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The Double Dozen Toastmasters Newsletter

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This is your District 24
Toastmasters Newsletter



Making Effective Communication
a Worldwide Reality

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Tamara Dowling, Editor

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

Now is the time to make your vote count! District 24 awards will be handed out at the Fall Conference in October 2004, and it all depends on you! The forms are included in this newsletter. The awards committee will be holding a meeting at the end of September, and the deadline for people getting their forms back is September 22, 2004. Please either email the forms to Jolene Boshart at jobos777@inebraska.com or snail-mail them to: Jolene Boshart, 5135 South Street, Lincoln, NE 68506.

COME CHECK IT OUT!

Division 'C' Contest
September 21, 2004
at Southeast Community College
6:30 pm in Room T-2
(park in N.E. corner of new section. T-2 is in the lower level)

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Fall Conference

It's that time! No, it's not time to turn the steak on the grill or order your holiday pies or even to turn the clock back an hour. It is time to make your reservations to attend the fall District 24 Conference in Kearney, Nebraska.

This is truly a high quality event with Barry Eigen, this fellow Toastmaster hails from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is the author of "How to Think Like a Boss and Get Ahead At Work".

Barry has quite a reputation for knowing how to add humor to your presentations and will offer his tips for success.

Don't wait! Make your reservation today. The 2004 fall conference will be held **October 8 and 9** at the Holiday Inn, 110 Second Avenue, Kearney. To make your room reservations call 1-308-237-5971 and for more information about the Holiday Inn, you can e-mail them at: krynysales@charterinternet.com. Ask for the Toastmasters Rate when you make your reservations.

Conference fees are \$65 in advance or \$75 at the door.

If you are only able to attend a portion of the conference, the following break-out rates apply:

- Friday Evening (snacks): \$15.00
- Saturday Morning: \$15.00
- Saturday Luncheon: \$15.00
- Saturday Evening: \$25.00

Make your check out to Fall Conference and mail your reservations to: George Volz, 4102 Central Ave, Kearney, NE 68847.

WELCOME

Please note that a proxy for the District 24 business meeting is enclosed in this issue. It is in a printable format. This must be signed by a club President or VP Education and turned in at the credentials desk, if the neither of those officers is able to attend and vote at the business meeting.

Because this is our first on-line version of the Double Dozen, we are still working on fine tuning it and getting the word out about it. We hope that by the time it is ready to come out again next quarter, you all will be more aware of it and send your news to our editor, Tamara Dowling.

Club presidents, please find out which of your club members does not have access to a computer so that we can make sure that we get a paper copy of the Double Dozen to them.

Melinda M Haag, DTM
District Governor, District 24

SOARING ABOVE THE HORIZON

Division E is going Whoosh - all the way from down south of Nebraska City up to the eastern edge of Nebraska to Fremont and Council Bluffs!

When we were notified Thursday evening prior to the Saturday Division Contest that the meeting site was closed, the Division and District 24 Friends came together to make sure we found a new contest site and that the contest was successful. Representing Division E at the District Contest will be Randy Prier in the Humorous Speech Contest and John Michael DeBartolo in the Evaluation Contest.

We are setting goals, working on building new clubs, and planning some membership drives to build up our clubs. Greater Communicators (Area 42) helped to charter a new club in Area 32 in September. The Division is working on one in Sarpy County and one in Fremont. The club prospects we have are all in Division E, but if you want to earn your AL, give LGM Sheila Hoffert a call.

The clubs in Council Bluffs are going together to send our mailings through the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce, and Greater Communicators are teaming with the club from Red Oak, Iowa (D19) to blitz the rest of the western part of Iowa near enough to join either club (through the Red Oak Chamber of Commerce). We have also received permission to distribute fliers about local clubs to all teachers through the Council Bluffs school system. The corporate clubs are holding internal membership drives as well.

Floy Westermeier
Division E Governor

Toastmasters

District 24
Fall Conference 2004

October 8 & 9

Your Gateway to Success!

Ssssssssssss...

Barry Eigen, Nationally Renowned Speaker from Milwaukee

Former corporate CEO, and fellow Toastmaster Barry Eigen teaches managers how to create productive employees who love what they do. With humor and no-holds-barred straight talk, he explains why otherwise well-intentioned people often misunderstand company goals and misinterpret what the boss really wants. His special presentation for District 24 will be:

“How to Sizzle While Delivering the Steak!”

Come learn from an international pro how to craft stories and weave humor into speeches that make them
SIZZLE!

Eigen is author of the award-winning: *"How To Think Like A Boss And Get Ahead At Work."* Now published in five languages, it's been condensed in Executive Book Summaries, Reader's Digest, Cosmopolitan, Glamour, and newspapers across the country.

Today, Barry Eigen is a full-time convention keynote and dinner speaker, a member of the National Speakers Association in both its Wisconsin and Illinois chapters.

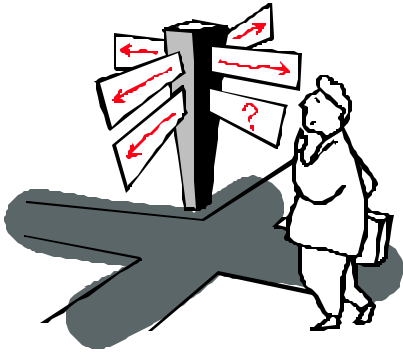
**Holiday Inn
Convention Center
KEARNEY**
110 Second Avenue

Rooms at Hampton Inn
118 3rd Ave, Kearney, NE 68845
Tel: 1-308-234-3400 Fax: 1-308-236-9026

Discount Schedule:

**\$65 Until Oct. 2
\$75 at the door**

**Registration available online after
July 10 at:
www.district24toastmasters.com**



This person is obviously looking for directions. It is apparent that he needs guidance. Is that how you feel as a Toastmaster in District 24?

Help is here for you in the form of your District 24 leadership team. Your top three officers, Division Governors, Area Governors and club officers are willing and eager to help you meet the personal goals that you have set for yourself this year. You have set personal goals, haven't you???????

We are excited to welcome the two new clubs to District 24. Club Fed in Omaha and Landmark Toastmasters in Lincoln were chartered in 2003-2004. We thank those dedicated Toastmasters who served as mentors and sponsors to the new clubs. Please let Lt. Governor of Marketing, Sheila Hoffert, know if you would be willing to serve as a club mentor or sponsor for the club prospects that we currently have.

Details are being worked out for the District 24 Fall conference that will be held in Kearney on October 8th and 9th. Please contact Conference Co-Chairs, George Volz @ georgevolz@yahoo.com or Kendra Beckstead @ beckstead.kendra@principal.com if you have any questions. The Kearney Toastmasters Club is working hard to assure that you have an entertaining and enjoyable experience and that you feel as if your money was well spent.

Our Lt Gov of Education and Training, Capiz Greene has informed me that District 24 has met the goal of having at least 85% of our Division and Area Governors trained and that the club officer training sessions went well.

Most Area speech contests and one Division Speech contest are completed. Thank you to all who have worked so diligently to assure that all contests are conducted in the manner that has been set forth by Toastmasters International. I know that there is much work involved in setting up and conducting a contest. Thank you also to all the brave Toastmasters that stepped out of their comfort zones.

We are still working on the new District 24 Directory and hope to have that available soon. That information will be available in a Word document and will not be available on-line due to privacy issues.

AMAZING DISTRICT 24

WOW! District 24 is AMAZING!!!!!! Why, do you ask? Well, let me tell you!!! District 24 now has 27 clubs at charter strength!!! That's amazing! Only 6 months ago, the number of clubs at charter strength was only 15, so we have done some awesome campaign building in the last few months. We also have an additional 9 clubs who are short between 1 and 3 members from being at charter strength. I am in total awe of all the work that has been done to strengthen District 24 in such a short time.

We do have 17 low-member clubs that are currently eligible for help from a club mentor. Would your club like some help increasing club membership? Let your area governor know. Your area governor will contact Melinda or me, and we will arrange a club mentor for your club. This will create a fantastic win/win situation for your club members, District 24, and Toastmasters International.

There is great news on the new clubs front! Landmark and Club Fed have chartered since the spring conference. Only days away from chartering is Terracon in Omaha, and new clubs at Valley and Fallbrook/Ameritas should soon charter. What fabulous news! We are working with Allied Insurance in Lincoln and are waiting on their request for a demonstration meeting. In early October, we will be holding a demonstration meeting for the Sarpy Chamber of Commerce. Also, contact has been initiated with some recent requests to start new clubs. Our fabulous marketing team has identified a list of businesses that have the potential for new clubs and plan to approach them in a consistent and steady manner so new club building becomes an integral part of District 24. What a neat idea!

So keep up the excellent work everyone! Encourage your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to attend and join your meetings. There are so many people who can benefit from the excellent leadership and communication skills Toastmasters has to offer.

The Toastmasters vision statement reads "Toastmasters International empowers people to achieve their full potential and realize their dreams. Through our member clubs, people throughout the world can improve their communication and leadership skills, and find the courage to change." Take a moment to share your energy, your drive, and your excitement about this fine organization with someone and let them join and learn and grow, too.

Don't keep Toastmasters a secret! Share the wealth!

Sheila Hoffert
District Lieutenant Governor of Marketing





Stay the Course!!!

C. Capiz Greene –
Lt. Gov. Education and Training

When things go wrong, as
they sometimes will,
When the road you're
trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low, and
the debts are high,
and you want to smile, but
you have to sigh.
When care is pressing you
down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't
you quit.

Life is queer with its twist
and turns
As every one of us
sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns
about,
When he might have won had
he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the
pace seems slow,
You may succeed with
another blow.

Success is failure turned
inside out,
the silver tint of the clouds
of doubt,
and you never can tell how
close you are,
It may be near when it
seems so far;
So stick to the fight when
you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst,
that you must not quit.

-Author anonymous

My first experience in front of a group of people wasn't pretty. Perspiration flowed off my brow like Big Manitou Falls, my mouth felt like the entire Mojave Desert with a hundred camels traipsing through, and I was hanging on to the lectern as if my life depended on it!

It was awful. I stuttered and stammered my way through all five minutes of the speech – and only managed to give my name and where I was born. What a disaster!

I had a choice that day – to improve my speaking skills or...quit. I chose to stay the course. The poem to the left is one of my favorites, because it's about REAL LIFE!

We can choose to constantly improve ourselves – that's why we're in Toastmasters! Past District Governor and now our Public Relations Officer Anita Lewandowski's voice still rings in my ears with her mantra that I've now resurrected and augmented: "Every speech a manual speech - more CTM's ATM's and DTM's insure success for EACH!"

Be conscious of opportunities to develop your speaking skills. Stay vigilant in your clubs that anyone who gives a speech gets credit in a manual. Ask another Toastmaster to evaluate you if you're giving a speech at work or to a volunteer group. Each award level ensures that your speaking levels are constantly challenged...

Keep looking for ways to Soar Above the Horizon – and make sure you call or email your successes (no matter how large or small) to our District Governor Melinda Haag – She's working on completing that Hot Air Balloon Puzzle, and she can only place a piece when she knows about your successes!

Stay focused, have fun,
and...Don't Quit!!!!

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Mona Eigbrett
HDR Toastmasters



AWARDS PROGRAM - NOMINATION FORMS

Complete and send the following Forms to:
Jo Boshart, 5135 South Street, Lincoln NE 68506

Toastmaster of the Decade

I nominate: _____

Club name: _____

Club #: _____ Area _____ Division _____

Date _____

- Is or has been a Club officer
- Readily accepts scheduled assignments
- Readily accepts unscheduled assignments
- Presents Manual Speeches
- Shows enthusiasm at Club Meetings
- Wears Toastmaster Pin/Badge
- Attends Club Officer Training
- Attends Club Contests
- Attends Area and Division Contests
- Attends District Conferences
- Motivates new and old members
- Has presented Success Leadership Modules at Club meetings
- Participates in Club Social Events
- Club Toastmaster of Decade

I recommend this candidate because:

Club Sergeant at Arms of the Year

Did the nominee...

- ? Attend Officer Training Sessions
Summer _____
Winter _____
- ? Maintain Club equipment & supplies
- ? Scheduled Meeting Location
- ? Arrange room & supplies for Meeting
- ? Arranged for Food Service at meal meetings
- ? Greet Members & Guests
- ? Ensure Meeting Starts on time
- ? Collect ballots and tally votes for awards
- ? Prepared successor for office
- ? Attend other Toastmaster Events

One of the responsibilities of the Club officer is to influence and inspire members. Please comment on how this nominee has done that.

Club President of the Year

Did the nominee...

- ? Attend Officer Training Sessions
Summer _____
Winter _____
- ? Oversee the DCP Program/Club Success Plan
- ? Ensure Club officers meet Club officer and Club meeting standards
- ? Encourage communication and leadership development by promoting the Educational program
- ? Ensure Club has an ongoing membership-building program.
- ? Promote the Educational program
- ? Orient New Members to program
- ? Attend Club Executive committee Meetings
- ? Attend District council meetings and vote the Club's proxy or authorize a club member to do so
- ? Vote at Regional and International Business Meetings
Or send Proxies to District Governor
- ? Oversee administrative operation of Club
- ? Maintain relationships with the District and with WHQ
- ? Attend other Toastmaster Events
- ? Ensure continued leadership in club, hold timely elections
- ? Prepare Successor for Office

One of the responsibilities of the Club officer is to influence and inspire members. Please comment on how this nominee has done that.

Club Secretary of the Year

Did the Nominee...

? Attend Officer Training Sessions

Summer _____

Winter _____

? Maintain accurate membership roster

? Assist Club Treasurer with Dues

? Mail Club Reports on Time

? Handle General Club Correspondence

? Keep Club Files, including:

Club Charter, constitution & Bylaws

Minutes, Resolutions, etc

? Attend Club Executive committee Meetings

? Prepare Successor for Office

? Record and Read Meeting Minutes

? Greet members and guests

? Maintain DCP Program/Club Success Plan

? Attend other Toastmaster Events

One of the responsibilities of the Club officer is to influence and inspire members. Please comment on how this nominee has done that.

Club Treasurer of the Year

Did the nominee...

? Attend Officer Training Sessions

Summer _____

Winter _____

? Prepared a budget

? Prepare and send Dues Statements

? Collect and Send Dues to WHQ

? Submitted New Member Applications and Dues to WHQ

? Pays Bills as Due

? Keeps Records & Presents Financial Reports

? Submitted Club Accounts for Audit

? Attends Club Executive Committee Meetings

? Prepared successor for office

? Uses Treasurer Calendar/Checklist to Stay on Track

? Attend other Toastmaster Events

One of the responsibilities of the Club officer is to influence and inspire members. Please comment on how this nominee has done that.

Club VP-Education of the Year

Did the nominee...

? Attend Officer Training Sessions

Summer _____

Winter _____

? Set Membership goals

? Utilize the DCP Program/Club Success Plan

? Plan Club Meetings & Schedules

? Follow up & confirm schedule prior to each meeting

? Promote the Educational program

? Orient New Members to program

? Assign every new member a mentor

? Attend Club Executive committee Meetings

? Attend District council meetings and vote the Club's proxy

? Vote at Regional and International Business Meetings

? Prepare Successor for Office

? Attend other Toastmaster Events

? Greet members and guests

One of the responsibilities of the Club officer is to influence and inspire members. Please comment on how this nominee has done that.

Club VP-Membership of the Year

Did the nominee...

? Attend Officer Training Sessions

Summer _____

Winter _____

? Set Membership goals

? Utilize the DCP Program/Club Success Plan

? Develop Membership Building Programs

? Follow up and track membership efforts

New Members joined _____

Contact & encourage inactive members

? Handle membership promotions and membership applications, coordinating with Treasurer

? Attend Club Executive committee Meetings

? Prepare Successor for Office

? Attend other Toastmaster Events

? Attend & vote at Area Council meetings

? Greet members and guests

One of the responsibilities of the Club officer is to influence and inspire members. Please comment on how this nominee has done that.

Club VP-Public Relations of the Year

Did the nominee...

? Attend Officer Training Sessions

Summer _____

Winter _____

? Promote the Club to Local Media

? Produce and Distribute club communications
Newsletter, Web, etc.

? Promote Membership Programs

? Attend Club Executive committee Meetings

? Prepare Successor for Office

? Attend other Toastmaster Events

? Keep Club informed of upcoming events & programs

? Greet members and guests

One of the responsibilities of the Club officer is to influence and inspire members. Please comment on how this nominee has done that.

ANN GOLD TOASTMASTER CLUB OF YEAR

Please consider submitting your club for the Ann Gold Toastmaster Club of the Year. You may copy and paste this information into your favorite word processor and complete the information accordingly. You will need to snail mail the information to Jo Boshart, 5135 South Street, Lincoln, NE 68506 or email her at jobs777@inebraska.com. Nominations must be submitted by September 26, 2004.

1. Name of Club: Club Number:
2. Area: Division: Date:
3. High membership retention:
4. Distinguished Club Plan used throughout year:
5. Members achieve CTM and/or ATM, annually:
6. Club Officer Lists sent to TMI and District Governor on time:
7. Semiannual Reports with dues sent to TMI on time:
8. Club Officers attend District Sponsored Club Officer Training:
9. High level of membership growth and retention:
10. Members participate at Area and Division Contests:
11. Members attend and participate at District Conference:
12. Has speech contests in Fall and Spring:
13. Formal induction for new members:
14. Provides recognition to leadership achievers:
15. Provides recognition to Club Toastmaster of the Year or, annually:
16. Club Meetings are productive and fun:
17. Club Newsletter published and distributed:
18. Members have high morale and commitment:
19. Summarize why this Club deserves this recognition:

Your club's vote is important!

Here is how it works!

CLUB PRESIDENTS AND VP's OF EDUCATION!!!!

Do you need this???

If you are a club president or vice president of Education and plan to attend the council meeting and vote, you do not need a proxy to obtain a ballot at the credential desk.

However, any club member may vote if they are carrying a proxy from the club President or VP of Education, in the event that those two officers cannot attend the conference. If you will be voting in place of the club President or VP of Education, you must present this signed proxy at the credentials table the day of the conference to obtain your ballot(s).

Toastmasters District 24 Proxy Certificate

Fall District Council Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
October 9, 2004
Kearney, Nebraska

Date: _____

Delegate's Name: _____ Club Name & Number: _____

I, the undersigned, hereby assign my proxy to the above named club member to act as an official delegate of our club at the 2004 Fall Council Meeting at the Holiday Inn, 110 Second Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska.

The Delegate may cast one (1) ____ or (2) ____ official club votes.

As authorized by: _____
(Signature and printed name of Club President or Vice President of Education)

This proxy must be hand carried to the District Business Meeting by a member of your club.

The District 24 Annual Business Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, 110 2nd Ave, Kearney, Nebraska. It is your right as a member of Toastmasters to attend the business meeting.

There is **NO CHARGE** if you are only attending the business meeting portion of the conference.

District Calendar 2004 - 2005

All dates subject to change

September 25	Division contests completed
October 1	Dues and Membership reports due at TI Headquarters
October 8,9	Fall Conference, Kearney, NE
October 31	Area Governor reports submitted to District Governor
November 13	Div/Area Governor training, Round Two
December 11	Club Semi-annual elections completed
January 15	Toastmaster Leadership Institute - Lincoln
January 29	Toastmaster Leadership Institute - Omaha
February 5	Toastmaster Leadership Institute - Grand Island
February 26	Club Contest Completed (Table Topics and International)
March 19	Area Contests Completed
April 9	Division Contest Completed
April 22-23	District Spring Conference, Embassy Suites - Old Market, Omaha
April 30	Area Governor Reports Submitted to District Governor
April 30	District Executive Committee Meeting
May 1 - 8	Club Elections & Officer list to TM International
May 14	District Picnic (Pot Luck) All clubs invited
May 22	District Executive Committee Meeting
June 9 - 11	Region IV Conference - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
June 18	Area / Division Governor Training, 1st round
June 30	2004 - 2005 Distinguished Club Plan ends

District Governor:

Melinda Haag Melinda.Haag@med.va.gov Home phone—308-379-8840; Work Phone—308-382-3660 ext 2205

Lt. Governor Education and Training:

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Lt. Governor Marketing:

Sheila Hoffert SHoffert@woodmen.com Home phone—402-292-1424; Work Phone—402-449-7798