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Recognizing District 8 Members Who Earned DTM Awards

By Sandy Kardis, DTM, PDG

The Distinguished Toastmaster award is the highest recognition a member may receive from Toastmasters International. The DTM recognizes a superior level of achievement in both communication and leadership. District 8's tradition includes the DTM Lineup after the presenter and recipient speeches and presentation of an engraved DTM medallion.

For the Communication Track, CC, ACB, ACS, and ACG, the members listed below completed 40 speeches (10 from the *Competent Communication* manual and 30 from the *Advanced Communication Series*), conducted any two presentations from *The Better Speaker Series* and/or *The Successful Club Series*, conducted a presentation from the *Success/Leadership Series*, *Success/Communication Series*, or *Youth Leadership* and coached a new member with the first three speech projects.

For the Leadership Track, CL, ALB, and ALS, these members completed the *Competent Leadership* manual, served at least six months as a club officer (president, vice president education, vice president membership, vice president public relations, secretary, treasurer, sergeant at arms) and participated in the preparation of a Club Success Plan and in a district-sponsored club officer training while serving in office, conducted any two presentations from *The Successful Club Series* and/or *The Leadership Excellence Series*, served a complete term as a district officer (district director, program quality director, club growth director, public relations manager, logistics manager, finance manager, division director or area director), completed a *High Performance Leadership* program and served successfully as a club sponsor, mentor or coach. ♪

Van Winkle, Robert C.	June 29, 2016
Allen, Edward R.	June 30, 2016
Roth, Eileen Rivera	June 30, 2016
Creed Delbert E.	July 7, 2016
Kardis, Sandra M.	September 26, 2016
Petty, Sarah T.	September 26, 2016
Kutell, Adam Henry	October 25, 2016
Ikeda, Yutaka	November 22, 2016

Anantharam, Parasuram	February 8, 2017
Pedersen, Michael Eric	February 9, 2017
Desrosiers, Kevin M.	February 24, 2017
Hayden, William W.	March 1, 2017
Tucker, Dawn Stone	March 12, 2017
Stratton, Raymond L.	March 16, 2017
Curry, Elaine	May 18, 2017





TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL®

Toastmasters Leadership Institute

Webster University

545 Garden Avenue

Webster Groves, MO 63119

June 24 2017

8:00 - 8:30

- Networking Breakfast

8:30 - 10:30

- Training

10:30 - 10:45

- Raffle

10:45 - 11:45

- Educational

Presentations

11:45 - 12:00

- Wrap up/Final Raffle

President & VP Education

VP Membership

Treasurer

Secretary

VP Public Relations

Sergeant at Arms

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Quality Learning Together

Questions? Contact: Dhanuja Singh

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Conference Photos



Ali Wells 1st Place International Speech



Evaluation Contest Winners
Lee Ann Prather—3rd Place,
Kevin Desrosiers—2nd Place,
Erin Gissel—1st Place
 Photo provided by Frank Yates



Lee Ann Prather 2nd Place International Speech



Brian Jones 3rd Place International Speech

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District Director Message

Lora Mather, DTM

District 8 Director

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Gratitude changes the giver as much as if not more than the receiver. Here are some notes from my gratitude journal.



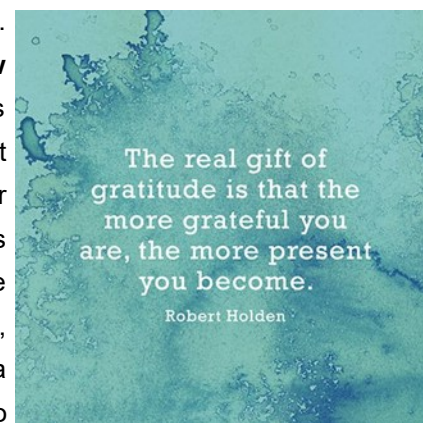
For the future of our organization, I am thankful that District 8 leaders and members laid a foundation for the changes ahead. We have elected a trio of leaders who believe and live the Toastmaster core values of integrity, service to our members, excellence and respect for all. Let's give our full support to these leaders as they begin the work of goal setting and planning for District 8. I am also grateful to our District Council and club

leaders for their faith, trust and approval of the Club Realignment Committee's recommendation to grant the District Director the authority to create Area 22. We firmly believe that we will need this new area based on our potential for new clubs in the next few weeks.

For the present of our organization, I am thankful for our great District Executive Committee.

Each member put forth a phenomenal amount of energy and dedication to create new experiences for all of us.

Administratively, our Finance Manager, Tom Coscia, led us through our pilot year of the Concur on-line expense reporting and payment system. Our Audit Committee Chair, Wayne Allen, adapted his team's work to process these changes. Our Program Quality Director, Kat Mokriakow, traveled to numerous club meetings and contests and supported and guided her teams that conducted our trainings and conferences. She asked our Division Directors to expand their Spring Division Contests to invite local leaders, provide educational opportunities and peer recognition. In addition, these events included a presentation about our Toastmaster's Pathways educational program change. We are so thankful for Dan Darnall's leadership to guide our district in the Pathways implementation and keeping us informed as the rollout progresses. Our Club Growth Director, Elaine Curry, has followed up on every club lead, created a team atmosphere to shepherd new clubs to charter status and built relationships that help our diverse membership to learn from each other and succeed in personal growth, resulting in club growth. I am so thankful to our executive staff leaders, Tim Spezia, David Kincade and Cathy Babis. Because of their direct help with logistics, recordkeeping and promotion for our meetings and events, we were on topic, on time, well attended and well fed. To our Division Directors and Area Directors, my deepest appreciation for a job well done. You carried the responsibility of building relationships with our club officers. In our initial trainings, we emphasized the importance of building relationships and each of you put forth the effort to create new friendships that grew into partnerships in club success.



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Program Quality Director Message

Here's to a Great Year

Kat Mokriakow, DTM

Program Quality Director

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Training at the June TLI

The Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) where our club officers are trained is setting up to be the event of the year! With Dhanuja Singh (District 8 International Contest Champion 2016) leading this year, there are lot of new ideas that will result in officers being more than ready to lead their clubs this next Toastmasters year. The first new feature you will find is the officer training is scheduled for two hours in length. The training consists of what you need to know to be a club officer, transferrable skills, and building the club success plan. When you walk out of the training, you will have something concrete to take back to your club. I call it a 'bird in the hand'.

For many of the club officers the club success plan will be unfamiliar to you and you will be sharing in a discovery of a new way to be involved as a club leader. The **Club Success Plan** serves as the **Strategic Plan**. The club success plan requires strategic thinking and planning by club leaders. The plan identifies specific goals the club needs to achieve in order to become a distinguished club. The planning process includes establishing timelines, assigning responsibilities, determining resource needs, and making adjustments wherever needed. The planning process not only identifies what the club must do in order to be successful, but it also builds trust, opens communications, and keeps the club officer and members focused on the year's goals.

I am so excited of the possibilities that can be created as we share our experiences and receive questions from the newer officers. I ask that all come to the training ready to contribute to the conversations. What you have to say is valuable and can benefit others during their journey to bring their club to a new level of club success. In taking advice from many of you, I conducted a Train the Trainer workshop for all club officer trainers. **Club Trainers are prepared and ready to help you.**

In order for you to be prepared, your club president received a **Distinguished Club and Club Success Plan manual**. Take the time to read this as a club officer team prior to the training. Speak to your members and ask them what they would like to accomplish this next Toastmasters year. That open dialog and showing you care about their future in the club will go a long way in gaining their support and helping them stay on target to what they would like to achieve.

Strengthening the Core of District 8 through Member Retention

As your next District Director, my commitment to you is to be present. In speaking with the incoming Area Directors, they have also committed to being present. In serving as the club's cheerleader, support, and source of information, they are ready to connect with the clubs to help them realize their full potential. We have committed that every club will know their leadership on a personal level. We are asking that all clubs work with their Area Directors to strengthen retention and make us stronger as a district.

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Club Growth Director Message

It Took a Village

Elaine Curry, DTM

Club Growth Director

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Fellow Villagers,

As the 2016-2017 Toastmaster year comes to an end, I think of all the special moments I was able to share with my fellow Toastmasters in District 8. It was my responsibility as your Club Growth Director to lead the District in the area of building new clubs and helping existing clubs retain and increase in membership. I was honored to see the District pull together to overcome the challenges of maintaining and increasing membership despite the increase in dues, implemented last October. Many clubs found themselves facing huge challenges as company's displacements of staff caused reassignments of members to new locations and having to find ways to replace those members internally. I was proud to see clubs step up to meet the challenge.



The Final Stretch

My fellow Toastmasters, we still have some work to do as we reach for the goal of Distinguished District. You all know that I strongly believe "It takes a Village". Each member in all of District 8 need to develop that inner desire and strength to sell the Toastmaster organization whenever the opportunity arises. Always be alert for a chance to talk about our great organization everywhere you go. You would be amazed how many new members have been won over because of a testimony given with enthusiasm and energy from another Toastmaster. I am happy to report that I am looking forward to meeting my target of chartering ten clubs this toastmaster year. As this article is being penned, documentation is being completed to add two more clubs to District 8. We have currently welcomed five new clubs this year. Each new club enjoys a celebration of a charter party welcoming them into our District. Our latest club is Swanseacon Valley located in Swansea, IL on May 30th. One of the clubs that I was expecting to be the first club to charter in my term was a community club in the city of Alton, IL. I was informed two days ago that they have obtained their twenty members, and I expect them to charter in the month of June. They are called Riverbend Toastmasters. Congratulations to both of these clubs. On the hot seat are two more clubs that I have faith will achieve charter strength and also charter in the month of June. How sweet it is to taste victory. With all of this momentum I know we can achieve Distinguished District status. Let's make this happen together.

Finally, I must give special acknowledgements to those that have been instrumental in supporting me throughout this year's Club Growth Director Journey. Thank you John Barry. I can't imagine how we would have been successful in holding demonstration meetings and walking these prospective clubs down the path of chartering. I am grateful for your counsel, your guidance and partnership. District 8 is so fortunate to have the talent that you bring to the table of the Club Growth Director.

Thank you seems inadequate to express my gratitude and appreciation of my fellow Trio members Lora Mather and Kat

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Club Growth Director Elect Message

James L. Childress, CC, ALB

Club Growth Director Elect

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Greetings District 8 Toastmasters

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Club Growth Director. I am very excited and honored to be given this wonderful opportunity. One of the principle reasons why I decided to run for Club Growth Director is the opportunity to give back. Toastmasters made a huge impact on me when I was a military instructor. There was some trepidation after I received my assignment. I was very nervous and wondered if I made a mistake accepting my assignment. Luckily, I met a gentleman that introduced me to Toastmasters. I was immediately hooked after attending a club meeting. The positive and supportive environment provided me a haven to improve my communication and leadership skills. My co-workers noticed an immense difference in my personal growth due to the constructive feedback that I received from my club. Because of that experience, I am always telling people about the benefits of Toastmasters.

In Toastmasters, we are constantly trying to add more members and build new clubs. I implore all of you to reflect on why we want to increase our membership and build new clubs. It's more than just achieving lofty goals in the Distinguished Club Program. We can make a difference in the lives of others. I'd like to share one more story pertaining to making a difference. Recently I visited a club that had a meeting with the sole intention of discontinuing their operations. The president asked the members at the table if they wanted to continue the club. They all agreed to close the club with one member emphatically saying, "Close it!". I was taken aback by the comments. Two guests walked in, and the president informed them about the state of the club. I was not ready to give up. I told the members my story of why I joined Toastmasters and asked them to think about the reasons that they initially joined. Then one of the guests told the members how his friend (the other guest) really could benefit from being a part of Toastmasters. After a long discussion, the members decided to keep the club open. The members removed themselves from the picture and realized that other people needed Toastmasters. I urge you all to do the same. Think about the vision that Dr. Ralph Smedley had for Toastmasters and share the wonderful benefits that Toastmasters has to offer to everyone you see. Don't only share the benefits, but share your personal story or another person's story as well. That could be the catalyst of a life-changing moment for someone.



Again, I am thankful for this opportunity and I look forward to working with you. By the way, I will need your help. If you are interested in becoming a club coach, sponsor, or mentor, please get in contact with me at jamesrvp@yahoo.com. 🎵



Public Relations Manager Message

Dos and Don'ts of Promoting Toastmasters

Cathy Babis, CC, ALB

Public Relations Manager

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District 8 is leading the way to promoting Toastmasters membership to the public. We are chartering new clubs both in the community and in the corporate environment. We have initiated Division Conferences to make rich educational opportunities within geographical and financial reach of more members. We have a district website, www.dist8tm.org, and a FaceBook page that is located on the home page of the website. Several clubs, areas, and divisions also have social media accounts, the most popular being FaceBook. While everyone is encouraged to promote Toastmasters, it is important to follow a few rules. As District 8's Public Relations Manager, I offer the following guidance.

DO: Refer to the 72 page [Brand Manual](#) on the Toastmasters International website which provides professionally designed templates for websites, business cards, website banners, club banners, and many more topics. Use of these templates is not optional. We all need to protect the Toastmasters brand.

DON'T: Forget that you can contact the District Public Relations manager at prm@dist8TM.org with any questions.

DO: Submit press releases about your club's activities and members' accomplishments to your local newspapers and TV stations. When submitting, use the Toastmasters official press release template located on the Toastmasters International website in the [Resource Library](#). You will need to login. In the search boxes, choose Public Relations as the topic and type the word "release" as a keyword to find them all. We will put a link on the District 8 website too. There are templates for open houses, anniversary celebrations, and communication achievements. Press releases can result in free publicity via an article by a reporter or a radio or TV appearance.

DON'T: Alter or delete the "About Toastmasters International" text at the bottom of the template.

DO: Take lots of pictures and videos of your activities.

DON'T: Post pictures of anyone on any Toastmasters page or in a printed or digital publication without their express permission. There is an exception. At large events, you may publicize that photos and video will be taken and permission is assumed unless individuals opt out either at registration or upon arrival. This must also be announced at the beginning of the event. It is a best practice to place it on a registration form. The Photo Release Form and Video Release Form releases are located in the Club Officers section of District 8's website.

DO: LIKE the District 8 FaceBook page and LIKE, COMMENT, and SHARE items posted. Our goal is to post at least 2 items a day. The more you interact with our page, the more FaceBook algorithms "decide" to show our page to non-Toastmasters which increases the potential that your club could gain new members. Sharing our posts on your personal page will also let your friends begin to see you as a source of information about public speaking.

LET'S PROMOTE TOASTMASTERS TOGETHER!!! ♪

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For the past of our organization, I am so grateful to Farzana Chohan, Gary White and Eileen Murphy and their editing team who researched, wrote and published **Metamorphosis: 75**

METAMORPHOSIS

75 YEARS HISTORY
OF DISTRICT 8
FARZANA CHOHAN
GARY WHITE
EILEEN MURPHY

Years History of District 8 in time for its launch at our Spring Conference. Prior to this book, we relied on the memory of our members to remind us of the details of our past. Because of the dedication of Gary White and his assistant Sherry White, our history does not rely on our inconsistent memories and selective listening skills but on

reading every piece of paper that we kept for historical significance. The White's took on the role of District Historian by accepting to store the first 35 years of District 8 history in their home and then adding to it consistently over the next 40 years. Not only were these records, such as leader names, conference programs, meeting notes, DTM awards, Club charters stored, they were retained and categorized for future review. I am extremely proud of our heritage as an organization. Few organizations have a true accounting of the milestones in their development. 🎵

Thank You to All

In order to deliver such an exciting and excellent year, it takes lots of helping hands and many to be involved. From the planning and running the events to just showing up to be in the audience there's a part for everyone. I want to thank everyone who extended and will extend in the next year beyond the comfort of their club to help. You truly are a blessing and I appreciate you very much.

Here's to a great year as we continue to build our legacy in District 8 to greater achievement. 🎵

Conference Photos of Education Sessions**Rebecca Now**

Thank you!

**Valerie Rasche**

Proposal A Online Dues Payment to TI Versus Cub Dues Collection and Member Good Standing

Following is one of several proposed amendments to the Bylaws of Toastmasters International (TI) and Club Constitution for Clubs of Toastmasters International that will be voted on during the Annual Business Meeting on August 26, 2017, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Your club will have the opportunity to cast its vote on these important issues in person or by proxy.

Proposal A

This proposal would allow members to individually pay their dues online (new or renewing). A club officer would subsequently need to verify the individual. If this is approved, a system will be developed. This would result in an improved user experience, more accurate member data and reduced credit card security risks.

In response to an inquiry by one of the District 8 Area Directors regarding a potential situation under this proposal where a member pays their dues to TI but fail to pay club dues, TI provided clarification. As the new payment process is being developed, a process will also be implemented to instruct and enable club officers to verify that each individual is a member of their club. One option could be that an email is sent to the club officers indicating that a member wants to pay dues to the club. Assuming that the person has already been admitted to membership in the club, the officer could follow a link and quickly and easily verify the member's payment which would then be processed.

Regarding an individual's "good standing" with a club, the officer, just as now, would only finalize a member's payment to Toastmasters International when all club-imposed measures have been finalized.

The Board is presenting this proposal to the membership in August this year to enable World Headquarters to develop the process and modify the current system to support online dues payments directly to Toastmasters International for those individuals and clubs who choose to do so. Currently, TI envisions payment of only the Toastmasters International dues, not the club dues that some clubs charge to members. TI anticipates that these changes would be implemented no earlier than the fourth quarter of 2018.

Members would still need to pay club dues directly to the club in a manner designated by the club. Members would be able to pay Toastmasters International dues the same way they do now, or they would be able to pay them by credit card via toastmasters.org. This process will reduce or eliminate credit card information security concerns and risks that exist today. In addition, TI anticipates that this process will improve the overall member experience by enabling them to quickly and easily pay dues. 🎵



"I was elected Highway Commissioner of Stookey Township in Belleville, Illinois on April 4, 2017 with a substantial plurality of vote among four candidates. You may find it interesting that in a public Q&A forum that was organized by the League of Women Voters, they used green, yellow, and red cards where candidates were restricted to provide an answer in two minutes. Otherwise the moderator (a Belleville News Democrat reporter) promptly shut them down.

Guess who had good practice at this!" 🎵

Sal Elkott, ACB
Member Midtown Clayton Club #283

Conference Photos of Education Sessions —Continued**Brian Pelikan****Nick Hall****Wayne Allen****Conference Photos by Leo Breinin****Group Discussion during Wayne's Session**

More Conference Photos



“Murder Amongst the Mateys” Mystery Theatre

Keynote Address—Debbie Hyde



District 8's Elected Leaders

District Director, Kat Mokriakow, DTM,
Program Quality Director, Elaine Curry, DTM
and Club Growth Director, James L. Childress, CC, ALB

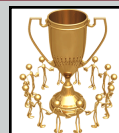
District 8 Historians Sherry White, DTM and Gary White, DTM with Farzana Chohan, IPDD



Tim Spezia, DTM, PDG, Kat Mokriakow, DTM, David Kincade, ACS, ALB, Division C Director Elect, Lora Mather, DTM, Lemont Curry, DTM, Elaine Curry, DTM, James L. Childress, CC, ALB, and Dawna Williams, CC, Conference Chair



District 8 Members Earn Education & Leadership Awards from April 5 — June 10, 2017



Division A

Capital T Toastmasters An Advanced Club

- Coscia, Tom — ALB

Crossroads

- Mathews, Margret E — CC

High-Noon Toastmasters Club

- Prosser-Burlison, Michal Sue CC

Jeffco Challengers Club

- Marino-Emde, Josephine—ACS

LCMS Toastmasters

- Neilsen, Aaron Michael—CC, CL

Loquacious Leaders

- Moore, Scott — CC, CL

Marion VA Toastmasters

- Doan, Michael C.— ACB
- Kimbro, Valerie — CC
- Martin, Carla — CL

South County Toastmasters

- Denton, Kathryn — CC
- Kutell, Adam Henry — CC
- Mattison, Victor — CC

Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club

- Klein, Barbara Jean — ALB
- Mill, Cynthia M — ALB

Speak Easy Toastmasters

- Ruzicka, Stephen F — CC

Division B

Cave Springs Toastmasters

- Grau, Christopher J — CL
- Hirtz, Derlene R — CC
- Naumann, Donna C — CL

Creve Coeur Toastmasters Club

- Hresko, Michelle Coutu — CC

Grace Church Toastmasters

- Tyrell, Pat — LDREXC, ALS

Monsanto Noontime Toastmasters

- Oest, Michael, A — CC

Plus Factor

- Blue, Willie E.—CC, CL

River City Toastmasters Club

- Burton, Cheryl A. — ACG
- Eckstrom, Nathaniel — CC
- Rivers, Tonya S. McFadden — ACB
- Rivers, Willie J.—CL, ALB

St. Charles County Toastmasters Club

- Coker, Robert A — CC, CL
- Jimenez, Paul A — ALB
- Thornhill, Toney C. — CC
- Tucker, Dawn Stone—ALB

Thompson Reuters Speak Now

- Buomberger, Odile — CL

Division C

Capital City

- Brennan, Katherine P. — ALB

Effingham Toastmasters

- Soltwedel, Beverly A — ALB
- Woods, Daniel J — ALB

Fairview Heights Toastmasters Club

- Childress, James — CL, ALB

Gem City Toastmasters

- Grogan, Soneeta L. — CL
- Reed, Ray A — ALB
- Tanna, Dan — ACB

Horace Man Toastmasters

- Arms, Nicole Brady —CC
- Eslahi, Pebalz S. — CC, ALB

McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club

- Bailey, Celeste J —CC
- Randall, Nathaniel H — ALB

Scott Toastmasters Club

- Hall, Nicholas J—LDREXC
- Hunt, Josh — ACG
- Zomer, Michael P — CC

St. Clair Club

- Curry, Elaine — ACG, DTM
- Jones, Darlene — CC
- Smith-Murphy, Eileen Shannon — LDREXC

St. Elizabeth's Hospital

- Middendorf, Cindy A. — ALB

Division E

Alpha Toastmasters

- Jones, Trevor — ACB
- Methfessel, John P. — CC
- Smith, John — CC

Columbia Toastmasters

- Jacobs, Erin L. —ACS
- Williams, Brett M.— CC

- Jenkins, Heidi E. — CC

Downtown Toastmasters

- Depue, Jade R — CC
- Meighan, Natalie S.— ACB
- Thomas, Theresa A. — CL, ACB

Talu Toastmasters Club

- Wilkes, Deandre — ACB

Waynesville-St. Robert Area Toastmasters

- Stewart. Teresa Anne— ACS

Division F

Anheuser Busch Toastmasters Club

- Desrosiers, Kevin M. — CC
- Goodman, James P. — CC

Competitive Speakers STL

- Kutell, Adam Henry — CC

Downtown St. Louis Toastmasters

- Ndungu, Gladwell — ACB

Free Speakers Toastmasters

- Calhoun, Lawson H. —CC

Grand Center Club

- Johns, Marquisha L.—CL
- Keeton, Rosetta - CL

Speaking of US

- Weber, Ashley — CC

Toast of WU

- Kleekamp, Maureen, A. —ALB
- Jordan, Rebecca J— CC, ALB

ToastUS

- Tourjee, Selina M — CC
- Ulrich, David P. — CC

Voices in Unity Club

- Cunningham, George F. — CL
- Huck, Jason R. — CC

Webster Groves Toastmasters Club

- Now, Rebecca K.—CC, CL

Wells Fargo Advisors Toastmasters

- Cox, Jennifer M — CL
- Dockett, Monaye — ALB
- Sullenger, Carol M — CC

WUSTL Speaks

- Richards II, John — ALB





District 8 – Add Membership Madness Congratulations to all winning Clubs!!

Everyone can be a winner!!! Increase your membership by May 31 and win the prize behind Door #1, Door #2 or Door #3. The bigger the increase the bigger the prize.



DOOR # 1

Add **5 new members** between now and May 31 and you will win a **\$100 gift card for your club** to be spent at a restaurant for a club social or at TI store

Division A –

Chesterfield Toastmasters – 5 new members
Marion VA Toastmasters – 5 new members
UniGroup Toastmasters Club – 5 new members

Division B –

DSAGSL WORD Masters – 6 new members
Ascension Health Toastmasters – 5 new members
Script Masters—6 new members
Speak Out Toastmasters – 6 new members

Division C –

Fluent Hearts – 9 new Members

Division E –

Alpha Toastmasters – 7 new members
President Distinguished

Division F –

Toast of WU – 5 new members
Wells Fargo Advisors—6 new members

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DOOR # 2

Add **5 new members** no later than May 31 **and** introduce a prospective club for the District to work on getting chartered. **Win \$200** as follows: **\$100 gift certificate for your club and \$100 certificate for the TI store.**

Division E –

Downtown Toastmasters – 5 new members
Introduced new prospect



DOOR # 3

Add **8 new members** by May 31 **and achieve Distinguished Club status** Note: Select Distinguished and President's Distinguished increases the prize. Hint: It is bigger than Door #1 or Door #2.

Division C

Horace Mann Toastmasters – 9 new members
Select Distinguished
Scott Toastmasters Club – 10 new members
President Distinguished

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Mokriakow. You are the epitome of the ultimate passionate Toastmasters. Words cannot express how much I have learned from you both. I am so proud to be following in your footsteps. I am forever grateful. Thank you for your friendship and leadership.

Lastly to my husband, Lemont. Your patience and endurance has been unshaken. Each time I called upon you to help out with demonstration meetings or needed to be away for the many evening meetings, you would tag along without complaint.

Your support means more than you will ever know. Hang on as next year I need you even more.

Let's all continue to make history together. 🎵

**District 8 Is Looking for a Member to
fill the role of
Communic~8 Editor.**

**Won't you give thoughtful
consideration to filling this important
role?**

**To volunteer for the role, contact Kat
Mokriakow, District Director Elect at
pqd@dist8tm.org.**

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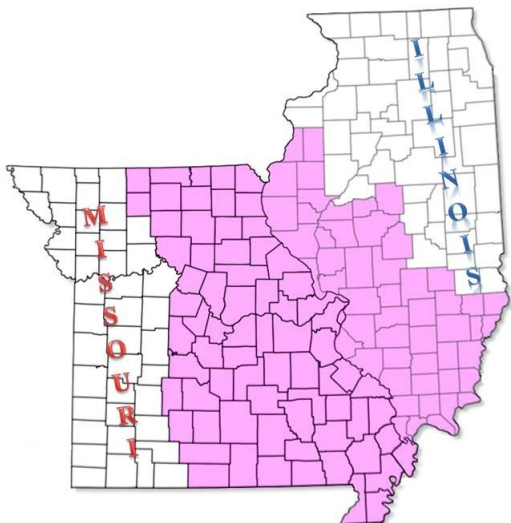
District 8 is on the web.
www.dist8tm.org

Toastmasters International Values

- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Service
- ◆ Excellence

The Mission of District 8

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

**The Benefits of Toastmasters Membership**

- ◆ Participation in a unique and proven program for developing your communication and leadership skills.
- ◆ A positive and supportive atmosphere in a community of learners.
- ◆ The opportunity to find your voice while learning to tell your story with confidence.
- ◆ Regular and constructive feedback from other learners as you practice organizing your thoughts and presenting them clearly.
- ◆ Experience in leadership development through training and club involvement.
- ◆ Unlimited opportunities for personal and professional growth.
- ◆ Access to a wealth of educational materials and resources on public speaking, listening skills, meeting protocol, the use of technology in presentations, and effective communication in conferences and meetings.
- ◆ A free subscription to the *Toastmaster*, a monthly magazine that provides insights on communication, leadership, club activities and other relevant topics.

District Vision:
District Eight Enhancement Program (DEEP)

SAVE THE DATE

November 17—18, 2017

District 8 Fall Conference
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