



Double Dozen

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District 24 Newsletter



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From the District Governor—Kathy Henvey, DTM

On the Tenth Month of the Twelve Months of District 24's 2013-2014 year, we have:

APRIL

Due: Clubs – April 10 Dues renewals for Distinguished Club Credit
 Report: Clubs – Results of Talk Up Toastmasters! Membership building contest
 Continue: Club Officers – Monthly Club Executive Meetings
 Continue: Distinguished (Club, Area, Division, District) Programs

Continue: Area Governors – Second Round Club Visits and enter visit results on-line

Plan and Publicize: Divisions – 2014 Spring Speech Contests which are Tall Tales and International Speech Contests*
 Plan and Publicize: 2014 District 24 Spring Conference – April 25-26, 2014, at Holiday Inn@Ameristar, 2202 River Road, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Due: District – April 30 Quarterly Treasurer's Report for period of January 1 through March 31, 2014
 Report to Toastmasters International: District Governor – Elect – Election and appointment results soon after District Conference

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL'S Policy 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility: a revision has been made to raise the minimum from six to eight members required for a club to remain in good standing effective April 1, 2014. What this means is that **beginning with the April 2014 dues renewal, all clubs must have eight members in order to be eligible to renew (three of whom must be renewing their memberships).**

If you believe your club will be in jeopardy as a result of this change, please contact me and request a club coach to help your club recover.

The Nominating Committee has determined the following 2014-2015 district candidates for our District 24 Spring Conference election, scheduled for April 26, 2014, during the Annual District Council Business Meeting:

- District Governor – Shellie Pointer, DTM
- Lieutenant Governor Education and Training – Sunny Faronbi, ACS, ALS
- Lieutenant Governor Marketing – John Paul Arias, DTM; and Marian Gramlich, DTM
- Division A Governor - Open
- Division B Governor – Don Karnish, CC, CL
- Division C Governor – Vivian Hancock, ACB, ALB; and Tammie Lang, ACB, ALB
- Division D Governor – Robert Schapp, ACB, ALB
- Division E Governor – Ayele Atayi, ACB, ALB

Per Toastmasters International Protocol 9.0, regarding District Campaigns and Elections, district candidates shall only send two mailings (email or snail mail), which are only sent to club presidents, club vice presidents of education, and members of the district executive committee:

The first mailing needed to be sent between January 1 and March 31.

The second mailing is sent between the announcement of the district nominating committee results (March 28, 2014) and the district's annual meeting (at the Spring Conference on April 26, 2014).

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From the District Governor (Continued from page 1)

Following Protocol 9.0, District 24 will have a Candidates Corner for all Candidates to display campaign material at the Division Speech Contests; as well as at the 2014 Spring Conference. Candidates may distribute campaign material during these events; however, per Toastmasters International's Guidelines for Candidates and Campaigns, campaign materials may not be placed on walls, chairs or tables, or handed out at educational sessions, meal functions or the district hospitality suite.

Additionally, campaign speeches are not permitted at any area speech contest, division speech contest or other district non-election meeting except the district conference. At the discretion of the area or division governor responsible for the speech contest, candidates present at the contest may be introduced to the audience if all candidates present are introduced.

All candidates in contested races for district office, including floor candidates, will be given an opportunity to speak at the Annual District Council Business Meeting. In District 24's contested races among Trio Members, the candidates will be given 2 minutes to speak; in contested races among Division Governor Members, the candidates will be given 1 minute to speak.

The only hospitality suite permitted at a district conference is the one provided and operated by the district, with no contribution from any candidate. We will have a hospitality suite at the District 24 Spring Conference.

Advertisements by or on behalf of candidates for district office are not permitted in district publications.

***IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR 2014 SPRING SPEECH CONTESTS ONLY:** The Trio, that is, District Governor, Kathy Henvey; Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, Shellie Pointer; and Lieutenant Governor Marketing, Sunny Faronbi, have decided to allow and implement consistently throughout District 24, the Contest Rulebook option of having the 1st and 2nd place winners of the International Speech Contest and Tall Tales Contest (in areas with 4 or fewer clubs) advance to the Area Speech Contest. Then, at the next level, the 1st and 2nd place winners of the Area International Speech Contest and Tall Tales Contest (in Divisions with 4 or fewer areas) would be allowed to advance to the Division Speech Contest.

District 24 Areas which could send only their clubs' 1st place winners to their area contests are:

B11 – with 5 clubs – West O! Toastmasters; Global Domination & Enunciation Club; On Time Delivery; Valmont Toastmasters; Weekend Word Warriors

C20- with 5 clubs – Roadtoasters Club; Innovators Toastmasters Club; Beatrice Toastmasters Club; Southwest Toastmasters Club; R B Auction Talkers

D32 – with 5 clubs – Revellers Club; Noonshiners Club; Blue Ah Busters Club; Club Oradores Toastmasters; Speakers Bureau

E44 – with 5 clubs – Offutt Toastmasters; River City Speakers Club; Shelf Talkers Club; Sarpy County Chamber Toastmasters Club; Royal Babblers Toastmasters Club

The District 24 Division which could send only its areas' 1st place winners to its division contest is:

Division C – with 5 areas.

Since the District has more than 4 Divisions, only the 1st place Division winners would advance to the District Spring Conference.

Finally, I present to you our Latest Marketing Promotion. Please go to the Web Site or click on <http://www.AmberAlertChild.com>, then next go to On-Line Community Newspaper Link, and then go to the Bottom Right Corner of Page 18 to see our Toastmasters International-approved District 24 Advertisement. Current copies of the Community Service Newspaper are green in color, and distributed throughout the Omaha and Bellevue area.

I appreciate all of the hard work you are doing to make this year successful. Let us all continue toward Achieving President's Distinguished!

Respectfully submitted,
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District 24 Governor
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From the Lt. Gov. Education & Training—Shellie Pointer, DTM



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To date there are 25 clubs which have achieved distinguished status or greater; and six more clubs which have met 5 or more Distinguished Club Program goals, but lack membership requirements. Club Officers and Members, please review your Club Success Plans and go on-line at www.toastmasters.org to review your completed goals.

Instructions on how to locate your Club Performance Report:

1. Click on Distinguished Club Program Reports Page (left hand side of home page)
2. Click on Distinguished Performance Reports Dashboard (in red located in middle of page)
3. Scroll down to Region 04, click on District 24
4. On left-hand side, under Performance, click on Club
5. Find your Division, Area, and Club; click on your club name

This report will help you plan on what member will be able to accomplish the goals needed. When we work toward our goals, we become better leaders.

There were six clubs which had all seven officers trained at Round 2 Toastmaster Leadership Institutes (TLIs) or officer training. These clubs will receive a 7 for 7 ribbons for their banners at the District 24 Spring Conference. These clubs are:

Fairview Toastmasters
River City Speakers
Road 2 DTM
Southeast Toastmasters
Speakers Bureau
Why Not Speak

The District 24 Spring Conference will be held on April 25-26, 2014 in Council Bluffs, IA at the Holiday Inn Suites @ Ameristar. Division Tall Tales Contest winners will compete on April 25 and Division International Speech Contest winners will compete on April 26. Please dress more formally for the Saturday night banquet to help celebrate the 65th Anniversary for District 24.

Educational sessions at the Spring conference include:

1. Presentations on “The Fun of Toastmasters”, Achieving Greatness Together”, and “Something to Celebrate” presented by 2011-2012 Toastmasters International President, Michael Notaro
2. Breakout Educational Session on FreeToastHost Training presented by Sandy Yager
3. Breakout Educational Session on Call of the Leader presented by Michal Notaro
4. Breakout Educational Session on How to Pick a Speech Topic by Sheri Wells-Chesley

Colleen Bozarth is our 2014 Spring Conference Chair. Please contact her at colleen.bozarth@nebraskablue.com with your questions or to volunteer at the Spring Conference. Registrations are located on District 24 website, www.d24tm.org.

*We hope to see
you at the
District 24 Spring
Conference on
April 25th and
26th in Council
Bluffs, IA!*

From the Lt. Governor Marketing—Sunny Faronbi ACS, ALS

Fellow District 24 Toastmasters, history tells us that our district has always been one of those with high membership retention rates. With the April 1 deadline for renewals behind us, we have taken a bold step forward towards that tradition. However, we need to step up the pace as we are currently behind with the renewals.

Later this month during the Spring Conference, we will give out the awards for those clubs that renewed by March 15th (*Early Bird Ribbons*). In addition, there are four clubs who met the challenge to add 5 new, dual or reinstated members in February and March. These clubs will be recognized and receive their *Talk Up Toastmasters District Awards* during the Conference.

This month marks the beginning of the new minimum membership requirement from Toastmasters International. Clubs will not be considered in good standing if their membership strength is less than 8. Let's all help to get the word out for our low-member clubs. We can help by inviting guests to their meetings, so we can turn them into members. For members of these clubs, the *No Club Left Behind* incentive provides motivation to help in this area.

Finally, we have a few potential clubs in the works, and I hope to be able to break the good news to you in next month's *Double Dozen*.

The finish line is visible, and within reach. With all hands on deck, we can make District 24 a Distinguished District by June 30th.



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Area C20 Speech Contest

Area C20 Speech Contest, held March 24, 2014 at the Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln, hosted by the Innovators Toastmasters Club. Dignitaries pictured in the group photo include Nebraska Senator Al Davis and his wife; District 24 Governor, Kathy Henvey; Lieutenant Governor Education & Training, Shellie Pointer; Past District Governors Jolene Boshart and Gene Deyoe; Contest Chair, Joyce Keel; Contest Toastmaster, Marilyn Champoux; Innovators Toastmasters Club Liaison, Phil Rooney and his wife, Karen; and members of the Innovators Toastmasters Club and other Lincoln Toastmasters Clubs. Special thanks to Amy Whitfield, Nebraska State Penitentiary Club Counselor, for providing the photos; and to the Innovators Toastmasters Club for hosting a great Area C20 Speech Contest!



Above Left: Tall Tales 1st place speaker Antonio Banks pictured with Marilyn Champoux



Above Right: International Speech Contest First Place Winner Vinson Champ pictured with Marilyn Champoux



Bottom Right: International Speech Contest Second Place Winner John Coffey pictured with Marilyn Champoux

Division E Contest Photos



Left: International Contest Speech Contestants (pictured L-R) Debra Morgan-Chale, Anthony Armstrong, LuAnn Anglo, and Stephen Houston.

Below Left: Second Place International Speech Contest Stephan Houston pictured between LGET Shellie Pointer and Division E Governor Tim Johnson.

Below Right: First Place International Speech Contest LuAnn Anglo pictured between LGET Shellie Pointer and Division E Governor Tim Johnson.



Right: Tall Tales Speech Contest Contestants (pictured L-R) Randy Prier, Megan Jo Paulson, David Splonskowski, Morgan Muller, Debra Morton-Chale, and Jeremy Franks.

Below Left: First Place Tall Tales Speech Contest Randy Prier pictured between LGET Shellie Pointer and Division E Governor Tim Johnson

Below Right: Second Place Tall Tales Speech Contest Jeremy Franks pictured between LGET Shellie Pointer and Division E Governor Tim Johnson



DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTER

It is the ultimate educational achievement in Toastmasters. But those who have earned it realize that like any other worthwhile achievement it is not so much the medallion or the plaque or even the title—DTM--that counts. Rather it is the journey to get there that matters the most. For the things you must do to earn a DTM cause you to stretch, to grow, to challenge yourself and become a more capable person.

Beyond that, many of the things you must do to become a DTM involve helping your club, your district and other Toastmasters grow and become more skilled. It's a "win-win" proposition!

Have you taken on the challenge of becoming a Distinguished Toastmaster? Would you like to have the help of others who have been down that path before or who are themselves pursuing the prize? Well you'll be glad to know that the counseling, advice and assistance you need is there for the asking.

The new "Road 2 DTM" Club was specifically designed to help District 24 Toastmasters achieve their goal of becoming a DTM. What's that you say? You don't really have the time or the resources to join another club? Well, although the club certainly welcomes persons who are already members of another club to join "Road 2 DTM", you don't have to be a member to take advantage of the experience and expertise we offer.

Perhaps your home club schedule is crowded and you need someplace to give one of those longer Advanced Communicator speeches or Advanced Leader presentations. Do you wonder what a Success Leadership program is all about, or would you like to talk to someone who's done a High Performance Leadership project to find out what's really involved and how you might approach it? Maybe you simply just want to talk to or observe more experienced Toastmasters in action.

Whether your need is temporary or on a longer-term basis, all you have to do is ask. Check out our website at www.road2dtmclub.toastmastersclubs.org. Alternately you may contact "Road 2 DTM" President Keith Jones (keith.jones.tm@gmail.com), VPE Marian Gramlich (marian.d24tm@gmail.com), VPM Floy Westermeier (westerm9@msn.com), or VPPR Randy Prier (randyprier20@gmail.com).

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Facebook [page](#)! Follow
District 24's [Twitter account](#)
at D24TM!
Join our group on [LinkedIn!](#)
Check out District 24 photos
at our Flickr [site](#)! Check out
District 24's [website](#)!

Coming Soon: District 24's
YouTube channel!

<http://www.d24tm.org>

Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. Our membership is 292,000 strong. These members improve their speaking and leadership skills by attending one of the 14,350 clubs in 122 countries that make up our global network of meeting locations.

Toastmasters International is comprised of 14 regions which are further divided into nearly 90 Districts. District 24 is part of Region IV, which includes the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota in United States and the provinces of Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan in Canada. The boundary of District 24 is as follows: The State of Nebraska, less the western panhandle area, which starts at the western boundary of Keith County and follows north along the western boundaries of Arthur, Grant, and Cherry Counties ending at the South Dakota border, plus the western portion of Pottawattamie County, west of Highway 59, less Dakota County in Nebraska.

Membership in Toastmasters is one of the greatest investments you can make in yourself. At \$36 every six months, it is also one of the most cost-effective skill-building tools available anywhere.

How Does It Work?

A Toastmasters meeting is a learn-by-doing workshop in which participants hone their speaking and leadership skills in a no-pressure atmosphere.

There is no instructor in a Toastmasters meeting. Instead, members evaluate one another's presentations. This feedback process is a key part of the program's success.

Meeting participants also give impromptu talks on assigned topics, conduct meetings and develop skills related to timekeeping, grammar and parliamentary procedure.

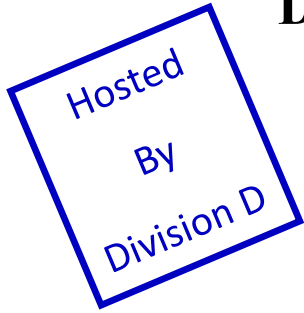
How Can I Find a Club to Visit?

Go to <http://reports.toastmasters.org/findaclub/> to find a meeting location, date, and time that will work for you!



A few Omaha folks caravanned out to Gibbon, NE to help with the Area A1 Speech Contest on Saturday, March 29. Behind the Toastmasters is the reason for the picture – a statue of a large buffalo at the Gibbon High School.

Pictured L to R: Meg Bar (Area Governor), Don Karnish (District 24 Secretary), Amy Schapp (President of Rail Talkers Toastmasters Club), BC Clark (member of Small Talkers Toastmasters Club), Vicki Workman (member of Realtalkers Toastmasters Club), Pam Hogan (member of Small Talkers Toastmasters Club), and Sheri Wells-Chesley (Immediate Past District Governor). Sheri is holding Lee Meents' rescue dog who was too cute to be left out of the photo!



District 24—Spring Conference 2014

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Michael Notaro, DTM

2011-12 International President



2014 Spring Conference Chair:

Colleen Bozarth, DTM

(402) 319-9055

Colleen.bozarth@nebraskablue.com

There Will Be Online Registration

For more information
go to District 24's website:
www.d24tm.org



Save The Date!

April 25—Evening

April 26—All Day

Holiday Inn & Suites @ Ameristar

2202 River Road

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

PH: 712-322-5050

www.holidayinn.com/councilbluffs

Hotel rooms are NOT included in pricing.

Block Name: District 24 Toastmasters
Deadline special rate is April 1st
Special rate is \$99.95 plus tax per night.

PART A – Registration

Meals and Hotel are NOT included in the registration fee.

Please register for your meal selections in Part B.

If you pay for a Club Registration please submit names of attendees online.

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| \$100 Club Registration – Before 2/28/2014 | Club Name: _____ |
| \$125 Club Registration – After 3/01/2014 | Club Name: _____ |
| \$150 Club Registration – After 4/01/2014 | Club Name: _____ |
| \$ 25 Individual Registration – Before 2/28/2014 | Name: _____ |
| \$ 35 Individual Registration – After 3/01/2014 | Name: _____ |
| \$ 45 Individual Registration – After 4/01/2014 | Name: _____ |

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Educ. Designation _____

Club _____

First Conference? YES NO

PART B – Food

Meals are paid for by each individual attending the conference.

Food reservations must be made before 4/10/2014.

- \$13 Friday night appetizers
- \$10 Saturday continental breakfast
- \$15 Saturday lunch
- \$30 Saturday Banquet – Circle One: Chicken – Beef – Vegetarian

_____ Total

**Make checks payable to:
District 24 Toastmasters**

**Mail registration and payment to:
Rebecca Fegan
District 24 Treasurer
2806 Angie Dr.
Bellevue, NE 68005-2802**

District 24 Toastmasters

Where Leaders Are Made



Spring Conference

Holiday Inn@Ameristar

Council Bluffs, IA



THE FUN OF TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters educational program seamlessly integrates fun and professional development. In his opening talk, Michael will share the unexpected twists, humorous turns and life changing moments of serving as International President. Learn why play is serious business as Michael challenges Toastmasters to have fun stretching to achieve educational goals.

ACHIEVING GREATNESS TOGETHER

Greatness is competence, superior skill, and notable excellence. While greatness is easy to recognize, the pathway to *becoming* great is less certain. Most of us need a system, method or process to grow our untapped potential and realize capabilities. Toastmasters International is *the system* to realize your potential and achieve personal greatness. The fast route to achievement is found in T-E-A-M (Together Everyone Achieves More). Learn how to leverage the wealth of the Toastmasters community to motivate yourself and others to reach for the best in life

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Celebration increases confidence, improves performance, reduces stress and improves team performance. Learn to celebrate your Toastmaster successes every day. Whether it is an ice breaker speech or a DTM, every triumph merits fervent recognition. Learn to count your blessings and recall your achievements. Successful leaders know the value of building pride, passion and power through spontaneous celebration. In the high energy closing session, join District 24 leaders past, present, future as we celebrate success!

Friday, April 25

4:00 p.m.	Registration Opens & Credentials Table Opens
5:00 p.m.	Silent Auction & Raffle Opens—General Dodge Room
5:30 p.m.	Appetizers and Cash Bar Opens—Heartland Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	District Governor, Kathy Henvey, DTM, presents Welcoming and Opening Comments-Heartland Ballroom
6:15 p.m.	Michael Notaro presents “The Fun of Toastmasters” - Heartland Ballroom
6:30 p.m.	Contestant Briefing & Contest Officials Briefing
7:00 p.m.	Tall Tales Contest & Announcement of Winners—Heartland Ballroom
9:00 p.m.	Dance—Music provided by Ground Zero Band—Heartland Ballroom

Saturday, April 26

7:00 a.m.	Registration and Credentials Table Opens Breakfast Buffet—Heartland Ballroom
7:55 a.m.	Credentials Table Closes
8:00 a.m.	First Timers Orientation—Louis & Clark Room
8:00 a.m.	Business Meeting—Heartland Ballroom
9:30 a.m.	Break—Registration Open
9:45 a.m.	Opening Ceremony and Parade of Club Banners—Heartland Ballroom
10:30 a.m.	Plenary Session – Michael Notaro presents “Achieving Greatness Together”-Heartland Ballroom
11:30 a.m.	Lunch—Heartland Ballroom Communication & Leadership Achievement Award—Gina Larson Circle of Honor Award—John Adair
12:45 p.m.	Break
1:00 p.m.	Breakout Educational Session #1 – <u>Free ToastHost Training</u> – Sandy Yager—One section of Heartland Ballroom - Bring your laptop, website user name and password Breakout Educational Session #2 – <u>Call of the Leader</u> - Michael Notaro—Louis & Clark Room Breakout Educational Session #3 – <u>How To Pick a Speech Topic</u> – Sheri Wells-Chesley—One section of Heartland Ballroom
2:00 p.m.	Break Contestant Briefing & Contest Officials Briefing
2:30 p.m.	International Contest & Announcement of Winners—Heartland Ballroom
3:30 p.m.	Break
3:45 p.m.	DTM Ceremony—Heartland Ballroom
4:30 p.m.	Networking & Time to Place Your Final Bids in Silent Auction & Buy Raffle Tickets – General Dodge Room
4:45 p.m.	Silent Auction Closes & Raffle Tickets Sales End
5:00 p.m.	Dinner—Auditorium Keynote Speaker – Michael Notaro presents “Achievement and Recognition” Michael Notaro, DTM Inducts District 24 Trio-Elect and Division Governors’-Elect District Governor-Elect Speech Announce Winners of Silent Auction & Raffle Conference Chair, Colleen Bozarth, DTM, Recognizes Spring Conference Committee • Closing Remarks by District Governor, Kathy Henvey, DTM
Save the Date!	2014 Fall Conference on October 10-12 Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests

Please note: Per Toastmasters International’s photo release guidelines, your presence at the District 24 Spring Conference acknowledges your consent and authorization for District 24 to copyright, use and publish any of the images in any format taken of you during conference activities. These images may be used for a variety of purposes and may appear on the District 24 website, in the Toastmasters magazine, promotional materials or any other media now known or to be invented; but can be used exclusively for Toastmasters-related purposes and not for any commercial gain. Since anyone can download an image from the Internet or make copies from printed materials, you also agree that Toastmasters International is not responsible for unauthorized use of the images; you are not entitled to any compensation; and the images may appear with or without your name or your club’s name.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING PROXY FORM



District Number: _____

District Council Meeting Date: _____

At the district council business meeting, each club president and vice president education in attendance is entitled to one vote. However, if either or both officers cannot attend, they may designate, in writing, any other active member of their club to act as a proxy or proxies for their club. (Use the form below.) No other proxies are valid at this meeting, per [Article X: Council Meetings, Quorum, Proxies, and Voting \(a\) Proxies of the District Administrative Bylaws](#).

In the event one of these officers does not attend the meeting and has not designated in writing an active member of the club to act as his or her proxy, the officer or proxy holder in attendance is deemed to hold the proxy of the other, and may therefore cast two votes at the meeting. This assures that every club is represented by two votes.

In addition, each district officer, including area governors, in attendance is entitled to one vote. Only district executive committee members carrying both credential or proxy certificates from their club are allowed three votes. All other members are limited to a maximum of two votes each.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND

Date: _____

Club name: _____

Club number: _____

Your name: _____

Officer position: _____

Club president or vice president education: indicate your duly authorized proxy below (must be an active member of your club).

Name: _____

Date: _____

This form must be submitted to the Credentials Desk at the District _____ Conference to obtain ballot(s).