

THE GREAT D8



Hello, District 8! Happy New Year! We are halfway through 2024-2025 program year. While we have accomplished much there is still plenty more to do in this second half. If you are not as far along in your Pathway as you had planned, it is ok. Is your club still needing a couple more goals for Distinguished? You can still make it. With concentrated effort you can complete that level or path. Let's make the next five plus months count towards achieving our personal and club goals.

Catching up can be a challenge. AND, it is achievable. Let's agree to put in some hard work, collaboration, and persistence because we are capable of more than we think. Our goals aren't out of reach. We can close the gap even if it seems insurmountable. Will you agree to dig deep and push forward with everything you've got for yourself and your club? We've got this!

Let's set our intentions and go after them one day at a time achieving one task at a time. That may mean sitting with yourself or your club to regroup, refocus, and plan your actions. Let's make these next 5 months our best yet!

--Charice Manor, District Director - District 8

TOP NEWS

- Speech Contest Schedule is available on District 8 website.
- District-Wide Open House
- Club Officer Training Make-Up
- Call for Nominations



REGION 4 ADVISORS
Left: Curtis Scroggins
Right: Betty St Clair
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District Leaders

District Director	Immediate Past District Director
Program Quality Director	Administration Manager
Club Growth Director	Finance Manager
Program Relations Manager	Logistics Manager/Webmaster
Photographer - PRM	Parliamentarian

**Division A
(Missouri)**

- Area 2
- Area 4
- Area 5
- Area 9

- Aetna Toastmasters
- Bulls & Bears Club
- Chesterfield Toastmasters Club
- West County Club
- Centene Speaks
- RGA Toastmasters
- South County Toastmasters Club
- Bayer Toastbytes
- High-Noon Toastmasters Club
- Rabo Masters
- Sole Influencers
- Crossroads
- Jeffco Challengers Club
- Speak Easy Toastmasters
- Speak Out Pfizer (SOP)

**Division B
(Missouri)**

- Area 3
- Area 13
- Area 18

- Free Speakers Toastmasters
- Script Masters Club
- Toast of WU
- WashU Med Masters
- WUSTL Speaks
- Aerospace Orators
- Ascension Health Toastmasters
- Aspiring Speakers
- Creve Coeur Toastmasters
- Grace Church Toastmasters
- Money Talks Club
- Moneta Voices
- Noontime Toastmasters
- Shalom Church Toastmasters
- Triton Toastmasters

**Division C
(Illinois)**

- Area 1
- Area 6
- Area 11

- Capital City Toastmasters
- Gem City Toastmasters
- Horace Mann Toastmasters
- Noontime Toastmasters Club
- League of Our Own Toastmasters
- McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club
- Mount Vernon Toastmasters
- O'Fallon Toastmasters
- Scott Speakers Association
- Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club
- Collinsville Toastmasters Club
- Effingham Toastmasters
- St Clair Toastmasters
- Toast of Belleville
- Top Talk Toastmasters!

**Division E
(Missouri)**

- Area 7
- Area 14
- Area 20

- Capital Toastmasters Club
- Downtown Toastmasters
- Talu Toastmasters Club
- Alpha Toastmasters
- UniGroup Toastmasters Club
- Continental Communicators
- Ozark Orators Club
- Cave Springs Toastmasters
- Leadership Wentzville
- Mastertoasters Club
- St Charles County Toastmasters Club
- Techmasters

**Division F
(Missouri)**

- Area 8
- Area 15
- Area 17
- Area 19

- F.R.B. Club
- Jacobs P3
- MAC Toastmasters Club
- Tarsus Toastmasters
- MilliporeSigma Toastmasters
- ToastUS
- Mid-West Navigators Toastmasters
- Writers Ink Toastmasters Club
- Anheuser-Busch Toastmasters Club
- Central West End Toastmasters
- Grand Center Club
- Smedley Hometown Memorial
- Square Talkers Toastmasters Club
- Midtown Clayton Toastmasters Club
- Rent-A-Toast Club
- SPEAK UP! Club
- Webster Groves Toastmasters Club

District 8: Your Role in Leadership and Growth

District 8's mission is to build clubs and support them in achieving excellence. Spanning Eastern Missouri and Southwestern Illinois, our District is part of Region 4 of Toastmasters International.

Your club is one of 66 within the District 8 network, organized into 17 Areas (numbered 1–20) and 5 Divisions (A, B, C, E, and F). Areas are groups of clubs. Divisions are groups of Areas.

Club leadership is the first step of service in the District network. Many members already have the skills to excel in leadership at any level. Would you consider taking the next step? Self-nominate or nominate a leader by February 15, 2025.





Moving Into Leadership

We need YOU to Lead District 8 into the future.

**Contact District Leadership Chair,
Rhonda Green, DTM, IPDD**

Email: ipdd@dist8tm.org

Call/Text: 817-808-0756

The Power of Leadership

Leadership in Toastmasters is an unparalleled opportunity to grow, inspire, and achieve. Whether you're guiding your club as an officer, supporting multiple clubs as an Area Director, or contributing at the District level, leadership opens doors to personal and professional development that goes beyond giving speeches. Every role provides a platform to sharpen your skills, expand your network, and make a meaningful impact within the Toastmasters community and beyond.

- Develop Essential Skills
- Expand Your Network
- Make a Lasting Impact
- Achieve Personal Growth
- Pave the Way to Distinction

Take the leap and discover your potential as a leader.

Rhonda Green, DTM, IPDD District Leadership Chair



"Toastmasters is where you can practice without it affecting your paycheck." – Rhonda Green, DTM, IPDD

Toastmasters offers a safe space to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and gain real-world experience. Step into leadership and prepare for success—your journey starts here!

2024-2025



REGION ADVISOR



Curtis Scroggins



Region 4

SERVING DISTRICTS 8, 19, 30, 35, 54, 103

Biography



A Toastmaster since 2004, I have experienced tremendous personal growth throughout my Toastmasters journey. From starting as a Club Sergeant-At-Arms to my current role as a Region Advisor, I have found the opportunities and experience to be challenging and rewarding.

RA Role



The Region Advisor supports District Directors, Program Quality Directors, Club Growth Directors, and District Public Relations Managers to maximize performance while helping to identify strategies to achieve the district mission.

To learn more about the role, please visit:

https://bit.ly/Role_RA

- Club Officer Training
- Club Growth Workshops
- Division/Area Training
- Trio/Quad Meetings
- DEC Meetings
- Corporate Visits

District Visits



Presentation
Topics



- Conflict Resolution
- Team Dynamics
- Success Planning
- Finding Leaders
- Membership Growth/Retention
- Developing New Club Leads

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REGION ADVISOR



Bettie St.Clair

Region 4



SERVING DISTRICTS 11, 43, 50, 56, 63, 68, 77

Biography



I have been a Toastmaster for 13 years and have greatly benefitted in my professional life with the communication and leadership skills I have acquired through Toastmasters. I am an experienced administrator, communicator, and trainer and currently work as a business analyst and scrum master for Inonde, LLC in McLean, VA.

RA Role



The purpose of a Region Advisor (RA) is to provide support, leadership development, skill building, mentoring, and coaching to expand District leaders' capacity to achieve the District mission through frequent communication and approved District visits.

District Visits



- Club Officer Training
- Club Growth Workshops
- Division/Area Training
- Trio/Quad Meetings
- DEC Meetings
- Corporate Visits

Presentation Topics



- Conflict Resolution
- Team Dynamics
- Success Planning
- Finding Leaders
- Membership Growth/Retention
- Developing New Club Leads

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Exciting District 8 Incentives: Grow, Earn, and Be Recognized!

District 8 is excited to reward your efforts in growing and supporting your club and District 8 Toastmasters! Here's how you can make an impact and earn fantastic incentives. (All incentives are listed on D8 website. <https://dist8tm.org/>)

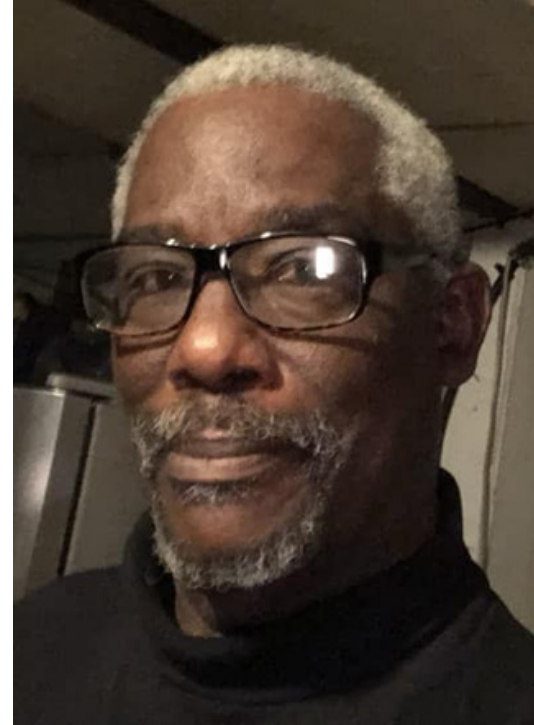
- **Renew your membership** by March 31st for a chance at a Junior Padfolio (15 winners)
- **March Madness** - Clubs that renew 80% of their base membership by March 15th, receive \$20 gift certificates, renew 100% receive double \$40 gift certificates.
- Host an **Open House or Speechcraft** resulting in 3 new members, and your club receives \$50 for refreshments or a \$50 gift certificate to Toastmasters International.
- Help **Charter a New Club** by July 1, 2025, and receive a \$100 gift certificate to Toastmasters International, Club Sponsor Credit, and District 8 recognition!
- **Submit a Qualified Lead** for a potential club, and you'll earn a discount toward the District 8 conference (3 levels-10%, 50% and Free conference) Inquire with cgd@dist8tm.org

Together, we can make a difference in District 8!

Snapshots of Success: Highlights from Around District 8



Toastmaster Marquetta Wise, 3 K's Special Catering & Billionaire Way Network's Founder Leslie Charmaine join the morning show to preview the Big Brother Big Sister's upcoming 'Tribute to Lauryn Hill' event taking place on Jan. 26 at the organization's Anew Rooftop, located at 519 N. Grand. F



Our very own Toastmaster Kenny Freeman has been nominated the city commissioner to receive an individual award at the 2025 Columbia Values Diversity Celebration.



Congratulations to Aiden McDonnell, selected as one the top 20 under 40 in Quincy City, IL. Aiden is a member of the Gem City Toastmasters.

Toastmaster Tim Scarbrough, Mt. Vernon Club, Division C Director, proudly served veterans and their families, sharing that it was a great honor to speak on this special occasion.



#SmallTownBigBusiness recently featured Karina Neill of @kneillphotography! She shared her inspiring journey from Peru to Southern Illinois, her passion for capturing memories, and her dedication to giving back to the community.

Exciting Updates from the Club Growth Team

District 8 is off to a strong start in 2025! Club Growth Director Karen Dew is thrilled to announce that two demo meetings were held in January, receiving fantastic responses. We're looking forward to chartering new clubs with Coldwell Banker and St. Louis University soon. Do you have a lead for a new club? Let's turn your idea into a demo and transform it into a vibrant new club. After all, "Teamwork makes the dream work!"

Exciting opportunities are also on the horizon:

- **Speechcraft Training:** Get ready for two amazing training sessions, perfectly timed to support Beat the Clock and March Madness. More details coming soon from New Source Chair Annetta Works Salley.
- **Club Coach Training:** We're putting together an excellent training session to equip our club coaches with the tools they need to succeed. If you have questions or need support, reach out to CGD Karen Dew or Club Retention Chair Cynthia Scroggins.

Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to grow, learn, and lead in District 8!

MORE HIGHLIGHTS



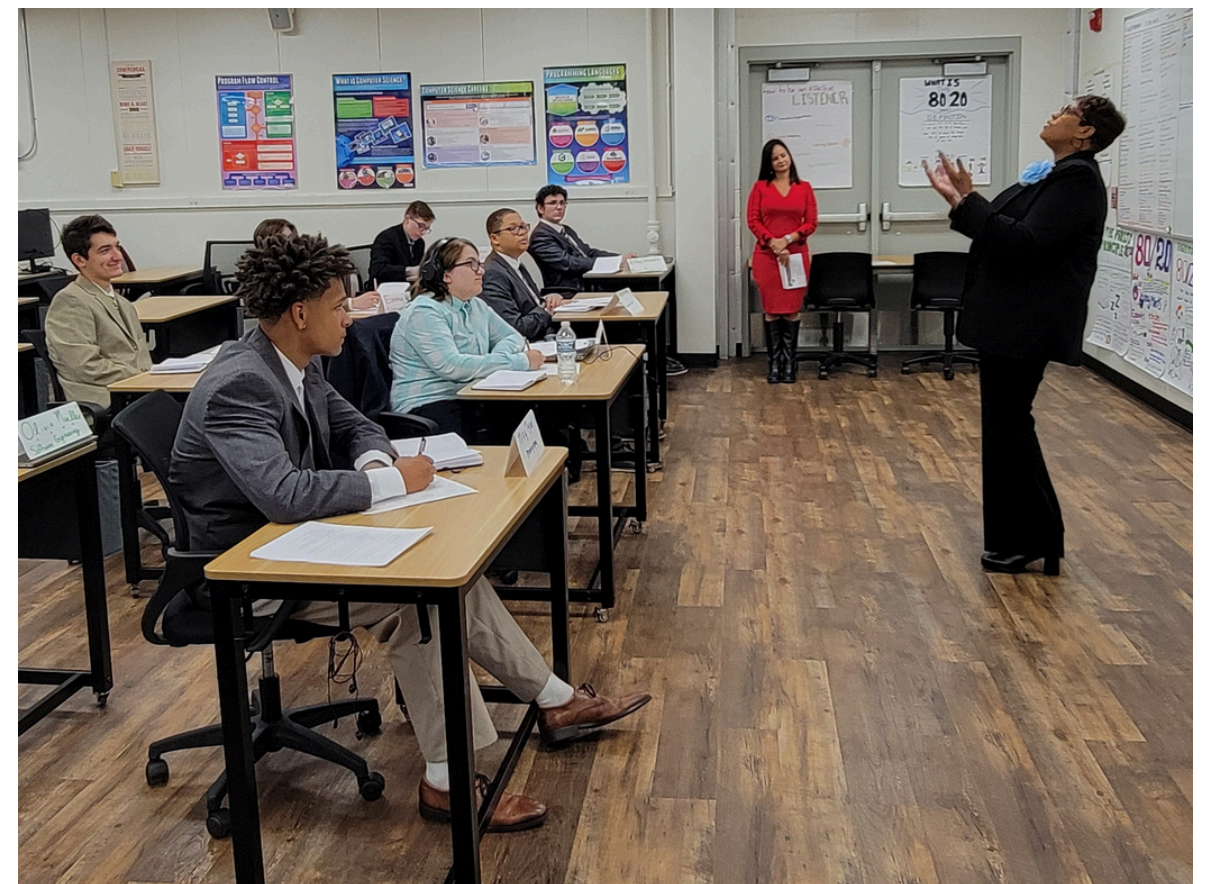
Toastmaster Tim Scarbrough, Division C Director, proudly emceed a local storytelling contest, showcasing the talent in Southern Illinois.



Jeff Hannah from St. Charles County Toastmasters took 3rd place at the MO-TELL Liars Contest, competing against nine talented storytellers, including professionals. He earned a medal and a cash prize—congratulations, Jeff, on a job well done!



Sheila Walker shared her powerful story of battling Sickle Cell Anemia during Sickle Cell Awareness Month, inspiring others with her resilience and raising awareness about this important cause.



Cave Springs Toastmasters members Damaris Powers, Shaniece Miller Thomas, Deborah Woods, David Woods, and Damaris' son—a former CAPS student—shared a dynamic mock Toastmasters meeting with the St. Charles County CAPS program, inspiring students to develop their communication and leadership skills.

Body



Speech Contests Are Here!

Speech contest season has arrived in District 8, and it's your time to shine! Whether you're a seasoned speaker or looking to conquer your nerves, participating in a contest is an incredible opportunity to grow, challenge yourself, and inspire others.

Not interested in competing? No problem! Contests need enthusiastic audiences, dedicated volunteers, and supportive members to make them a success. Witness the best of Toastmasters, cheer on your fellow members, and experience the excitement of friendly competition.

Visit the District 8 website to find contest dates and details: <https://dist8tm.org/contests/#dates>. Don't miss your chance to be part of the action!

Step up, show up, and make this contest season unforgettable!

Leading the Way: Highlights from December's Toastmasters Leadership Institute



Jackie Kam-Blackard and her team organized a fantastic event featuring a keynote by David Kincaid, special training sessions by Rocky Shurr and Jim Emery, and even a visit from Frosty the Snowman during the gift exchange. A wonderful time was had by all!

Save the Date: District 8 Annual Conference 2025

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the District 8 Toastmasters Spring Conference, happening April 25-26, 2025, at the Marriott Hotel St. Louis Airport.



Here's what you need to know:

- **Conference Details:**

- Friday, April 25th: Kick things off with an evening of networking and games for those who want to check in early.
- Saturday, April 26th: A full day of events from 8 AM to 10 PM, featuring educational sessions, keynote speakers, thrilling speech contests, and more!
- Annual Business Meeting

- **Hotel Accommodations:**

- The Marriott St. Louis Airport is offering a special group rate of \$119 per night.
- The rate is valid for stays from Tuesday, April 22 – Wednesday, April 30, 2025.
- Be sure to book by Wednesday, March 26, 2025, to secure this rate.
- Book your group rate here: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1734987356111&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>

- **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- We're excited to announce that Brad Adams from Crossroads Toastmasters is serving as our Spring Conference Chair! To make this event a resounding success, we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the team.

- **Volunteers are needed for:**

- Fundraising (to help reduce registration costs)
- Operating audio-visual systems
- Serving as the event videographer
- General assistance on Saturday

If you're interested or have questions, please email PQD@Dist8tm.org. Together, we can create an unforgettable experience for all attendees!

Mark your calendars, book your room, and step up to be part of this exciting event. We can't wait to see you there!

38th St. Louis Business Expo



District 8 made a splash at the 38th St. Louis Business Expo, held at the St. Charles Convention Center, connecting with over 100 attendees and showcasing our brand-new D8 T-shirts.

Participate in the Spring Conference Fundraiser & Earn Free Registration!

District 8 is working to make the Spring Conference 2025 free for members who help with fundraising efforts, and we'd love for you to be part of it! By participating, you'll contribute to an unforgettable event while earning your way to free registration.

🔗 Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/cBMFAk95cJ9DTj6i7>

Once signed up, you'll receive details on how to get involved. Let's work together to make this conference a success—join the fundraising team today!



Celebrating Our Education Award Recipients

District 8 is proud to honor the members who earned education awards from July 1 to December 31, 2024.

Each award represents hard work, perseverance, and an inspiration to fellow members. Whether reaching new milestones in Pathways or achieving the Distinguished Toastmaster designation, these accomplishments strengthen our clubs and communities.

These milestones are more than just individual successes—they embody the heart of Toastmasters' mission to empower individuals to become more confident speakers and leaders. The skills honed through Pathways projects, speeches, and leadership roles ripple outward, strengthening not only our clubs but also workplaces, communities, and families.

Congratulations to all recipients! Your success is a testament to the power of learning and leadership. Let's continue striving for excellence together.



Dynamic Leadership Pathway Achievements

Karina Neill, DL1	Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club
Andrew M. Held, DL1 & DL2	South County Toastmasters Club
Rubidel E. Peoples, DL1 & DL2	Writers Ink Toastmasters Club
Sarah Van Meter, DL1 & DL2	Noontime Toastmasters
Lynn Wilson, DL1	McBrien Lincoln-Douglas Club
Linda Mlot, DL1 & DL2	Mount Vernon Toastmasters
Lillian T. Falciglia, EC5	Writers Ink Toastmasters Club
Jason T. Preis, DL2	Mastertoasters Club
Rubidel E. Peoples, DL2	Writers Ink Toastmasters Club
Aimee L. Pullen, DL2	Webster Groves Toastmasters Club
Timothy L. Todd, DL3	Gem City Toastmasters
Kasey Gibbs, DL4	Creve Coeur Toastmasters
Sam Kloese, DTM, DL5	Speak Easy Toastmasters
Andrew LaCroix, DL5	Speak Easy Toastmasters

Effective Coaching Pathway Achievements

Rathika Arul Balan, EC1	Techmasters
Deborah H. Woods, EC1	Cave Springs Toastmasters
Amy Kelemen, EC1	South County Toastmasters Club
Debbie Young, EC1	Webster Groves Toastmasters Club
Trisha R. Gordon, EC2, EC3, EC4, & EC5	Shalom Church Toastmasters
Andrew Welter, EC3, EC4, & EC5	High-Noon Toastmasters Club
Brent P. Stewart, EC4	South County Toastmasters Club
David Kincade, DTM, EC5	Smedley Hometown Memorial Toastmasters Club

Innovative Planning Pathway Achievements

Vicky Kolaks, IP1	South County Toastmasters Club
Kristen Kenney, IP3	RGA Toastmasters
Patricia Kohlmann, IP3	Mastertoasters Club
Patricia Zillen, IP3	Horace Mann Toastmasters

Engaging Humor Pathway Achievements

Brook R. Meadows, EH1	Jeffco Challengers Club
Sherry Nelson, EH1	Gem City Toastmasters
Joan O. Reding, EH3	Noontime Toastmasters
Donna R. Cannon, DTM, EH2	Shalom Church Toastmasters
Rosemary Wilson, DTM, EH2	Midtown Clayton Toastmasters Club
Cheryl Hammond, EH3 & EH4	Free Speakers Toastmasters
Joan O. Reding, EH3	Noontime Toastmasters
Mario Austin, EH4	Horace Mann Toastmasters
Janet R. Martin, EH4	Cave Springs Toastmasters
David Woods, EH4 & EH5	Cave Springs Toastmasters
Sara R. Dahm, EH4	Toast of Belleville
Raymond L. Stratton, DTM, EH5	Toast of Belleville
Melissa Kelley, EH4	Noontime Toastmasters
Mario Austin, EH4	Horace Mann Toastmasters
Henry Greene, DTM, EH5	Free Speakers Toastmasters

Motivational Strategies Pathways Achievement

LJ Davis, MS1	Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club
Sharon Ramsey, MS1	Mastertoasters Club
Candace Alba-Marshall, MS2	Triton Toastmasters
Elaine Curry, DTM, MS3	St Clair Toastmasters
Arielle M. Bohnert, MS3	High-Noon Toastmasters Club
La Juanna D. Williams, MS3	Noontime Toastmasters
Lillian T. Falciglia, MS3	Writers Ink Toastmasters Club
Timothy Scarbrough, MS3	Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club
Dara J. Shaner, MS5	Mount Vernon Toastmasters
Elaine Curry, DTM, MS4	St Clair Toastmasters
Arielle M. Bohnert, MS4	High-Noon Toastmasters Club
Sarah Van Meter, MS5	Noontime Toastmasters

Leadership Development Pathways Achievement

Ajaya Sahu, LD1 & LD2	Horace Mann Toastmasters
Ulvestad E. Eric, LD1	Capital City Toastmasters
Herman Koester, DTM, LD2	St Clair Toastmasters
Kali M. Marcott, LD1, LD2 & LD3	Centene Speaks
Adam H. Kutell, DTM, LD2	South County Toastmasters Club
Bridget Ingebrigtsen, LD3	Capital City Toastmasters

Persuasive Influence Pathways Achievements

Glory K. Kindou, PI1 & PI2	Collinsville Toastmasters Club
Haley E. Jensen, PI1	Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club
Jennifer Huck, PI1	Toast of WU
Adam Fox, PI1	South County Toastmasters Club
Aur Beck, PI1 & PI2	Southern Illinois Toastmasters Club
Trisha R. Gordon, PI1 & PI2	Writers Ink Toastmasters Club
Meg Langland, PI1	Downtown Toastmasters
Anna Eggemeyer, PI2	WUSTL Speaks
Patti Howard, DTM, PI3	Mount Vernon Toastmasters
Steven Burchett, PI3 & PI4	South County Toastmasters Club
Leah Foster, PI4	Cave Springs Toastmasters
Andrew Welter, PI3 & PI4	High-Noon Toastmasters Club
Nathaniel Randall, DTM, PI4	McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club
Patti Howard, DTM, PI4	Mount Vernon Toastmasters

Pathway Mentor Program Achievements

Gio Sparks, PM5, PWMentor	Aetna Toastmasters
Linda Mlot, DL2, PWMentor	Mount Vernon Toastmasters

Strategic Relationships Pathway Achievements

Lawson H. Calhoun, DTM, SR1, SR2, SR3, & SR4	Free Speakers Toastmasters
Joseph McChesney, SR1	Mastertoasters Club
Burchell D. McGhee, TC4, SR3	Shalom Church Toastmasters
Yolanda M. Wood, DTM,SR3	Scott Speakers Association
Michal Prosser-Burlison, SR4 & SR5	High-Noon Toastmasters Club
Rhonda F. Green, DTM, SR4	Writers Ink Toastmasters Club
Kenneth D. Freeman, DTM, SR5	Downtown Toastmasters
Ellen Kirchdoerfer, DTM, SR5	High-Noon Toastmasters Club

Team Collaboration Pathway Achievements

Wantatesha Henderson, TC2 and TC3	Capital City Toastmasters
Yolanda Wood, DTM, TC1	Scott Speakers Association
Burchell McGhee, TC3 & TC4	Shalom Church Toastmasters
Rhonda F. Green, DTM, TC5	WUSTL Speaks

Visionary Communication Pathway Achievements

Valerie Rasche, DTM, VC1	Collinsville Toastmasters Club
Michelle T. Sturdivant, VC1	Speak Easy Toastmasters
Shannon Dunphy, VC1 & VC2	Free Speakers Toastmasters
Trisha R. Gordon, VC1	St Charles County Toastmasters Club
Valerie Rasche, DTM, VC2	Collinsville Toastmasters Club
Rachel Taube, VC2	Triton Toastmasters
Rhonda F. Green, DTM, VC1, VC2 & VC3	Writers Ink Toastmasters Club
Valerie Rasche, DTM, VC3	Collinsville Toastmasters Club
Michelle L. Warriner, VC4	Jacobs P3
Arielle M. Bohnert, VC4	High-Noon Toastmasters Club
Patti Howard, DTM, VC5	Mount Vernon Toastmasters
Sue Rankin, VC4 & VC5	Capital City Toastmasters

Presentation Mastery Pathway Achievements

Matthew D. Dunkmann, PM1	Cave Springs Toastmasters
Kaitlin Becherer, PM2	Collinsville Toastmasters Club
Sharee B. Adams, PM1	Speak Out Pfizer (SOP)
Hope Dodson, PM1	South County Toastmasters Club
Reece M. Faircloth, PM1	Crossroads
Evan T. Ogden, PM1	Horace Mann Toastmasters
Jason D. Flier, PM1	Free Speakers Toastmasters
Shanna Seagraves, PM1	Cave Springs Toastmasters
Yutaka Ikeda, DTM, PM1	Aerospace Orators
Angela Breinin, PM1	MilliporeSigma Toastmasters
Mary E. Bibb, PM1	Cave Springs Toastmasters
Rana A. Aburuman, PM1	Downtown Toastmasters
Wesley T. DeSouza, PM1	Capital Toastmasters Club
Ben Kelley, PM1	Crossroads
Swati Bute, PM1	Mastertoasters Club
Kaitlin Becherer, PM2	Collinsville Toastmasters Club
Anthony L. McPherson, PM2	Aspiring Speakers
Brian Berman, PM2	South County Toastmasters Club
Shaneice M. Thomas, PM1 & PM2	Cave Springs Toastmasters
Kaitlin Bercherer, PM1 & PM2	Collinsville Toastmasters Club

Presentation Mastery Pathway Achievements

Raymond L. Stratton, DTM, PM2	Toast of Belleville
Denise Carpenter, PM3	Free Speakers Toastmasters
Ramya Mergoju, PM3	Crossroads
Seth L. McDonald, PM1, PM2, PM3, & PM4	High-Noon Toastmasters Club
Leigh Kottwitz, DTM, PM4	Downtown Toastmasters
Lora Mather, DTM, PM4	West County Club
Mark M. Strothmann, DTM, PM4	SPEAK UP! Club
Justine A. Maedeker, PM4	O'Fallon Toastmasters
Charidee Geier, PM4	Ascension Health Toastmasters
Deepa L. Konduru, PM4	Mastertoasters Club
David Kincade, DTM, PM4 & PM5	West County Club
Ashley Spraggs, PM2, PM3, & PM4	South County Toastmasters Club
Gio Sparks, PM4 & PM5	Aetna Toastmasters
Rubidel E. Peoples, PM5	Writers Ink Toastmasters Club
Lora Mather, DTM, PM5	West County Club
Meg Langland, PM5	Downtown Toastmasters

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, February 1

Talk-Up Toastmasters Program Begins

9 – 10am
DEC Meeting

Saturday, February 8

11am – 1pm
Area 06 and 11 Speech Contest
Signal Hill Lutheran Church 8100 W Main St, Belleville, IL 62223, United States

Saturday, February 15

Club Officers: Start Collecting Club Dues

10am – 12:30pm
Area 01 Speech Contests
Luther Memorial Church 1210 Jersey St, Quincy, IL 62301, United States

10:30am – 12:30pm
Area 15 Speech Contests
Barr Library 1701 S Jefferson Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63104, United States

Monday, February 17

5 – 8pm
Area 2, Area 4 and Area 5 and Area 9 Speech Contests
Saint Joseph Catholic Church 567 Saint Joseph Ln, Manchester, MO 63021, United States

Thursday, February 20

7 – 8:30pm
Parliamentary Procedures 101 Training

Wednesday, February 26

5:30 – 7:30pm
Area 8 and Area 19 Speech Contests
Missouri Athletic Club, 1777 Des Peres Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131, USA

Thursday, February 27

12:00pm
Area 7 Speech Contests
Missouri United Methodist Church, Columbia, MO
Education Annex - CLC Conference Room

Friday, February 28

Club Officers: Club Officer Training Ends

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, March 1st

Division Contests Begin

9 – 11am

DEC Meeting

12:30 – 2:30pm

Div. C Speech Contests

Litchfield Public Library, 1205 S State St, Litchfield, IL 62056, USA

Saturday, March 8

9:30am – 12:30pm

Div. A Speech Contests

St. Joseph Manchester, 567 St Joseph's Ln, Manchester, MO 63021, USA

Saturday, March 15

9:30am – 1pm

Div. F Speech Contests

St. Louis County Library - Clark Family Branch 1640 S Lindbergh Blvd, Saint Louis, MO 63131, United States

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Division B Combined with Division E

Briefings: 9:00 am

Contests: 9:30 am

St. Charles Ambulance District Building, 2000 Salt River Road, St. Peters, MO

Monday, March 31

Talk-Up Toastmasters Program Ends

March 31 - Membership Renewals Due

April 25-26, 2025

April - Annual Conference

St. Louis Marriott Hotel (Airport)

April 26 - Annual Business Meeting

Full Calendar is available on the District 8 Toastmasters Website ~ <https://www.dist8tm.org>



Spotlight on Corporate Clubs in District 8

Corporate clubs play a vital role in District 8, helping professionals enhance their communication and leadership skills in the workplace. These clubs foster collaboration, boost confidence, and provide a supportive environment for growth within some of the region's leading organizations.

Whether you're part of a corporate club or considering starting one, District 8 is here to support your success. Together, we're empowering professionals and strengthening organizations across Eastern Missouri and Southwestern Illinois. Let's continue to grow and thrive!

CORPORATE CLUBS DISTRICT 8 TOASTMASTERS



Share Your Club's Story with District 8!

Does your club have an event, achievement, or special moment to share? We want to hear about it! District 8 is excited to promote your club's activities on our social media platforms, reaching a wider audience and celebrating your success.

Whether it's an open house, milestone celebration, member recognition, or just a great photo that captures the spirit of your club, your story deserves the spotlight. Let's show the world what makes your club shine!

Submitting is easy—just use the submission form to send your events, photos, articles, or anything you'd like to promote to Deborah Woods, Public Relations Manager. Together, we can showcase the energy and excellence of District 8.

Don't wait—submit today and let's inspire the Toastmasters community and beyond! (You find the link at <https://dist8tm.org/> or click the photo below.)



Deborah Woods, PRM, Contributor and Editor