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Bi-Weekly Newsletter for District 8 Toastmasters

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CLUB GROWTH

Our members are who make us great!

Let us spread the greatness all around. What strategies are you using to grow your membership? Let's share them so we can grow together. Perhaps you are a club that needs some strategies. This article, "100's of Membership Building Ideas" can give you a boost.

Click [HERE](#) or Email Karen at cgd@dist8tm.org and share which numbers get you more guests or ask questions.

BRING



A QUALIFIED

LEAD FOR A

POTENTIAL CLUB

& RECEIVE DISCOUNT

TOWARDS CONFERENCE

SEND THE CONTACT NAME, EMAIL

AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO

CGD@DISTM8TM.ORG

START A NEW CLUB



\$100

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

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**



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



**“ FAST FIVE TO
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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Important Dates

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*

**Wednesday, November
20th**

Marketing for Members

**Saturday, November
30th**

*Area Directors club visit reports
due*

Saturday, December 7

TLI –In person

**Wednesday, December
18th**

Marketing 4 Members 7pm

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

Saturday, January 11

DEC meeting 9am

Wednesday, January 15

Marketing for Members

Saturday, February 1

Area Contest Begin

*Talk-up Toastmasters Program be-
gins*

DEC Meeting 9am

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



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 submit your information (if you are creating your own flyer, please make sure it follows brand standards) via email to:
PRM@dist8.org

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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