

# Double Dozen

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Spicka, Editor

**Theme: All We Need is L.O.V.E**  
**Leadership, Ownership, Vision and Energy**

## Trio Members

Division Governor - George Volz  
Lt. Governor Ed - LuAnn Anglo  
Lt Gov. Marketing - Sheri Wells-Chesley



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**Don't forget Fall Conference**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Columbus, NE**

District 24 Toastmasters:

**2010 Fall Promotions**

Kick-Off the New Year and **SCORE !**

### Member Award Touchdowns

- Members win prizes for completing two or more designations from July 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Achieve **2** designations and win a **Toastmasters Travel Mug**
  - Achieve **3** designations and win a **Toastmasters name badge**
  - Achieve **4** designation and win a **\$15 Toastmasters Gift Certificate** *plus* an entry into a drawing for a **FREE Spring Conference Registration!**

### Club Award Touchdowns

- Clubs win a prize for completing DCP goals 1-6 from July 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Qualify by achieving 4 CCs, 2 ACs, and 2 Leadership awards (any combination of CL, ALs, or DTMs)
  - **Win \$25 worth of refreshments served by a District Officer** *plus* an entry into a drawing for a **FREE Spring Conference Registration!**



## *Words From the Desk of the District Governor*

*Are we too comfortable?*

*Many, but not all, join Toastmasters because we are not comfortable in some role we need or want to fill. As members of a Toastmaster club, we became more comfortable as we practice that role in the safety of the club. I admit, that I enjoy going to a Toastmasters meeting, because the positive atmosphere that I find there is a refreshing contrast to the world I work. But my question to you is it OK to get comfortable? Is being comfortable acceptable if we want to keep growing? It is sometimes too easy to spend time basking in the glow of accomplishment and miss the opportunity to reach even higher accomplishments. Is resting on our laurels tantamount to stagnation?*

*In our modern environment we have many opportunities to get comfortable such as in the excitement of a sports event, in the relaxing with a good book, TV, social networking, blogging, gaming and the list goes on. And please, don't get me wrong, I believe that mental relaxation is necessary. I just question at what point, do we move from being comfortable to being "too" comfortable.*

*I see a parallel issue happening to Toastmasters. We joined a club because we weren't comfortable in some role. Using the Toastmaster process, we have overcome that issue and have become comfortable in that role. I challenge everyone, not to rest on the success, but to find an area that you are not comfortable and set a goal to conquer that area.*

*As you grow, you will encourage and help your fellow Toastmasters to grow with you. My hope for you, my fellow Toastmaster, is that you will find an opportunity this year to grow to another level. Don't get "too" comfortable.*

*Have a great month and see you in Columbus!!*

*George Volz  
District Governor 2010-2011*

## Words from Lt. Governor of Education - LuAnn Anglo

*It's HERE! – Are you ready??*

Football season has officially arrived and you can see it everywhere! The local news is now devoted to high school coverage, the Saturday traffic to Lincoln has begun and Sundays inevitably end with the family gathered around a pro game... to say nothing of Monday night's cheer, "***Are we ready for some Football?!?***"

Not to be left out, District 24 is "*ready for some football*" as well! We have two fabulous promotions that are already underway: ***Member Award Touchdowns*** – Deadline 10/31/2010 and ***Club Award Touchdowns*** – Deadline 12/31/2010. To win any prizes an entry must be submitted to [d24lget@gmail.com](mailto:d24lget@gmail.com).

It's now 3<sup>rd</sup> down, and we're going for the goal! See you in the end zone!!

LuAnn Anglo  
Lt. Governor Education & Training  
[d24lget@gmail.com](mailto:d24lget@gmail.com)

### **Member Award Touchdowns**

If Toastmasters International awards an individual with two or more designations (such as ALB and CC) between July 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and an entry is sent to [d24lget@gmail.com](mailto:d24lget@gmail.com) the individual wins the following prize or prizes.

Two (2) award designations = a Toastmasters Travel Mug

Three (3) award designations = a Toastmasters Name Badge

Four (4) award designations = a \$15 Toastmasters Gift Certificate AND an entry into a drawing for a FREE 2011 Spring District 40 Conference registration!

### **Club Award Touchdowns**

If Toastmasters International awards a single Club with the first six DCP points by December 31<sup>st</sup> AND an entry is sent to [d24lget@gmail.com](mailto:d24lget@gmail.com) the Club wins the following prizes:

\$25 worth of refreshments served by a District Officer + we will put the Club name into a drawing for a FREE 2011 Spring District 24 Conference registration!

#### **Distinguished Club Program:**

1. Two CCs
2. Two More CCs
3. One ACB, ACS or ACG
4. One More ACB, ACS or ACG
5. One CL, AL or DTM
6. One More CL, AL or DTM
7. Four New Members
8. Four More New Members
9. Minimum Four Club Officers Trained, Summer & Winter
10. October and April Renewal or Officer Reports Submitted on Time

## ENTRY FORM

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of designations awarded \_\_\_\_\_

Prizes Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you win a Toastmasters badge please see the last item below.)

Ship Prizes to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

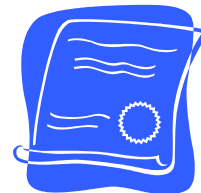
If you win a Toastmasters badge specify:

- 1) How you want your name to appear on your badge,
- 2) Your current - or soon to be (it will take 30 days to get it printed) communication and leadership designations; and
- 3) Whether you would like your badge to be a "pocket" badge, "Magnetic back" badge, or a "Pin-Back" badge. Please click on the link below to see examples from the TI catalog on what these badge types look like.

[Member Achievement Badge \(Pocket\)](#)

[Member Achievement Badge \(Magnetic back\)](#)

[Member Achievement Badge \(Pin-Back\)](#)



## Words from Lt. Governor Marketing - Sheri Wells-Chesley, ACS, ALB

The attendees at the District 24 Fall Conference will have the rare privilege of meeting the newly elected International President, Pat Johnson. This year Johnson's theme is "Achieving Greatness Together." In order to accomplish the theme, District 24 clubs need to focus on helping our members achieve greatness by accomplishing their personal goals and clubs meeting their goals. *If any clubs have not yet submitted their membership renewals please do so as soon as possible since they were due to World Headquarters before October 1.*

As you can see District 24 is serious about "Achieving Greatness Together" as evidenced by all the contests. I too have a football challenge for every club – another **CONTEST!**



### "Super Bowl Challenge" – Membership Building Contest for District 24

- If your club adds at least **five** new, dual, or reinstated members between October 1, 2010 and January 31, 2011 you will receive **\$50** to spend at the Toastmasters International on line store!
- The club who adds the **MOST** new, dual, or reinstated members will receive **\$150** total to spend at the Toastmasters International on line store! (\$50 from above + \$100!)
- Transfer and charter members do not count for credit



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## ★ LGM's GOOD NEWS TO SHARE ★

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### District 24 celebrates the following:

- 1) **ConAgra Foods-Jam-N Toasters** Charter Party was held on September 9, 2010
- 2) **Ameritoasters** Charter Party was held on September 14, 2010 (the TD Ameritrade club)
- 3) **ConAgra Foods-Chatter Platters** Charter Party was held on September 16, 2010
- 4) **NU Toasters** Club has officially chartered and will be celebrating soon with a Charter Party. Please support this new club and try to attend their celebration once a date is established. A special thanks to all the members and leaders who made this possible!
- 5) **College of Saint Mary** held a demonstration meeting on September 15 and looks to charter within the month!

### Call for Sponsors, Mentors and Club Coaches!

Our district has a pipeline of potential club leads and with your help those leads can turn into new clubs! Please contact me to volunteer to be a sponsor or mentor to help charter the new clubs or a coach to help a low member club rebuild to charter strength of 20 members. By volunteering in one of these three roles, you can fulfill one of the requirements you need to achieve your Advanced Leader Silver award. I look forward to everyone "Achieving Greatness Together!"

Sincerely,  
Sheri Wells-Chesley  
Lt. Governor of Marketing  
[sheriwc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheriwc@yahoo.com)

## **SO CLOSE!**

### **Randy Prier, DTM, District Goals Monitor**

We are now well into the new Toastmaster year and progressing nicely on our club and district goals for 2010-11.

But first, a brief look back is in order. We all should congratulate District 24's 13 President's Distinguished, 10 Select Distinguished, and 5 Distinguished Clubs for 2009-10. Those 28 Distinguished or better clubs represented 42% of our baseline total of clubs (66) for the year. That's a higher percentage than we've had in recent memory. However, as good as that was, we could have been even better. Last year we had 10 clubs that were within 2 members and/or 2 goals of achieving Distinguished status. One additional club was within 3 members and 1 goal of being Distinguished. **SO CLOSE!!**

To break it down even further, 6 of those 11 clubs met the membership qualification but were just 1 or 2 goals short. Only one or two additional CCs, ACs, CLs, or ALs would have put them over the top. One other club accomplished all the goals they needed, but missed the membership qualification by just two members. Three other clubs were either one or two members and one goal short. **SO CLOSE!!**

Had all 11 of those clubs qualified for Distinguished, we would have had almost 58% of our clubs Distinguished or better for the year. That's the kind of number that the Top 12 Districts in the world achieved last year! **SO CLOSE!!**

Now, without knowing the individual circumstances of all those "so close" clubs, we can't say how many of them were really trying hard, but came up just short. If that was your situation, congratulations for your hard work and better luck this year. However, the whole purpose for this article is to alert those clubs that may not have realized how close they were and how just a little more effort—one or two more new members or one or two more educational awards—might have gotten them to Distinguished. If that was your situation, make sure you stay on top of your status, and make that little extra effort required this year to bring you the recognition you deserve.

Being Distinguished is not just about "Brownie" points; it's the measurement of performance and standard of excellence that we expect from all Toastmasters clubs!

## ***Educational Awards Abound***

The last report (August Double Dozen) listed 12 individuals who had completed educational achievements. As the first quarter draws to an end, I am happy to report that we have another 34 achievements to celebrate and the quarter is not over yet. A couple of noteworthy items. This year we already have three DTM's!!! LuAnn Anglo, Jean Dier and Floy Westermeier. We also have two Triple Crowns already this year, thank you Floy and Jean! Great Job District 24!! **Is your name on this list? If not, why not?**

Division	Area	Award	Date	Name	Club Name	Club Number
C	20	ACB	9/10/2010	Amaya, Jay Dean	Innovators Toastmasters Club	4362
D	33	ACG	8/16/2010	Binderup, Matt R.	Small Talkers Club	3194
D	32	ACG	8/12/2010	Brewer, Steven W.	Noonshiners Club	4070
E	41	CC	9/14/2010	Dennis, Michelle M.	Tower Talkers Club	7047
C	22	ALS	8/26/2010	Dier, Jean	Fairview Toastmasters Club	4284
C	22	DTM	8/26/2010	Dier, Jean	Fairview Toastmasters Club	4284
C	22	LDREXC	8/1/2010	Dier, Jean	Fairview Toastmasters Club	4284
D	31	CC	9/17/2010	Geiger, Eric O	West Dodgers	1199094
E	42	CC	7/26/2010	Guggisberg-Coners, Heidi	Noon Enthusiasts Club	2102
A	3	ACB	9/3/2010	Hammer, Janice M.	Wayne Club	5546
A	3	ACB	7/29/2010	Hanson, Cynthia A.	Wayne Club	5546
A	3	CC	8/31/2010	Hanson, Cynthia A.	Wayne Club	5546
E	42	ACB	7/26/2010	Hestness, Diane	Noon Enthusiasts Club	2102
E	42	ACS	7/29/2010	Hestness, Richard A.	Noon Enthusiasts Club	2102
E	44	CC	9/1/2010	Kolakowski, Jacqueline	Offutt Toastmasters Club	2393
C	22	CL	8/15/2010	Kolar, Jean J.	Fairview Toastmasters Club	4284
C	23	CC	9/7/2010	Lunders, Chad W.	Capitol Voices Club	1800
E	43	CL	8/31/2010	Manning, Aaron D.	LibORATORS Toastmasters Club	986233
C	22	CC	9/15/2010	Minks, Scott	Club Sandwich	1266707
C	20	ACB	9/12/2010	Niemeier, Rosemary F.	Beatrice Toastmasters Club	5329
E	44	ALB	8/1/2010	Prier, Randy	River City Speakers Club	5779
A	2	CC	9/7/2010	Schmidt, Marlene Alice	TMs at Principal Club	8346
A	3	CC	7/29/2010	Schulz, Nancy E.	Wayne Club	5546
C	22	CC	8/10/2010	Spar, Greg C.	Fairview Toastmasters Club	4284
E	41	CC	9/14/2010	Totten, Mindy	Tower Talkers Club	7047
D	31	CC	8/28/2010	Volz, George B.	Tally Ho Club	1826
D	33	CC	8/7/2010	Wells-Chesley, Sheri M	Small Talkers Club	3194
E	42	ACG	8/28/2010	Westermeier, Floy C.	Greater Communicators	2114
E	42	ALS	9/3/2010	Westermeier, Floy C.	Greater Communicators	2114
E	42	DTM	9/3/2010	Westermeier, Floy C.	Greater Communicators	2114
E	42	LDREXC	8/1/2010	Westermeier, Floy C.	Greater Communicators	2114
D	32	ACB	8/12/2010	Whitmer, Don A	Businessmens Club	281
D	31	CC	8/13/2010	Wieger, Michael A	Club Fed Club	651085
E	40	CL	8/25/2010	Woodard, Angel E.	SUN! (Speak Up Now!)	1372078

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS The abilities to speak effectively, listen carefully, and think critically are among the most valuable talents a person can develop; and

WHEREAS The development of leadership abilities in men and women is of great value to our democratic society and the free enterprise system; and

WHEREAS Toastmasters International is a non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization, dedicated to providing the opportunity for developing these talents in its membership and in their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS Seventy-three Toastmasters clubs in Nebraska make important contributions to the public good through their participation in community and self-development programs;

WHEREFORE, I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO  
HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of October, 2010, as:  
**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL MONTH**  
In Nebraska and urge all citizens to take notice of the observance.

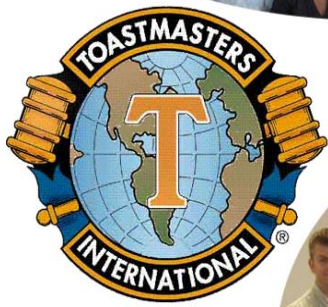




Toastmasters International President Gary Schmidt, DTM presents District 24 with the Distinguished District Award. Receiving the award for District 24 is Elden Plettner, DTM; George Volz, DTM; LuAnn Anglo, DTM; Sheri Wells-Chesley and Amy Holmes. This was presented at the International Conference in Palm Desert, CA on August 12, 2010.



2009-2010 District Governor, Elden Plettner, DTM (left) holds the Distinguished District award received on August 12, 2010 at the International Convention in Palm Desert, CA. 2009-2010 Lt Governor Education and Training, George Volz, DTM (middle) and 2009-2010 Lt Governor Marketing, LuAnn Anglo, DTM (right) display their award for Excellence in each of their respective roles.



Top - ConAgra - Jam and Toasters; Middle - ConAgra Chatter Platters; Bottom - Ameritoasters

**Congratulations to Jam and Toasters, Chatter Platters and Ameritoasters on their Charter Parties.**

## Facing Our Fear

While shopping recently someone asked me what I'd been doing. I mentioned my weekly visits to our local state prison and my questioner's eyebrows went up – almost to her widow's peak!

She leaned in toward me and lowered her voice. In a near whisper she asked, "Aren't you AFRAID out there?"

I giggled and assured her there was nothing to fear. My very first visit may have been a bit intimidating but after four years, I know the drill. I know what to wear and what not to wear. I know not to bring anything with me. I know there will be a pat search and it is not to be worrisome IF you do not carry contraband in with you. And of course, I do not.

Visiting and helping with a Toastmasters club is a privilege and I would never violate that.

I've learned to tie my hair up with rubber bands so the scanner will not make a beeping noise; I know enough to empty my pockets and to leave my car keys in the locker that's provided for my use. I understand that it's a good idea to walk beside our Officer Escort.

The warm welcome I am sure to receive when I get to the Educational unit and the classroom where our meeting will be held is worth the waiting, well worth walking the distance of the long, highly polished corridors. And these fellows take pride in their appearance and grooming. Our LibOrators come to the club meeting looking fresh and clean and neat; quite a number of the guys make sure their khaki garb is neatly pressed. They all wear their britches around their waists. *We do not always see that on the street!*

When I see these men who live behind the walls stand before the group; pour out their hearts; and grow exponentially as leaders and speakers, that annoying wait to be escorted and that inconvenient pat search just don't seem to matter. If these fellows are willing to step into leadership positions, I want to witness their development. Seeing these men who are incarcerated demonstrating their willingness to grow and learn and turn their poor choices into good, productive lives, it cheers my heart.

Roosevelt said it best. "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

We only fear that which we do not understand. If fear keeps visitors from our LibOrators Club meetings, it need not. We hope anyone who enjoys learning, listening or leading to get their visitors' paperwork handled and come on any Monday evening for an enjoyable couple of hours' worth of socializing. These meetings are sure to inspire everyone.

Connie Baum  
Volunteer for Toastmasters LibOrators 986233

# DISTRICT 24 FALL CONFERENCE

October 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> (Friday/Saturday)

Columbus, NE

**Early Bird Registration Special**

Now through July 31 - \$75

July 31 - Sept 24 -- \$85 / Sept 25 - Oct 7 -- \$95  
At the Door -- \$100

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International President  
Pat Johnson!



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Toastmaster Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Toastmaster Designation (CC, ALB, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Club # \_\_\_\_\_

Offices currently held:

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your 1st Toastmaster Conference? YES NO (please circle one)

Special dietary considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

