



Communic-8

Bi-Weekly Newsletter for District 8 Toastmasters

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~SAVE THE DATE~

Spring conference is tentatively scheduled for April 25-26, 2025

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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Training This WEEK!

Growing Club Membership - What Works and Doesn't Work - Nov 20th at 7pm [Registration https://dist8tm.org/training/#m4m](https://dist8tm.org/training/#m4m) Discuss different ideas of drawing in guests to your club.

The Updated Pathways Site is Functioning Great!

An update from your Program Quality Director

Patti Howard

With the recent changes, I have heard very little about any issues. Please reach out and let me know if there are any incorrect paths or levels that aren't marked correctly so they can be straightened out. Currently, as a district we have 81% of our members that are enrolled in Pathways. I'd like to see our district reach 90%. If any one needs assistance with choosing a path to improving a critical skill or to conduct Pathways presentation at your meeting, please reach out to your Area, Division, or Program Quality Directors. (POD@dist8tm.org)

We Need Volunteers for TLI in December!

Are you looking to complete a speech or a level project in your Pathways or simply enjoy teaching others and sharing your experiences? Sign up to be a trainer for our next in-person TLI on December 8th!

Here is our current list of training positions that need to be filled:

President 8:00am & 2pm

VP Of Membership 8:00am & 2pm

Treasurer 8:00am

Sergeant at Arms 8:00am & 2pm

We are also looking for room monitors for all the training sessions at 8:00am and 2pm. Please reach out to TLI Chair Jackie Kam-Blackard at (314)852-7158 or theblackards@yahoo.com Thank you!

The TLI team have some great presentations for you in December! Here is a tentative schedule and description for TLI [Microsoft Word - Final Dec 2024 TLI session descriptions](#)

Important Dates

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 begins

DEC Meeting 9am

Contest Season

International and Evaluation

IMPORTANT– Please read!!

Speech Contest season is quickly approaching! Are your clubs ready? Don't forget you have a community of volunteers to help with your contests! 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

Communic~8 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