



Double Dozen

March 2013

District 24 Newsletter

From the District Governor—Kathy Henvey, DTM

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

MARCH

Continue: Talk Up Toastmasters! membership-building contest, which ends March 31, 2014
Continue: Clubs – Sending renewal dues statements to members; begin submitting renewal dues payments on-line

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

Publish: District Governor – Call for 2014-2015 District Candidates – deadline is March 12, 2014, see below and attached forms*

Submit: Nominating Committee – to District Governor by March 14, 2014, the report of 2014-2015 District Candidates

Publish: District Governor – to District Council (District Leaders, Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education) by March 28, 2014, the Nominating Committee's report of 2014-2015 District Candidates; include Proxy Forms to Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education

Plan and Publicize: Areas and 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

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.

***THIS IS AN OFFICIAL CALL FOR 2014-2015 CANDIDATES IN DISTRICT 24!** At our District 24 Spring Conference, scheduled for April 25-26, 2014, during the Business Meeting, the following leaders will be elected:

- District Governor
- Lieutenant Governor Education and Training
- Lieutenant Governor Marketing
- Division A Governor
- Division B Governor
- Division C Governor
- Division D Governor
- Division E Governor

If you are interested in running for one of these offices, or would like to nominate a member for one of these offices, please see the attached at the end of the Double Dozen, Call for Nominations form, describing the requirements for the offices; then send to me, the attached at the end of the Double Dozen, District Leader Nomination form, at kathyhenvey@gmail.com or mail to my home at:

Kathy Henvey
601 South 50th Ave
Omaha, NE 68106

The other District Leader offices: Area Governor, Public Relations Officer, Treasurer and Secretary, are appointed by the 2014-2015 District Governor.

Per Toastmasters International Protocol 9.0, District 24 will have a Candidates Corner for all Candidates at TLIs and Area and Division Speech Contests; as well as at the 2014 Spring Conference. No candidates material may be displayed anywhere other than the Candidates Corner.



District 24 Governor
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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 is 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).

Toastmasters International requires that any candidate running for and/or holding office, whether elected or appointed, agrees to and signs the Officer Agreement and Release Statement, which is attached at the end of the Double Dozen. Please submit your signed form to District Governor, Kathy Henvey, at kathyhenvey@gmail.com or mail to:

Kathy Henvey

601 South 50th Avenue

Omaha, NE 68106-1406

Additionally, per Toastmasters International website, 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.

Although Toastmasters International states: "All candidates in contested races for district office, including floor candidates, may be allowed to speak at the district conference at a time other than during the district's annual business meeting. These campaign speeches must be given at an appropriate time and place, and be of an appropriate length, as identified by the district governor, provided that all candidates are given an equal opportunity and are properly notified;" District 24 chooses to limit the contested races' campaign speeches to 2 minutes during the district's annual business meeting at the Spring Conference.

All candidates are allowed to give educational presentations at district conferences, provided the presentations conform to the needs of the district, and provided that all candidates for the same office are given an equal opportunity.

The only hospitality suite permitted at a district conference is the one provided and operated by the district, with no contribution from any candidate. The provision of a hospitality suite is, however, at the discretion of the district governor.

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

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the 2014-2015 Call for Candidates.

****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 – Revelliers 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 area.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Henvey, DTM

District 24 Governor

402-650-1579

From the Lt. Gov. Education & Training—Shellie Pointer, DTM



Lieutenant Governor
Education & Training
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The Spring Conference is fast approaching. If you haven't registered, it's not too late! We are having a band perform on Friday evening after the Tall Tales Contest. The band, Ground Zero, will be playing from 9:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight.

Saturday evening for the dinner banquet the dress attire is more formal. You don't have to wear gowns and tuxes, but dress clothing, such as dress slacks, dresses, skirts, etc. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Now, more than ever, is the time to be focusing on members, Distinguished Club Program (DCP) goals, and reaching President's Distinguished.

We have a new incentive for the clubs that have less than eight members, Kearney Toastmasters, Wayne Club, Valmont, First Tier, and NU Toasters. The clubs who recruit eight or more members by April 15th will receive a free club membership to the 2014 Fall Conference and the Toastmaster who sponsors the most members in that club will receive a free motel room at this conference.

Don't forget about the other two incentives pertaining to education and training: Go Outside Your Club and Above and Beyond Challenge. Go Outside Your Club is for individuals who visit other club meetings you don't belong to, participate in other club meetings or attend district functions. Each Toastmaster will receive some sort of a gift, depending on how many points are acquired. Above and Beyond Challenge is for clubs that earn a minimum of 2000 points over and above the DCP minimums. These clubs will receive a ribbon for their club banner, recognition in the District Newsletter, on the Website, and at the Conference. The top place Club will also receive \$100 in TI gift certificates and a Pizza Party for their club with the Trio.

Club Officers, please prepare for your Area Governor Club Visit. They will be contacting you if they already have not done so, to arrange a time to visit your club. Have the information ready for them such as: Toastmasters will be receiving an award by a certain date, club success plan, branding on agendas, club banner displayed, what the district can do to help your club, etc.

Good luck to all of the contestants for the Area Contests!!!!!!

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



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

Fellow District 24 Toastmasters, I have some good news to share this month, but let's wait a few moments for that.

Although the next round of membership renewals are due to World Headquarters by April 1st, online access have been available since February 28. Please take advantage of this opportunity to submit your dues on time. In District 24, we have a few incentives to help motivate early submittal of renewals.

The first is the *Early Bird Award Ribbon*, which goes to clubs that renew and are in good standing according to Toastmasters International records by March 15, 2014. The other is the *Early Distinguished Award* for clubs that achieve distinguished status by April 15, 2014. A reminder on this award was sent out to all members earlier this month.

Remember also that effective April 1st, the new minimum membership requirement from Toastmasters International is 8. With our *No Club Left Behind* incentive, we're ensuring that every club is able to meet this minimum goal for its membership strength.

Furthermore, this is the 2nd month of *Talk Up Toastmasters*. Clubs adding 5 or more new, dual or reinstated members from February 1 to March 31, 2014 will get a ribbon and 10% discount on all purchases from Toastmasters International. In

addition, District 24 will give \$50 in Toastmasters Gift Certificates to each club that meets the criteria.

There are a lot more incentives for you and your club to take advantage of between now and June. The complete list can be accessed [here](#).

And now, finally the good news! We chartered our first new club this year. We extend a warm welcome to the new members of the *Building A Voice Toastmasters Club*. It's a corporate club that meets at one of the Kiewit Corporation offices in Omaha. Please take some time to pay them a visit during their weekly meetings. The club meets on Mondays at noon.

We have a few more potential clubs in the pipeline, and we hope to see them be realized soon. Please keep up the good work as we set our sights on finishing strong for this year.



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There is an *Early Distinguished Award* for clubs that achieve distinguished status by April 15, 2014. The award is \$50 in Toastmasters Gift Certificates.

Free ToastHost Training at the Spring Conference

Sandy Yager, ACS, ALB will be leading a breakout session on FreeToastHost at the District 24 Spring Conference. She encourages all Vice President Public Relations to attend her training along with any volunteer club webmasters and any potential VPPRs. Sandy will be explaining the ins and outs of FreeToastHost and asks all interested in attending her training to come prepared with a laptop and admin passwords for their home club's website.

DIVISION A IS LOOKING FOR HELP WITH AREA CONTESTS!

AREA 1 CONTESTS:

March 29nd at American Legion, Gibbon, NE

Breakfast at 9 a.m.

Briefing at 9:30 a.m.

Contests begin at 10 a.m.

Contact Sandy Yager, ACS, ALB for

more information

sandy19852010@gmail.com



AREA 2 & 3 CONTESTS:

March 22nd at Columbus Hy-Vee

Breakfast at 9 a.m.

Briefing at 9:30 a.m.

Contests begin at 10 a.m.

Contact Barb Gay, ATMB, ALB for more

information

bjgay@megavision.com

District Leader Vouchers... you know, bean counter stuff

- If you spent money and want to be reimbursed, we need supporting documents such as receipts.
- If you traveled and want to be reimbursed, we need mileage. If you include a google map, make sure it has the mileage on it not just the directions. (And yes, I have gotten some maps that don't give me the mileage.)
- Do NOT include any information other than what you expect to be paid for. I have received vouchers where the District Leader "considerately" included all the trips made for DEC/DOT and TLI, and then indicated which ones had been paid. THIS DOES NOT HELP! I am old; I get easily confused.
- Turn in your vouchers NO LATER than 30 days after your expense was incurred. There is nothing quite like trying to enter expenses incurred 2 months after the books have been closed. I try to close the books as soon as I get the District Reserve account letter, about the 2nd week of the month. So, the books for Everything before January are Closed. If you incurred an expense in November, Why did you Wait this long to get your money back!!!!
- Be specific as to what the money or the travel was for. Food expense? No. Food expense for TLI? Yes. Travel expense? No. Travel expense to TLI? Yes. See?
- Feeling generous? don't want to be reimbursed? We budget for these items. If you don't want to be reimbursed, remember that the person that has your office the next year, or the person that offers to purchase items for the district next year may want to be. If you don't ask for money this year, we don't know how to budget for next year. If you truly don't want the money, donate it to your club, or back to the District.

Tearing my hair out, biting my nails, and going through a mountain of erasers,

Rebecca Fegan, District 24 Treasurer

Division C Brainstorming Session by Jonathan Gardner, DTM

Dateline: Saturday, February 1, 2014. Toastmasters in Division C met to discuss growing membership in the Division, led by Division C Governor Ron Snyder, who believed that when it came to the issue of membership, “We have the power in this room to write a book.” The session also drew such dignitaries as Area C21 Governor Kim Kuhle, Area C23 Governor Vivian Hancock, and Past District Governor Jo Boshart. After general discussion in small groups, the session divided into three groups to focus on specific issues, and reconvened to report their results.

Ideas that arose as a result of the session included:

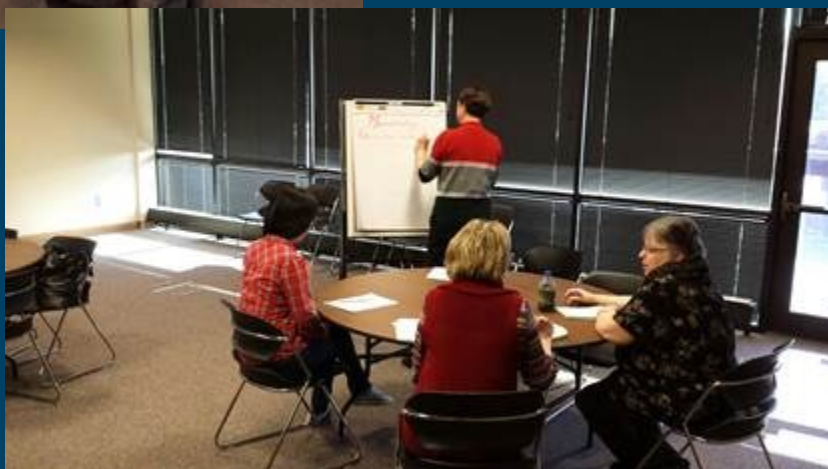
- Run advertisements at movie theaters before movies are shown
- Have goals for membership set by club officers and the “membership team” – those members in the club who are excited about membership; then have the membership team work with members in the club to tailor invitations to prospective club guests
- Hold contests/offer rewards for bringing in new members
- Seek appearances on local media outlets by eloquent Toastmasters
- Create a Toastmasters video to run on local television and YouTube
- Send invitations to people and businesses and follow-up on the invitation
- Win over human resources departments at companies
- Mix things up at stagnant clubs with, for example, a guest speaker
- Make the meeting a guest attends awesome



Top Left: Division C Governor Ron Snyder leads the brainstorming session.



Bottom Right: Area C21 Governor Kim Kuhle gathers ideas from her group consisting of, from left to right, Vicky Ma (Southeast Toasters), Linda Wilson (Roadtoasters and Strictly Speaking), and Joyce Keel (Star City, Southeast Toasters, and Strictly Speaking)



Displaying Banner Bling

If you need help attaching the bling to your banner, this article is for you. You can discard the safety pins and needles because these instructions require no sewing. Yes, NO sewing!

Purchase two packages of 18" white Velcro® Sticky Back™ from your local fabric store. Be sure to purchase the sticky back version of Velcro® to avoid any need of needles or dreaded sewing.

Banner

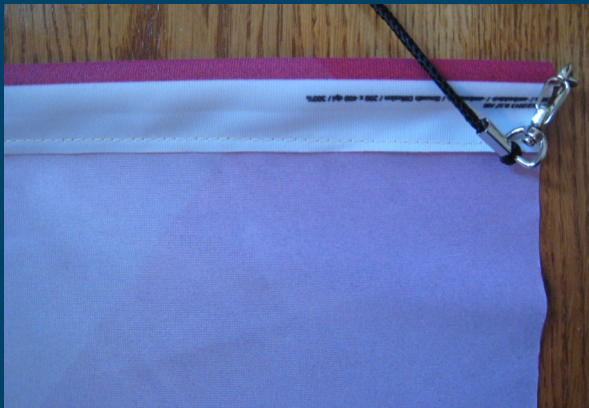
1. Lay your banner on a flat surface with back side (no print) facing up.
2. Separate the Velcro® strips (there is a rough "comb" side and a soft "fuzzy" side).
3. Remove the protective plastic strip from the rough "comb" side exposing the adhesive.
4. Press the rough "comb" adhesive side to the back of the banner as close to the top as possible, but where it cannot be seen.
5. Let sit for 24 hours

Bling (ribbons)

1. Lay your ribbon on a flat surface with back side (no print) facing up.
2. Remove the protective plastic strip from the soft "fuzzy" side exposing the adhesive.
3. Press the soft "fuzzy" adhesive side to the back of the ribbon as close to the top as possible, but where it cannot be seen.
4. Let sit for 24 hours.

Now your club's hard-earned ribbons are ready to hang from the top of your banner. Take advantage of rearranging your ribbons at will, especially if you want the colors to be placed "just right" or in chronological order! Be proud of your club and have fun displaying your banner bling during the 2014 Spring Conference!

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Albin Gramlich, DTM



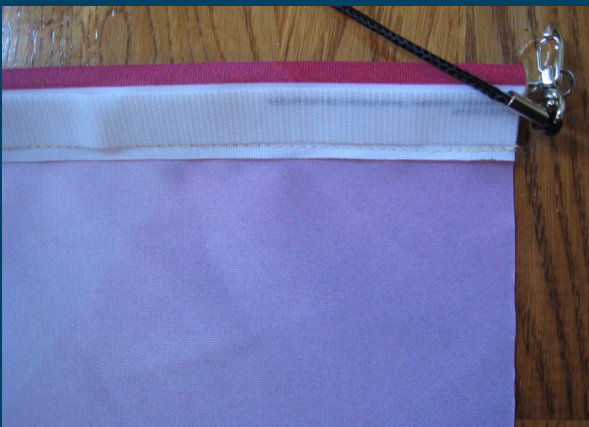
Top Left: Banner before Velcro

Bottom Left: Banner after Velcro attached.



Top Right: Back of Ribbon with Velcro attached.

Bottom Right: Completed Banner.



REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Toastmasters provides an opportunity (A Toastmasters International Leadership Development Program) for members to develop leadership skills by carrying out a project that requires planning and follow through. The program is commonly known as the High Performance Leadership Project (HPLP)

Karen Watson, ACS/ALB, (member of Club 2747 Capital City, Lincoln, NE) is currently initiating her HPLP which will be:

“To contribute to the M.A.D. DADS”
(a nationally recognized organization)

The mission of M.A.D. DADS is to bring about positive change by seeking out, encouraging, motivating, and guiding committed people in the struggle to save children, communities and themselves from the social ills that plague neighborhoods.

Karen has met with the Rev. Don Coleman, Executive Director of M.A.D. DADS, to arrange for a Bike Safety Program (BSP). Successful completion of this HPLP will benefit:

- the organization M.A.D. DADS (publicity, goodwill networking, and monetary donations)
- the citizens of Lancaster County, NE (reduced bike/vehicle crashes)
- the elementary school children (increased safety while riding bikes)
- the businesses/individuals who endorse the effort of this project (goodwill networking)

The BSP will take place the morning of Saturday June 7, 2014 at the office location of M.A.D. DADS, 5610 Seward Avenue, Lincoln, NE. The agenda for the BSP includes lots of education and participation for the children! Adults will be needed who can ‘chair’ the following committees of the BSP including:

- Bike safety check (physical examination of bicycles)
- Bike helmet education (instruction on proper wearing)
- Education of bike laws (education on safe cycling)
- Education on safe cycling w/ bike course for children to navigate
- ‘Hospitality table’
- Cheer and encourage participants

Several individuals will be needed to make the BSP/HPLP a success. Please consider to be a part of the BSP! For more information, please contact:

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KarenWatsonLincolng@gmail.com

Questions? Comments?
Want to help with the
Double Dozen? Contact
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Be sure and "Like" our
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!



Pictured are: Kathy Henvey, Sunny Faronbi, CEO Dan Rex, Shellie Pointer, and Region 4 Advisor Monique Levesque-Pharoah at the District Leader Mid-Year Training in Dallas.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

DISTRICT LEADER QUALIFICATIONS



DISTRICT PURPOSE

The purpose of this district is to enhance the quality and performance and extend the network of the member clubs of Toastmasters International within the boundaries of this district, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by:

- ▶ Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the district educational and membership goals.
- ▶ Ensuring that each club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its individual members.
- ▶ Providing effective training and leadership-development opportunities for club and district officers.

DISTRICT MISSION

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL MISSION

We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Service and Excellence.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL ENVISIONED FUTURE

To be the first-choice provider of dynamic, high-value, experiential communication and leadership skills development.

ELECTED LEADER POSITIONS

All positions must be held by a member in good standing of a Toastmasters club in good standing. The qualifications of each elected leader follows:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

As the district's chief executive officer, direct the district in a way which fosters strong clubs; produce maximum growth in education completions, club and membership; and be consistent with the interests of members of Toastmasters International. Motivate the district to achieve Distinguished recognition. Achieve the mission of the district in a manner which motivates volunteer leaders and promotes a standard of excellence in all district activities.

Qualifications

At the time of taking office, the district governor must have served at least six consecutive months as a club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a lieutenant governor or division governor or a combination thereof.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Under the guidance of the district governor, strive to have every club and each member reap the benefits of Toastmasters and to have every club become Distinguished. Provide direction and counsel to division governors, area governors, and club officers on the educational opportunities in Toastmasters. Design and conduct successful district training programs, conferences, and other district educational events.

Qualifications

At the time of taking office, the lieutenant governor education and training must have served at least six consecutive months as a club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a lieutenant governor, division governor, area governor, or a combination thereof.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MARKETING

Under guidance of the district governor, make the benefits of Toastmasters membership available to greater numbers of people. Plan, develop, implement, and direct district marketing objectives. Develop and direct programs for new club development, club rescue efforts, club membership promotion, and membership retention. Achieve Distinguished District goals for membership and club growth. Promote standards of service to the member and to the club.

Qualifications

At the time of taking office, the lieutenant governor marketing must have served at least six consecutive months as a club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a lieutenant governor, division governor, an area governor, or a combination thereof.

DIVISION GOVERNOR

Achieve the mission of the district within the division, accomplishing district goals in membership building and retention, club extension, and educational accomplishments. Ensure that each club realizes its mission and fulfills its responsibilities to its members. Achieve Distinguished Division Program goals and ensure that areas and clubs within the division achieve Distinguished recognition. Serve the division clubs by providing district support and resources through the area governors.

Qualifications

At the time of taking office, a division governor must have served at least six consecutive months as a member of a district council (e.g., club president, vice president education, area governor, district secretary, or district treasurer).



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

DISTRICT LEADER QUALIFICATIONS

OTHER POSITIONS

The following positions are either elected or appointed by the district governor:

AREA GOVERNOR

Provide district contact, support, and assistance to the club so that it may achieve the club mission and fulfill its responsibilities to its members. Help clubs by keeping regular contact with club presidents in the area and by visiting each club twice during the year. Achieve Distinguished Area Program goals and ensure that each area club is Distinguished.

Qualifications

At the time of taking office, insofar as practicable, an area governor should have served as a member of a district council (e.g., club president, vice president education, or district officer).

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Work under the direction of the district governor. Help maintain communication between the district and its members, and work to increase public awareness of Toastmasters International through the media. Prepare a public relations program designed to achieve goals for membership growth, club growth, and educational achievements in clubs and achievement in the Distinguished Club Program. Promote district conferences and leadership training opportunities within the district.

Qualifications

At the time of taking office, the public relations officer serves in a staff position under the direction of the district governor, and should possess experience in and core understanding of public relations.

TREASURER

Establish and maintain effective fiscal management of the district. Promote the growth of Toastmasters by providing sound fiscal guidance to the district. Produce monthly reports reflecting the district's financial status, and ensure that expenditures remain within the budget approved by the district council. Ensure that the district maintains the financial controls established by Toastmasters International.

Qualifications

At the time of taking office, the treasurer should have accounting experience and understand basic bookkeeping practices.

SECRETARY

Help the district function effectively and achieve its mission by recording and maintaining accurate minutes of district council, executive committee, and other meetings. Serve as custodian of the District Administrative Bylaws and policies.

Qualifications

At the time of taking office, the secretary should be a reliable, prompt, well-organized Toastmaster who can accurately record meeting actions, has access to a personal computer and is able to reproduce materials.

If you or if someone you know of would like to serve in one of these positions, please submit his or her name to the district governor.

DISTRICT LEADER NOMINATING FORM



Are you interested in nominating yourself or someone else for a district leader position? Please complete the form below and submit it to the district governor of your district. If you are nominating someone, you may submit more than one person's name for each position. To be nominated or elected, a person must be a member in good standing of a Toastmaster club in good standing, meet the qualifications of the position, consent to being nominated and sign the Officer Agreement and Release Form.

DISTRICT LEADER NOMINATING FORM

I wish to have the nominating committee consider the following person for the office of:

- District governor
- Lieutenant governor education & training
- Lieutenant governor marketing
- Division governor (Division: _____)

If applicable:

- Area governor (please specify area _____)
- Public relations officer
- District secretary
- District treasurer

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Postal code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Home club name _____ Club number _____

Educational Awards CC ACB ACS ACG CL ALB ALS DTM

If there is additional information you would like to include about this candidate that you feel would assist the nominating committee in its deliberations, attach it to this form. Describe any club and district offices held by the nominated individual (include dates of service if possible). Share with the nominating committee why you believe the nominated individual should be considered for the specified position.

Submitted by _____ Date _____

Mail, fax or email to

Deadline for submitting this form

OFFICER AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM



Directions

Toastmasters International requires that any candidates running for and/or holding office, whether elected or appointed, agree to and sign the Officer Agreement and Release Statement below. Please submit your signed form to the chair of the nominating committee. Completed release forms will be submitted to the district governor, and then to District Services at World Headquarters (districts@toastmasters.org), to be kept on file.

Officer Agreement and Release Statement

Consistent with my desire to take personal responsibility for my conduct, individually and as an officer of Toastmasters International and as a member of a Toastmasters club, I agree to abide by the principles contained in "A Toastmaster's Promise" and the governing documents and policies of Toastmasters International and my club. I will fully comply with my fiduciary duties to Toastmasters International under its governing documents and the law of the land. I will refrain from any form of discrimination, harassment, derogatory, illegal, or unethical conduct, and I understand that if I engage in such conduct, I may be responsible to reimburse Toastmasters International, my club or other clubs, or other individuals involved with Toastmasters, for any damages, losses, or costs resulting from my conduct. Understanding that Toastmasters programs are conducted by volunteers who cannot be effectively screened or supervised by Toastmasters International or its clubs, I release and discharge Toastmasters International, its clubs, governing bodies, and representatives from any liability for the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of any member or officer of my club or other clubs, or any officer of Toastmasters International.

Confirmation

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Officer Agreement and Release Statement.

Full name (please print) _____ Member # _____

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Area (if applicable) _____ Division (if applicable) _____ District _____

Signature _____ Date _____



2014 Spring Contest Details for District 24

International Speech & Tall Tales Contests

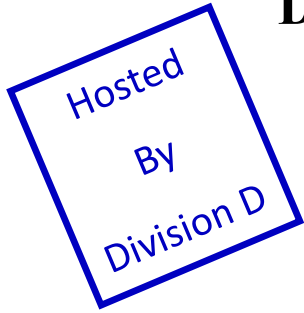
Areas B10 & B11 Trio member attending:	Areas B10 & B11 Speech Contests (Nick Wolff & Sharon Flohr) Tuesday, March 4 th Registration/briefings at 6:00pm, Contest at 6:30pm Ameritrade, 200 South 108 th Avenue, Omaha, NE 68154 Contact: Nick Wolff nick@nickwolff.net & Sharon Flohr Sharon.flohr@conagrafoods.com
Area C21 Trio member attending:	Area C21 (Kim Kuhle) Thursday, March 6 th Registration/briefings at 6:30pm, Contest at 7:00pm Madonna Rehab Hospital, Sheridan Room, 5401 South St., Lincoln, NE 68506 Contact: Kim Kuhle kim.kuhle@usbank.com
Areas C22 and C24 Trio member attending:	Areas C22 and C24 (Bob Schapp & Bill Collins) Tuesday, March 11 th Registration/briefings at 6:30pm and Contest at 7:00pm Madonna Rehab Hospital, Sheridan Room, 5401 South St., Lincoln, NE 68506 Contact: Bob Schapp rschapp@paypal.com & Bill Collins wcollins@neb.rr.com
Areas E42 & E43 Trio member attending:	Areas E42 & E43 (Ayele Atayi & Bob Wolff) Tuesday, March 18 th Registration/briefings at 5:30pm and Contest begins promptly at 6:00pm Council Bluffs Public Library, Meeting Room B, 400 Willow Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503 Contact: Ayele Atayi avele.atayi@lozier.biz & Bob Wolff sodbuster@diodecom.net
Areas D30 & D33 Trio member attending:	Areas D30 & D33 (Kevin Fustos & Michael Kolakowski) Wednesday, March 19 th Times: TBD Location: TBD Contact: Kevin Fustos kmfustos@oppd.com & Michael Kolakowski mkolakow@up.com
Area C23 Trio member attending:	Area C23 (Vivian Hancock) Thursday, March 20 th Registration/briefings at 6:30pm and the Contest starts at 7:00pm Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Sheridan Room, 5401 South St., Lincoln, NE 68506 Contact: Vivian Hancock Vivian.hancock@gmail.com
Areas A2 & A3 Trio member attending:	Areas A2 & A3 (Barb Gay & Division Governor John Paul Arias) Saturday, March 22 nd Breakfast 9:00am, Registration/briefings at 9:30pm and Contest begins at 10:00 am HyVee Community Room, 3010 23 rd Ave., Columbus, NE 68601 Contact: Barb Gay bjgay@nppd.com and John Paul Arias jpablo_arias@yahoo.com
Area C20 Trio member attending: Shellie Pointer	Area C20 (Ron Snyder, Division C Governor) Monday, March 24 th Registration/briefings at 6:30pm and Contest begins 7:00pm Nebraska Department of Corrections, 4201 S 14 th St., Lincoln, NE 68502 – Requires Security Check Form in advance Contact: Ron Snyder, ronsnyderscc@gmail.com
Areas B12 & B13 Trio member attending:	Areas B12 & B13 (Steven Dawkins & Lori Woosley) Tuesday, March 25 th Registration/briefings at 6:00pm and Contest begins 6:30pm CSG, 18020 Burt Street, Omaha, NE 68022 Contact: Steven Dawkins stevenbdawkins@gmail.com & Lori Woosley lori.woosley@conagrafoods.com



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Areas D31 & D32 Trio member attending:	Areas D31 & D32 (Mark White & Meg Barr) Wednesday, March 26th Registration/briefings at 5:15pm, Contest at 5:45pm W. Dale Clark (Main) Library, 215 South 15th Street, Omaha, NE 68102 Contact: Mark White mwhite@up.com & Meg Barr megxfield@gmail.com
Area E41 & E44 Trio member attending:	Areas E41 & E44 (Mark Fegan & Terry Plumb) Thursday, March 27th Times TBD Location TBD Contact: Mark Fegan fegan53@msn.com & Terry Plumb plumbx7@cox.net
Areas A1 Trio member attending	Area A1 (Sandy Yager) Saturday, March 29th Breakfast 9:00am, Registration/briefings at 9:30am and Contest begins promptly at 10:00am Gibbon American Legion Post 310, 1029 Court St., Gibbon, NE 68840 Contact: Sandy Yager sandy19852010@gmail.com
Division E All Trio members attending	Division E Speech Contest (Tim Johnson) Tuesday, April 1st Registration/briefings at 5:30pm, contest at 6pm Council Bluffs Public Library, 400 Willow Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503 Contact: Tim Johnson tejohnson0001@gmail.com
Division C All Trio members attending	Division C Speech Contest (Ron Snyder) Saturday, April 5th Registration/Briefings at 3:30pm, Contest at 4pm, Social event (Potluck & Games) 6pm Madonna Rehab Hospital, Sheridan Room, 5401 South St., Lincoln, NE 68506 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE TO SECC) Contact: Ron Snyder ronsnydersec@gmail.com
Division B All Trio members attending	Division B Speech Contest (Marian Gramlich) Tuesday, April 8 th Registration/Briefings at 6:00pm, Contest at 6:30pm Bank of the West – East Auditorium (13505 California Street) Enter/Exit: Everyone will need to use the front of the building. No food and uncovered drinks in the auditorium. (No exceptions!) Contact: Marian Gramlich marian_d24tm@gmail.com
Division D All Trio members attending	Division D Speech Contest (Kim Hoock) Thursday, April 10th Registration/briefings at 5:15pm and the Contest starts at 5:45pm Location TBD Contact: Kim Hoock khoock@oppd.com
Division A All Trio members attending	Division A Speech Contest (John Paul Arias) Saturday, April 12th Registration/briefings at 9:30am and the Contest at 10am Location TBD Contact: John Paul Arias jpablo_arias@yahoo.com
District 24 Conference All Trio members attending	Holiday Inn & Suites@Ameristar, 2202 River Rd., Council Bluffs, IA 51501 Tall Tales Contest – Friday, April 25th International Contest – Saturday, April 26th Spring Conference Chair: Colleen Bozarth colleen.bozarth@nebraskablue.com (402) 319-9055



District 24—Spring Conference 2014

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Michael Notaro, DTM

2011-12 International President



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There Will Be Online Registration

For more information
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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: _____ |

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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

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**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—Kainesville 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
9:15 a.m.	Break—Registration Open
9:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony and Parade of Club Banners—Heartland Ballroom
10:15 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>FreeToastHost 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—One section of Heartland Ballroom Breakout Educational Session #3 – <u>How To Pick a Speech Topic</u> – Sheri Wells-Chesley—Louis & Clark Room
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 – Kainesville Room
4:45 p.m.	Silent Auction Closes & Raffle Tickets Sales End
5:00 p.m.	Dinner—Heartland Ballroom Keynote Speaker – Michael Notaro presents “SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE” 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 10-11 Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests

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