



Double Dozen

November 2013

District 24 Newsletter



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From the District Governor—Kathy Henvey, DTM

Fifth Month of the Twelve Months of District 24's 2013 -2014 Year

On the fifth month of the twelve months of District 24's 2013-2014 year, we have

NOVEMBER

Begin: Clubs – with semiannual officer terms; this includes NEI Global Relocation, Revellers Club, Tower Talkers Club, and Oration Club; prepare files for smooth transfer to incoming officers

Continue: Club Officers – Monthly Club Executive Meetings

Continue: Distinguished (Club, Area, Division, District) Programs

Continue: Area Governors – First Round Club Visits

Due November 1: District – Appointment of Audit Committee (Reminder)

Due November 1: District – Appointment of Nominating Committee (Reminder)

Due November 30: Area Governors - On-line Area Governor First Round Reports of Club Visits

Plan and Publicize: Clubs – 2014 Spring Speech Contests which are Tall Tales and International Speech Contests*

Prepare: Clubs – Accounts for Audit

***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.

THE DISTRICT 24 FALL CONFERENCE was inspiring and fun. Our Keynote Speaker, Dana LaMon, 1992 World Champion of Public Speaking, radiated "juvenescence" during his three presentations: Make the Message Memorable; The Driving Force; and E is For Excellence in Speaking and in Leading. As a result of Dana's third presentation, I am replacing my use of the phrase, "I was wondering", with "Is it possible?" The Table Topics Contests and Humorous Speech Contests demonstrated great competition. Table Topics Contestants answered the question regarding an occurrence in life that was influential. The Winners were:
First Place – Jonathan Gardner
Second Place – Kay Francavilla
Third Place –Morgan Muller

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Humorous Speech Contest Winners were:

First Place – Ann Gentle “I’ll Teach You”

Second Place – Norma Perkins-Bailey “Rear View Mirror”

Third Place – Asha Sunil “My Slightly Different Love Story”

During the DTM Ceremony, EIGHT Toastmasters were honored for achieving DTM Status between the 2013 Spring Conference and the 2013 Fall Conference: Chris Czerwinski, Jonathan Gardner, Angela Peterson, Ken Thomas, Marian Gramlich, Tom Colling, John Paul Arias and Shellie Pointer. Past International Director, Randy Prier explained the “Road to DTM” and our current Region IV International Director, Pat Hannan, awarded the DTM Medallions. Then, the new DTM recipients went through the DTM Reception Line of past DTM recipients.

Our Fall Conference was graced with FIVE International Directors: one current International Director, Pat Hannan; one Immediate Past International Director, Jacquie Schnider; and three Past International Directors: Randy Prier, Martha Tinker, and Floy Westermeier. In a Panel Discussion facilitated by Sheri Wells-Chesley, the five International Directors explained “What it Takes to Be An International Director”.

Another Panel Discussion, facilitated by Shellie Pointer explained District 24’s Specialty and Advanced Clubs. On the Panel were Keith Jones, Marian Gramlich and Jonathan Gardner.

The Great Educational Breakout Sessions were: Earning Your First Award (CC & CL), led by Steve Dawkins and Marian Gramlich; Leadership, led by Nick Wolff; and Speech Contest Judges Training, led by Shellie Pointer.

During the Saturday Awards Luncheon, Sheri Wells-Chesley recognized District Leaders who contributed to District 24’s achievement of Distinguished Status for the 2012-2013 year. “Of the Year” Awards were given to: Club President – Jonathan Gardner; Club Vice President Education – Tom Colling; Vice President Public Relations – Tim Glover; Vice President Membership – Cindy Kaliff; Treasurer – Matt Binderup; Secretary – Karla Moore; Sergeant at Arms – Pat Koehler; Toastmaster of the Year – Marian Gramlich; Toastmaster of the Decade – John Paul Arias; Area Governor – Sunny Faronbi; Division Governor – Linda Wilson; Club – Southeast Toasters. Thanks to George Volz for Chairing the “Of the Year” Awards Committee.

A Fall Conference is not complete without the typical “Roast” of the Immediate Past District Governor. Sheri Wells-Chesley “took the heat” from several Toastmasters, facilitated by Sunny Faronbi.

Thanks to 2013 Conference Chair, Mike Munson and his Committee Chairs for a festive “Mardi Gras” Conference.

Our vision this year is: Where Leaders Are Made. Working together, growing as leaders and communicators, we will become President’s Distinguished on all levels: club, area, division and district!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henvey, DTM
District Governor

Right: Immediate past International Director Jacquie Schnider; past international Directors: Randy Prier, Martha Tinker, Floy Westermeier, and current International Director Pat Hannan



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



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The first round of Area and Division Governor training, officer training/TLIs, contests, and conference is now complete. Now to work on the second round:

Area and Division Governor training will be held on December 14, 2013 at ConAgra Foods, 11 ConAgra Dr., Omaha, NE. Breakfast will start at 7:30 a.m. and training is 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Officer training/TLIs:

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

First Mennonite Church

7300 Holdrege

Lincoln, NE 68505

Food 5:00 p.m./Training 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, 2013

ConAgra Foods

11 ConAgra Dr.

Omaha, NE 68102

Food 7:30 a.m./Training 8:00 a.m.-12:00

Saturday, January 4, 2014

Holy Christ Church

3315 11th Ave.

Kearney, NE 68847

Food 7:30 a.m./Training 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society

1700 Farnam St.

Omaha, NE 68102

Food 5:00 p.m./Training 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 1, 2014

Central Community College

4500 63rd St.

Columbus, NE 68602-1027

Food 7:30 a.m./Training 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Christ Lutheran Church

4325 Summer St.

Lincoln, NE 68506

Food 7:30 a.m./Training 8:00 a.m.-12:00

RSVP to Shellie Pointer at shellied24tm@gmail.com if you are planning to attend one of these officer trainings/TLIs so we can have a correct count for food.

Judges training:

Saturday, December 7, 2013

12:30-2:00 p.m.

ConAgra Foods

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Contests:

Club contests - February 1-28, 2014

Area contests – March 1-31, 2014

Division contests – April 1-13, 2014

Spring Conference

April 25-26, 2014

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites @ Ameristar

2202 River Rd.

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

We have all of the events on the District Calendar at www.d24tm.org. Please keep in mind that often times these events change, either the dates or times. You need to check on the event you are planning to attend for any changes.

Shellie Pointer

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November DD article

*We hope to
see all officers
attend officer
training/TLIs
this winter!*

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

At the District Fall Conference last month, five clubs received incentive awards for adding 5 or more new, dual or reinstated members from July to September. To date, our district has added more than 180 new members. This is good news, and my thanks go to every one of you for making membership growth a priority so far this year. Please keep up the good work as we continue moving forward. Remember that we still have incentives available for members who are sponsors for new members through the end of this Toastmasters year.

The October renewals are behind us, and we are behind in renewing all of our members. To date, all but 4 of our clubs have been renewed. In addition, we have more than 250 members that have not been renewed. My appeal to each one of us is to help in this area, so we can bring back our friends and fellow Toastmasters who are yet to renew. Our district has a history of high membership retention when compared to others in the world of Toastmasters. Let's keep up that tradition.

With the Fall Conference behind us, we are stepping up in our efforts to charter new clubs. We need new leads to explore as we continue to work on current leads. I implore every member to be our eyes and ears in the district. Please send any new club ideas to me at D24Sunny@gmail.com.

This month, we have a demo meeting scheduled for Nov. 6th at the Central Community College in Grand Island. We also continue to follow up on current leads at Cheever Construction (Lincoln), Bellevue University (Bellevue), UNO (Omaha), Gretna Chamber of Commerce and

the Rose Blumkin Retirement Home (Omaha).

The number of clubs with assigned coaches this year still stands at 5. Please contact our Club Coach Chair, Vivian Hancock, if you're interested in helping any of our low member clubs to achieve distinguished status this year.

This month, I leave you with the words of Elbert Hubbard: "*A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success.*" Let's all persist just a little longer, and put in just a little more effort. And I'm confident that what seems gloomy currently in the area of membership retention will turn around to be a resounding success for us at the end of this year, come next June.



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Division A News By John Paul Arias, DTM

- Flatrock Toastmasters held their Charter Party on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 during their regular meeting night at Midplains Community College. District Governor, Kathy Henvey, DTM, Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training, Shellie Pointer, DTM and John Paul Arias, DTM were present for the ceremony. Flatrock was presented with their Charter paperwork and Banner. The Charter members were presented their Charter Member Certificates.
- District Governor Kathy Henvey, DTM, installed the officers present.
- Gateway Toastmasters inducted 4 new members: Ellen Phillips, Alison Martin, Lynn Redding, Don Placke and welcomed back another member; Brandon Levander. **(Pictured Right)**
- On November 6, 2013, a demonstration meeting will be held at the Central Community College in Grand Island, NE between the hours of 12-1 p.m. An awareness of all three Toastmasters Clubs in Grand Island will be raised.
- Gateway will be sponsoring a Youth Leadership workshop in November and December which will target Grand Island High School students between 9th and 12th grade.



- Talley Ho in Fremont is looking for Toastmasters to assist in conducting a Speechcraft. Any Toastmaster in Columbus, Lincoln or Omaha interested in helping should contact Pete Hines or John Paul Arias for more information.

Pictured Left: first row: Lana Day, Kathy Henvey, DTM, Craig Kelly, Tara Harper, Rosie McFarland. Second Row: Brandon Kelliher, John Paul Arias, DTM, Terri Burchell, Bob McFarland, Robin Brown, Shellie Pointer, DTM, and Robin Storer

Growing Pains? By Jonathan Gardner, DTM

What do you do when your club is growing so much, you're running out of speaking slots for everyone to learn and grow? With around thirty members, speaking opportunities were growing rare at Southeast Toasters. Club President Angela Peterson and Vice-President Becca Fisher tried a solution in October - a speak-a-thon for club members the last meeting of the month. The usual club meeting format was out, and a longer meeting time was in. The October 25 meeting featured nine speakers, divided into groups of three. Three speakers gave presentations, followed by their three evaluators. Speech topics were varied, from the practical (advice on networking presented by Cheryl Hansen) to the emotional (dramatic recovery of a horse riding accident presented by club Vice-President Public Relations Kim Kuhle) to the entertaining (ghost story presented by club Sergeant-at-Arms Yolanda Gomez).

Pictured at Right: Nanette Gingery speaks about her love of the Pillsbury Doughboy.



2013 District 24 Fall Conference Pictures



Jonathan Gardner wins the 2013 District 24 Table Topics contest
Pictured L-R: Jonathan Gardner, Kathy Henvey, Shellie Pointer, Sunny Faronbi



Ann Gentle wins the 2013 District 24 Humorous speech contest.
Pictured L-R: Kathy Henvey, Shellie Pointer, Sunny Faronbi, Ann Gentle



Above: Current DTM's stand in Line top congratulate new DTMs.

Right: UNO Mammel Hall Auditorium Decorated with Mardi Gras Flair.



2013 District 24 Fall Conference Pictures



Left LGET Shellie Pointer acts as the mediator for the advanced toastmaster clubs discussion. The members of the panel are Keith Jones, Marian Gramlich, and Jonathan Gardner. They are all members of an advanced Toastmaster club.

Below: Sherri Wells-Chesley getting nice and toasty!



Above: DG Kathy Henvey roasting immediate past DG Sherri Wells-Chesley in appropriate Mardi Gras attire.

Right: Toastmasters who received their DTM at the fall conference pictured with Dignitaries.



2013 District 24 Fall Conference Pictures



Above: Southeast Toasters win the Ann Gold Club of the Year Award



Right: John Paul Arias wins Toastmaster of the Decade Award



Above: Marian Gramlich wins the Ruth M. Kraft Toastmaster of the Year Award.

Right: Dana LaMon with his inspirational books at the fall conference.



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District 24's [Twitter account](#)
at D24TM!
Join our group on [LinkedIn!](#)
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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 U.S. states of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota as well as the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. 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.

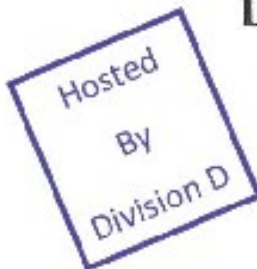
Meeting participants also give impromptu talks on assigned topics, conduct meetings and develop skills related to timekeeping, grammar and parliamentary procedure.

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!



Dana LaMon speaks at the District 24 2013 Fall Conference



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

Location:

Holiday Inn & Suites Council Bluffs
2202 River Road Council Bluffs, IA
51501 PH: 712-322-5050 FX: 712-322-
9232 [www.holidayinn.com/
councilbluffs](http://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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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Club Registration – Before 2/28/2014 | Club Name: _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 45 Individual Registration – After 4/01/2014 | Name: _____ |

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 unch
- \$30 Saturday Banquet – Circle One: Chicken – Beef – Vegetarian

_____ Total

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Educ. Designation _____

Club _____

First Conference? YES NO

Make checks payable to:
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Mail registration and payment to:
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