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Congratulations!

**Congrats to all the new club and district officers
for the**

2024-2025

Toastmasters year!

District Director

Charice Manor, DTM

Greetings Member of The Great District 8!

I hope you are settling in as we end this first quarter of the Toastmaster year. Did you know that this year marks 100 years of Toastmaster existence? You know what else? Along with Toastmasters International, District 8 celebrates our anniversary in October. We have been here for 84 years of the 100 years! That is worth celebrating!

Great things are coming in this next century! One upcoming change is how we experience Base Camp. There will be a Base Camp outage beginning on October 9, 2024, that is expected to last through October 25, 2024. Be sure that all completed levels are approved in both Base Camp and Club Central and to avoid delaying your progress. Please note: the Speechcraft feature will not be available during this time. You can avoid delays in your progress by downloading pdfs of your full path during the outage. The new Base Camp will launch with six pathways but do not worry if you are enrolled in a different path before the outage, you will still have access. The new Base Camp will improve the Toastmasters education experience. If you have any issues downloading or accessing your path, check with your VPE or email pqd@dist8tm.org.

Have you checked out the incentives that you and your club could earn simply by doing what you already do as a member? Submitting your membership renewal to your club treasurer or through Self-pay by **September 30, 2024**, automatically gets you three chances to get a Toastmaster Flip Top Water Bottle. Did you take the Plus One Pledge to bring a guest **before December 31st**? Well, if you show proof that you joined the pledge and your guest becomes a member, you will receive a gift card to a local retailer. For starting a new club this year, you become a Club Igniter, receive credit as a Club Sponsor, and receive \$100 to use at the Toastmaster Store. Your club can earn \$50 in refreshments or \$50 to use at the Toastmaster Shop by hosting an Open House or Speechcraft that results in three (3) new members. (cont.)



Finally, as your club completes education levels, gains members and completes training, these things count towards the Fast Five to Distinguished incentive where you earn \$50 gift certificates to use in the Toastmaster Store. ***Full description of the incentives can be found later in the newsletter.***

This is a special year for Toastmasters International as we close a century and begin a new century. We will be making a special store order specifically for the 100th Anniversary if you would like to take advantage of the bulk order. We will only be taking club orders so get your order in to your Club representative. Clubs are asked to provide a flat rate \$5 towards the cost of shipping. Orders will be placed on October 26, 2024. You can submit your club order by clicking [here](#).

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR CLUBS? We want to celebrate all the things that you are doing as a Toastmaster and Professional. Is your club having a member induction? We want to know. Is the club having an open house? Has a member had a professional success, like a promotion, landed a speaking gig, publish a book, speaking at a graduation ceremony, etc.? We want to know. Please submit any club events and or member events that we all can celebrate and share across the district. Also, pictures are welcome. If your event has a flyer, send that too. As the old saying goes, inquiring minds want to know. But I do not just want to know, I want to share with our community. Use the google doc to submit your event info by clicking [here](#).

As I wrap up, I'd like you to consider this. You are one of the reasons that this District is great! Whether you joined for better communication, leadership or mentoring, your membership brings valuable opportunity for your growth and the development of us all. I encourage you to keep growing and if you are ready, provide development to contribute to the growth of others. If you have an idea or project, want us to talk with a company, or have a suggestion, I invite you to email dd@dist8tm.org or text me, 618-623-7000.

Honored to serve

Charice Manor, DTM

District 8 Toastmasters Director

Be the Spark: Pledge One

**Join the Centennial Pledge to bring
one guest by December 31st at**

<https://www.toastmasters.org/events/centennial/centennialplusonepledge>

Added Bonus!

if your guest joins, you receive an
Amazon gift card.

**Send the date you took the
pledge and the new members
name to: dd@dist8tm.org**



Quality Program Director

Patti Howard

Achieving Excellence - Program Quality

As we near the end of our first quarter, we are off to a great start. First, 97% of our clubs submitted their officer list before Jul 1st. This allows communication to flow from Toastmaster International and District 8 to the clubs. Having that information, club officers were made aware of the club officer training. We have had 80% of our clubs have 4 or more officers attend training. Area and Division Directors have also attended training. Already, there have been 107 Pathway levels completed, with 14 Toastmasters completing their path. (See the full listing of educational achievements in a separate section of Communic~8). Check out the [dashboard](#) to see your club's achievements toward the Distinguished Club Program.

Five clubs will be receiving the Club Values table-top banner for having all 7 officers attend training and submitting their goals for the year using the Club Success Plan. They are WUSTL Speaks, Speak Out Pfizer, Shalom Church Toastmasters, Jeffco Challengers, and Aetna Toastmasters. Congratulations to these clubs!!

Have you started to download or print off your next couple of projects? With the anticipation of the rollout of the new Learning Management System (LMS) we won't be able to access Pathways during the projected timeframe of Oct 9-25. Pathway Level completions will need to be approved before Oct 8th. Plan and download or print out projects you will be working on in October. If you have saved Pathway completion certificates, saved documents in "My Documents" or received feedback and want to reference them, they will also need to be downloaded before Oct 8th.

Members

- Each member should mark any projects complete in Basecamp. View this [video](#) to learn how you can check your achievements are submitted in both Basecamp and Club Central
- To download projects, open up your pathway, go to Your Evaluation to download your projects

Base Camp Managers (VPE, President & Secretary)

- Submit all level or pathway completions in Club Central. View this [video](#) to check club member achievements.
- Get ready to onboard new members during the outage by downloading Level-one projects from this [link](#). There are also Meeting Materials and Club Officer reference materials at this link.

If a level/path is marked complete in Base Camp but not submitted in Club Central, it won't be marked complete in the new base camp. We have planned several sessions to help you with preparing for the Pathway outage. Check the [D8 calendar](#) for those times to register.

Patti Howard

Quality Program Director





Winter TLI

Save the date!

Mark your calendars for the winter Toastmasters Leadership Institute on Saturday, Dec 7th and will be at the Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) in Granite City.

Club Training Incentive

These clubs achieved having seven officers trained and turned in their club success plan early by *August 31st!*

Grand Center Toastmasters
St Clair Toastmasters
Aetna Toastmasters
Jeffco Challengers
Speak Out Pfizer
Shalom Toastmasters
WUSTL Speaks

The clubs were awarded with a Core Values Banner, \$25 Toastmasters Gift Certificates and Prepared Club Certificate.

The Area Directors who completed 100% of the club visits in their respective areas by *September 15th.*

A2-Sharee Adams
A5-Bret Nicolas
A13-Sarah Van Meter
E7-Jim Bloom

They each will receive a Directors Journal.

Congratulations and keep up the amazing work you all are doing!



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DISTINGUISHED**

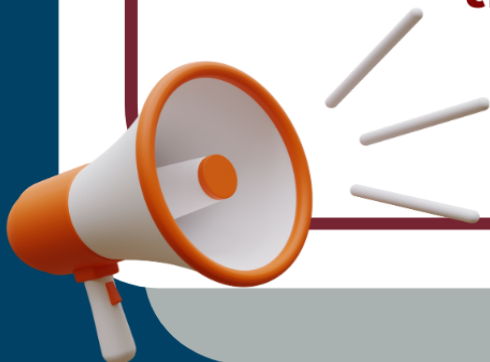
**Earn \$50 for reporting the
completion of at least one
Distinguished Club Program goal in
each category by DEC 31st:**

Education - achieve in any level

Membership - 4 new members

Training - Club Officers Trained

**Administration - Officer List or On-
time dues renewal**



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Contest Season

International and Evaluation

IMPORTANT– Please read!!

Speech Contest season begins as early as December. There is a big change to how we conduct Speech contests this year. Every contest above the club level must be in-person. Clubs must have their club level speech contests completed by last day in January. The two contests this year are International and Evaluation. Area contests are being scheduled in the month of February, Division level in March and the District contest will be held during the Annual Spring Conference in April. The contest page offers contest preparation training and there will be live training coming up. Please keep checking the contest page and training page for updates <https://dist8tm.org/contests/#dates> Any questions about speech contest can be direct to pqd@dist8tm.org

A Message From Our Club Growth Director

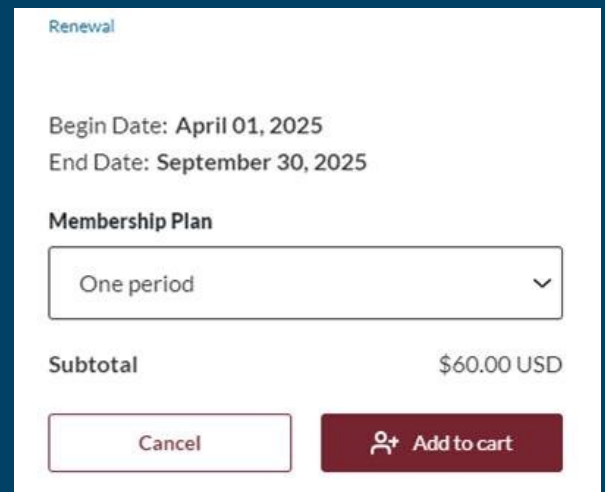
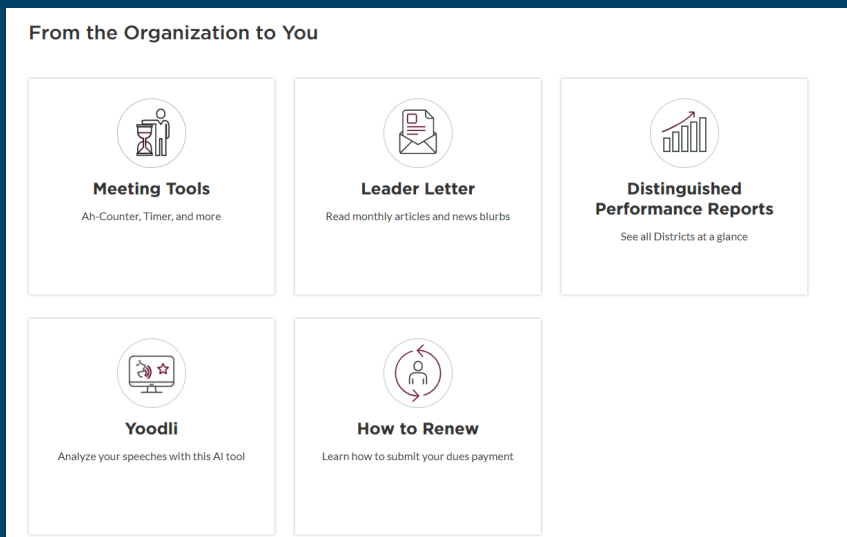
Karen Dew

Happy Fall “Great District 8”

Congratulations to the clubs who have already achieved the goal of at least 8 members renewed. I’m calling on all club officers, Area and Division Directors and the Club Retention Chair to reach out to those clubs that have less than 8 members renewed and encourage them to renew before the deadline. We currently have 390 members renewed, which mean we have quite a way to go to reach Distinguished status of 2,556. Please be mindful that the deadline is September 30th, 2024.

I have included the instructions on how to Renew and also the renewal incentives.

Log into your Toastmasters account at www.toastmasters.org. From the home page, scroll down until you see the header “From the Organization to You”. Within this header, click on “How to Renew”



Click on the “Renew membership” button. (This Club has enabled Self-Pay.)

- The next window will have you select the Club to which you are paying dues. (If you have dual membership, remember you need to pay dues to each Club to remain an active member in each Club.)
- Click on the Club, then click on “Save and continue”

- From the drop-down for “Membership Selection”, click on “One period”, then click on the secure “Checkout”.
 - A new window appears for you to enter your payment information. Membership renewal for one or two terms (Oct 1, 2024 to Mar 31, 2025 is \$60 or Oct 1, 2024-Sep 30, 2025 is \$120).
 - Once you’ve entered your payment information, click “Submit Payment” at the bottom. Wait for processing.
- If you still need help, reach out to your VP of Membership or Club Treasurer

Question: Who can start a Toastmasters Club?

Answer: ANYONE can start a club, you don’t have to be the Club Growth Director to start a club. Do you have a new club lead? Is there a company or community center in your area that doesn’t have a Toastmasters Club? If so, we want you to send us the contact information so that my team and I can reach out to them.

Thanks you all so much for a great start to our 2024-2025 District 8 Toastmaster Year!!!

Karen Dew
Club Growth Director.



Don't
Forget!



TI
Dues
are
Due

OCTOBER RENEWALS



**RENEWALS BEFORE OCT 1, 2024
ENTERED IN DRAWING**

WWW.TOASTMASTERS.ORG

Open House and/or Speechcraft



Any club that hosts an Open House or Speechcraft resulting in 3 new members receives either \$50 in refreshments or \$50 in Toastmasters Gift Certificates

www.toastmasters.org



START A NEW CLUB



Any Member to start a club that charters this toastmaster year receives \$100 Toastmasters Gift Certificates, Club Sponsor credit and District 8 recognition.



2023/2024 Awards:

Retired Toastmaster of the Year

David Kincade, DTM, PDD

Area Director of the Year

Kenneth Freeman, DTM

Division Director of the Year

Karen Dew

Toastmaster of the Year

Donna Cannon

Distinguished Clubs

Midtown Clayton Toastmasters #283

Webster Groves Toastmasters #461

St Clair Toastmasters Club #496

Smedley Hometown Memorial #4115

Noontime Toastmasters #7316

Rent-A-Toast #8399

Select Distinguished Clubs

Aerospace Orators #2389

Speak Easy Toastmasters #5585

RGA Toastmasters 4954048

Techmasters #7102010

President's Distinguished Clubs

South County Toastmasters Club #1957

Anheuser-Busch Toastmasters #4345

Mastertoasters Club #4431

Talu Toastmasters Club #9643

Cave Springs Toastmasters #9677

Jeffco Challengers #9903

Gem City Toastmasters Club #1130739

Crossroads #1337939

Centene Speaks #7715274

Congratulations
to 65 Members that
attained the
Triple Crown Award

Distinguished Toastmasters

Rhonda Green 08/02/2023

Kesha Kent 09/08/2023

Karl Jalkanen 09/12/2023

Yolanda Wood 04/17/2024

Charice Manor 05/25/2024

Successful Club Coaches

Kathy Dieker

Terri Orban

Congratulations
to 550 Members that
completed Education
Awards

**Thank you, District 8 Toastmasters
members, for a wonderful**

2023-2024 year!

Important Dates

Monday, September
30th

Smedley Award Program Ends

Tuesday, October 1st
Deadline for club dues

Monday, October 14th
*First Impressions/ Moments of
Truth*
10am-11am

Saturday, October 19th
DEC Meeting 9am

Friday, November 1st
Club Officer Training begins
*Semi-annual club officer
elections*

Saturday, November
16th

DEC Meeting 9:30am

Tuesday, November 18th
Speechcraft for coordinators
10am & 5:30pm

Saturday, November
30th
Area Directors club visit reports
due

Saturday, December 7
TLI

Tuesday, December 31
New semi-annual club officers
list due

January 1st 2025
Area Directors 2nd round of
club visits/reports
Club speech contests begin



Does your club have a special event coming up? Pictures to share?

We would like to know and share in the next newsletter and across our media platforms.

Please share it by submitting your special event, [HERE](#)

If you need assistance with social media, contact the District 8 Social Media Coordinator, [Deborah Woods](#) at deborah@deborahwoodsnc.com

Communications Editor and Public Relations Manager will be collecting articles for the next quarterly newsletter by **December 10, 2024.**

Contact Public Relations Manager, Janet Martin at PRM@dist8tm.org