</p>	\$50 Gift certificate
Serve in a meeting role for 10 or more Kick-Off meetings, whether or not in your division.	\$15 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE RETENTION CHAIR...

RECRUITING EFFORTS	YOUR REWARD
Assist Retention Coordinators in recruiting 30 or more Club Coaches	\$75 Gift Certificate
Assist Retention Coordinators in recruiting 20-29 Club Coaches	\$50 Gift Certificate
Assist Retention Coordinators in recruiting 10-19 Club Coaches	\$25 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE A RETENTION COORDINATOR...

RECRUITING EFFORTS	YOUR REWARD
Recruit Club Coaches for all clubs in your Division who qualify for a Club Coach	\$60 Gift Certificate
Recruit Club Coaches for 75% of all clubs in your Division who qualify for a Club Coach	\$40 Gift Certificate
Recruit Club Coaches for 50% of all clubs in your Division who qualify for a Club Coach	\$20 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE A CLUB COACH...

REACHING DISTINGUISHED	YOUR REWARD
Club reaches President's Distinguished	\$75 Gift Certificate
Club reaches Select Distinguished	\$50 Gift Certificate
Club reaches Distinguished	\$25 Gift Certificate
MEMBERSHIP GROWTH	YOUR REWARD
Club did not achieve Distinguished status but membership improved	
Help club increase membership by net 3 members by June 30, 2018	\$15 Gift Certificate
Help Club increase membership by net 5 members by June 30, 2018	\$25 Gift Certificate

IF YOU ARE A CLUB MENTOR...

COMPLETING YOUR ASSIGNMENT

Complete Mentor Check List and have Club President's signature on District's check list and WHQ Club Mentor form

YOUR REWARD

\$25 Gift Certificate

District 26 Conference

May 18 - 19, 2018



The event location:

**Radisson Hotel Denver
Southeast**

3155 S. Vaughn Way, Aurora, Colorado
at Parker Road and Interstate 225

REGISTER NOW

Come support the contestants from
across our District as they compete in:

International Speech Contest

and

Table Topics Speech Contest



Member Recognition Corner

Cynthia Cunningham, Administration Manager

April Educational Awards

(March 31 - April 14, 2018)

Competent Communicator

Kenneth Brownlee (3/9)
Darryle Brown
Mark Turner
Matthew Farley
Nancy Gaines
Patrick Keating
Gordon Wong

Advanced Communicator

Bronze

Melanie Morris
Karwei Koay
Jennifer Grant
John Mattson

Advanced Communicator

Silver

Charles Cundiff

Advanced Communicator

Gold

No Recipients

Competent Leader

Darryle Brown
Brett Johnson
Jim Urban
David Hay
Whitney Churchill
Serena Billmeyer
Johnathan James
Lina Dimberg
Larry Hutcherson
Sarah Kelsey
Rhea Thompson
Daniel Akins

Advanced Leader Bronze

Marc April

Advanced Leader Silver

No Recipients

Presentation Mastery 1

Suzanne DeVenny

Visionary Communication

1

Teri Morrison

Distinguished

Toastmaster

No Recipients

Leadership Excellence

Leather Bang

Triple Crown

No Recipients

Congratulations to the following clubs for reaching a **milestone Anniversary** this month:

April (March anniversaries posted last month)

Titan Club: 60th
 FACCMasters Toastmasters: 35th
 21st Century Toastmasters: 30th
 Talk of the Town Toastmasters: 10th
 El Puente Bilingual Toastmasters Club: 5th
 Peak Articulators: 5th

May

Toast of DIA: 5th
 Proudly Speaking: 5th

Congratulations to the following clubs for achieving the most **Distinguished Club Program Goals** for the period March 31-April 14, 2018. No clubs added since April newsletter:

President's Distinguished

BodyShops Club (10)
 Colorado Springs Toastmasters Club (9)
 Grand Junction Toastmasters Club (9)
 Opportunity Talks Toastmasters Club (9)
 Parker Toastmasters (9)
 Simply Speaking Toastmasters Club (9)
 Solar Speak Club (9)
 S-Peak Leaders (9)
 Spirited Speakers (9)
 Thrillspeakers Toastmasters Club (9)
 Thunderbolt Orators Club (9)



Select Distinguished

Arrowhead Club (8)
 Chemical Weapons Masters (8)
 Colorado Orators League (8)
 Colorado State University
 Toastmasters Club (8)
 Dawn Yawn (8)
 Downtowners Toastmasters Club
 (D4) (8)
 Earlybird Club (8)
 Eloquent Entrepreneurs (8)
 El Puente Bilingual Toastmasters
 Club (8)
 George Sutton Toastmasters Club
 (8)
 Golden Speak EZ (8)

Highlands Ranch Toastmasters
 Club (8)
 Ranch Raconteurs Club (8)
 Speak with Ease Club (8)
 Talking Ideas Toastmasters Club
 (8)
 Timberline Toastmasters (8)
 Toast of Inverness (8)
 5280 Toastmasters (7)
 Aurorators Toastmasters Club (7)
 Chamber Ad-lib Orators Club (7)
 Cherry Creek Toastmasters Club
 (7)
 Cheyenne 798 Toastmasters Club
 (7)

Downtowners Toastmasters Club
 (S4) (7)
 Flatirons View Toastmasters (7)
 Greeley Early Risers Toastmasters
 (7)
 Laramie Morning Club (7)
 Peterson Toastmasters (7)
 Pikes Peak Toastmasters Club (7)
 Pueblo Toastmasters Club (7)
 Resource Masters (7)
 Rise 'n Shine Toastmasters (7)
 Seamasters Toastmasters Club (7)
 South Suburban Toastmasters (7)
 Westminster Communicators Club
 (7)
 WRY Toast Toastmasters Club (7)

Congratulations to the following newly chartered club that posted to the Dashboard since the April Newsletter edition: Analytically Speaking at Alteryx on 3/27/2018

What's Happening Around the District?

The 2018 District Leadership Committee is pleased to nominate the following candidates for elected District Officer positions for the 2018-2019 Toastmaster year.



District Director:	Marcia Wood
Program Quality Director:	Mike Akins
Club Growth Director:	Jacqueline Smith May Tran
Denver Division Director:	Carol Pace
Eastern Division Director:	Sarah Beasley
Foothills Division Director:	Terry Ploski
Metro Division Director:	Randee Ryan
Northern Division Director:	Janice Haldi
Southern Division Director:	Glenn Knight
Urban Division Director:	David Johnson

Please join us at the District 26 Spring Conference for the opportunity to hear from these nominees during the Candidate Showcase to be held Saturday morning!

Registration is open. Click [here](#) to register.

D26 Spring Conference
May 18-19, 2018, Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast
3155 S Vaughn Way, Aurora, CO 80014

Social Media Spotlight!

One way to share more about our clubs and people is our brand spanking new Social Media Spotlight!

“Would you like to be considered for our Social Media Spotlight? Do you know of someone else who might be a good candidate for spotlighting? Please fill out the information below and you will be added to our list. We will do one spotlight a month pulling from names we receive here.

Our Spotlights will also be showcased in our District 26 Newsletter Dialogue!

Please answer as much information as possible, especially your Toastmaster Title and Club (s) name.

[Submission
Form](#)

Tell Me More...

I want you. I want your events. I want your awards. I want your accomplishments. I want your speeches. I want to hear about you! Your achievements, your news, your contributions!

Please help your clubs by letting them know to take pictures, video tape speeches, send me emails about the club, and tag D26 on social media and send me more info. I do not receive enough info about all our clubs. I want to promote our people, our clubs, our areas, our divisions! Email me Trixie Hunter-Merrill with this information and I will post it on our Social Media and help generate some buzz in your neck of the woods!

[Contact Me](#)

DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE

Before the Howl



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

Do you want your Club, Area or Division to become “Distinguished,” “Select Distinguished” or “President’s Distinguished?” I can help with that!

Please join me at “Before the Howl,” a District Open House.

The purpose of the event is twofold: to serve as my “High Performance Leadership Project” and to increase membership throughout our District. My vision is to have 100 Toastmasters and guests in attendance. My mission is to have at least 50% of the guests in attendance join a club by June 30th.”

YOU can help make my vision a reality by attending.

The event will be held on **Thursday, May 24 at “Howl at the Moon”** (located near Coors Field) at **5:30-7:00 pm**. If you know someone who wants to enhance their communication skills, build self-confidence, and grow as a leader, bring them, too. “Before the Howl” will showcase specific communication and leadership skills that will enhance self-confidence and personal growth IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE. Toastmasters and guests will enjoy a condensed Toastmasters meeting featuring a seasoned speaker, veteran evaluator and entertaining “Table Topics” (impromptu speaking) contestants. The Open House will occur during the bi-monthly “Networking Event.” Admission is free and there’ll be a cash bar. Bring your business cards to enter for door prizes. Paid parking is available nearby.

[Register online](#)

Email questions with Subject Line: “Open House” to Cynthia Cunningham at cynthiatmi2013@gmail.com or Public Relations Manager Marieta Ferrington at prmanagerdistrict26@gmail.com. Ambassadors and Greeters needed. See you there!

21st Century Toastmasters, club 4829 Celebrates 30 years!

Club 4829 was chartered April of 1988, 30 years ago. On Friday 4/13/2018, the club was very lucky to have a number of members and former members attend. Our meeting was run by Preston Hickman, who is a former member who has recently rejoined the club. We also had the first charter member, Carmen Abaylla, attend and give us a speech on how the club started on the grounds of UCCS, and her beginning with Toastmasters. It was a touching and heartfelt speech, which everyone enjoyed, and it received a standing ovation at the conclusion. We were also joined by former members Linda Kepley and Eric Nowe, who were warmly greeted, especially by those in the club who remembered their great contributions. We shared a special social topic game of 2 truths and a lie, which really gave everyone a lot to think about, and was enjoyed enthusiastically. We had 8 of our regular members, a returning special guest and a brand-new guest, who is strongly leaning towards joining, after seeing the fun in the club. There were a number of snacks, pizza and a special anniversary cake. Ginger Ale in champagne cups were shared with a toast for the club's health. This weekly club met at UCCS for about the first 25 years, and after a little searching, found a new home at Library 21c. The club was renamed to 21st Century Toastmasters, while strongly remembering its long history.

Join us Fridays at 1:00pm!



Keep Our District Connected

If you are not following us on Social Media, please do. This is the best way for the District to keep you aware and keep us aware of what is going on in our District so that we may best support it.

The links are below:

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/D26Toastmasters/>
- Twitter <https://twitter.com/D26Toastmasters?lang=en>
- LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/390685/>
- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/district26toastmasters/>
- You Tube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRAAnj3Sg3NT7Z_UyCoxa_A
- Best way to keep track of these in your clubs is www.Buffer.com - Give it a try!



If you have information for Social Media that you would like us to share on one or more of the D26 Social Media pages please email me at :

Trixie Hunter-Merrill, Social Media Chair

D26SocialMedia1718@D26Leaders.org

More info about Guidelines and what to share can be found at

<http://www.d26toastmasters.org/members/social-media-and-district-26>

WANTED: Articles

By: Michelle Mras, DTM, Newsletter Editor

Hello fellow Toastmasters. The entire District would love the opportunity to celebrate with you. What's going on in your Club, Area or Division? Write an article and share a photo. See below for the submission protocol and send it to me. If you need help writing, let me know and I will help you develop it. Let's share and raise the bar throughout District 26!

DIALOGUE SUBMISSION PROTOCOLS

Articles are 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.

Please state "D26 newsletter/ month / Title" in the subject line.

Announcing the Educational Session Speakers for 2018 Spring Conference

“How to Demand 4 to 5 Figures Per Speech”

Reed Barrett

This presentation will highlight the importance of being unique, dynamic, & powerful as a speaker. Along with how social media can elevate your status among clients. All of which garnishes a higher speaker fee.



For the past 17 years Reed has been performing magic and mind-reading. It wasn't until he joined toastmasters 3 years ago that keynote speaking became a major part of his income. Reeds recent performances include the Bellagio Hotel, The Magic Castle, and for Fortune 500 company SnapChat.

“Mission First. Others Second. You? Last”

Chris and Diana Hutchinson

Leadership can be defined as an art of getting what you want. In this presentation you will learn a new framework for getting your needs met, whether you are CEO or an individual contributor. This model can be used to manage up, work better with peers, in a job search, and even with spouses or teenagers. Participants will try out this new method during the workshop and will leave ready to work with others get the outcomes they need.



Chris is CEO and Abundance Influencer, and Diana is the COO and Success Enabler of Trebuchet Group, an organizational improvement firm that believes great accomplishments require a great team. Chris and Diana have over 20 years of experience as leaders, facilitators, and coaches of leaders and teams in military, public, and private companies and not-for-profit organizations.

“The Driving Force of You!”

Bob Kittridge

Ever wonder why you do the things you do? Or worse yet NOT do the things you need to? As a club officer have you struggled with members who say one thing, but do another? That is because for many people they are being controlled by an unknown (to them) force. These we call Your Driving Forces! Join me as I reveal the puppeteer that is pulling the strings.



Bob Kittridge is an internationally recognized mentor, speaker, trainer and coach in the areas of leadership and team development. A passion for Bob is his ability to coach and help others discover their own passions and purpose.

“10 Leadership Habits for Successful Club Meetings”

Virginia Phillips

Create a club culture which will keep members loyal, create word-of-mouth referrals, and create a more successful club. You will learn 10 leadership habits you can implement today to make running your club easier and more enjoyable.

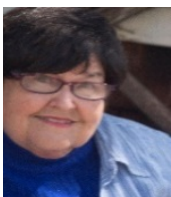


Virginia Phillips is an author of Yes, You Can!, the owner of The Academy of Entrepreneurial Excellence, a part-owner of Molder Rubber and Plastics Corp, a speaker, an entrepreneurial coach, and a podcaster. She guides individuals to become better leaders, generate their business plans, and create opportunities for success.

“5 Years into Pathways”

Bonnie Ann Smith

Don't wait 5 years to learn. Determine what pace and which actions are right for you and the leaders (or potential leaders) of your club. Q&A panel of Experts!



Five years into Pathways? In 2013 250 Learning Masters (including Bonnie Ann Smith) were appointed to help Revitalize our Education Program. In 2016 she lead two local clubs in the Content Pilot testing. At this District Conference she is on Level 5 in Visionary Communication and Level 1 in Dynamic Leadership.



Toastmasters District 26 Celebrates its 70th Anniversary

By: Darryle Brown, MBA, DTM, Immediate Past District Director

On September 19, 2018, District 26 Toastmasters will be commemorating its 70th anniversary and this year's District Spring Conference will highlight this momentous occasion. Many recent events accent this celebration, which include the relocation of the World Headquarters of Toastmasters International to District 26 and the District's expansion with a new division.

“(South African President) Nelson Mandela once said, “Remember to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead,” said District Director Rhea Thompson. “Vision drives us, milestones inspire us, and growth changes us as we embrace our district's promising future. What an honor to celebrate this remarkable milestone with our members and we look forward to many, many more!”

Chartered in September 19, 1946, Gordon Merrick served as the first District Governor. From the District's origin, there are sixteen historic clubs that remain active today, three of which were chartered before District 26 formed and the other clubs date back to the district's first ten years.

Over the past seven decades, District 26 has grown significantly to nearly 200 clubs with seven divisions and projected to expand to eight divisions to accommodate future growth.

From its inception, District 26 has held true to its commitment in developing its members into the best communicators and leaders they can become. Today's generation of District 26 toastmasters owe a debt of gratitude to the pioneering toastmasters throughout our history who paved the way in making Toastmasters International founder Dr. Ralph Smedley's vision come to life. To our historic clubs still going strong and all of our generations of clubs that have laid the foundation for our District's past, present and future success, we raise our glasses high to you all as we look forward to the next anniversary and beyond.

Congratulations District 26!

Oldest Clubs in District 26

By: Darryle Brown, DTM, Immediate Past District Director

Pre-District 26 Clubs still going strong

<u>Club#</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Chartered</u>
97	Pioneer Toastmasters Club	2/9/1938
375	Fort Collins	4/1/1946
555	Colorado Springs Toastmasters Club	3/1/1948

Historic Clubs of the District's first 10 years still going strong

<u>Club#</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Chartered</u>
739	Rocky Mountain Toastmasters Club	6/1/1949
795	Pueblo Toastmasters Club	3/1/1950
798	Cheyenne 798 Toastmasters Club	3/1/1950
784	Greeley Early Risers Toastmasters	5/1/1951
1038	Skyline Club	3/1/1952
1268	Earlybird Club	3/1/1953
1588	Bob Ord Toastmasters Club	10/1/1954
1965	Timberline Toastmasters	1/1/1956
2177	Littleton Toastmasters Club	10/1/1956
2228	Daybreak Toastmasters Club	11/1/1956
2368	Titan Club	4/1/1957
2668	Front Range Toastmasters Club	3/1/1958
2932	Pioneer (#2) Toastmasters Club	4/1/1959

Silent Auction! What's Your Theme?

What? District 26 Spring Conference Silent Auction

When? Friday May 18 and Saturday May 19

Where? Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast
3155 S Vaughn Way, Aurora, CO 80014

Why? Funds raised with the Silent Auction help keep everyone's registration costs lower and it is *FUN* to shop during the event!

Who? Together you and your club can develop a basket that reflects your creativity. Consider making it a club project! Have everyone donate an item to match your theme!



Fill out our NEW online
[Silent Auction Donor Form](#)

- | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| • Hobbies | • Relaxation | • Best of your State/Region |
| • Pets | • Chocolate | • Speaking |
| • Sports | • Wine | • Self-Improvement |
| • Gardening | • Cooking/BBQ | • Leadership |
| • Movie night | • Board Games | |

[Printable Donor forms](#) are available to list the items and value of your basket or fill out our [Online Donor Form](#) for easy access.

For more info download the [Silent Auction 2018 Flyer](#)

Questions? Contact D26SocialMedia1718@D26Leaders.org

Ready to Donate? Complete the [Donor Form \(click to go to link\)](#) located on the [D26 Website](#) by **May 11**, then **bring your basket to the conference on Friday, May 18 with your donor form attached to basket**. Once the form has been completed, it will auto send to the Silent Auction Chair person. If you have any issues please contact Trixie Hunter-Merrill at D26SocialMedia1718@d26leaders.org

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