



TOASTMASTERS DISTRICT 66

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District News & Events

District 66

Winter 2016

2016-2017

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District 66 Website

www.District66.org

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www.Toastmasters.org



DISTRICT DIRECTOR

NOW IS THE TIME

District 66 is still riding high from the momentum of last year. Some of us can remember the day when we looked at the dashboard and we saw “Distinguished District 66” displayed in big bold letters. That means we were recognized by Toastmasters International as being one of the best districts in the entire organization.

Now is the time for each of us to remember why we joined. Was it to become a better communicator? A better leader? Or perhaps to minimize the ah’s and um’s. Whatever your reason, ask yourself, have you reached your goals? If you haven’t, I challenge you to do so. If you have, I challenge you to create new ones and help someone along the way. Our goal for the district is very clear: “to ensure the success of every member.” We have a strong, capable, District Executive Committee, that is ready to assist you in every way. Each one of us has committed to achieve, at least, one educational award this year. Have you? Will you be the example that other club members look to as a role model? Are YOU speaking when given the opportunity? Are YOU contributing to the quality of your meetings?

Now is the time to assess. When you break the year down into four quarters, we are in the third period. Have you identified your strengths and weaknesses? Are you and your club mates poised for greatness? Club officers, do you know what your members are looking for? Are you setting them up for success?

Now is the time for a reality check. Is your club vibrant or do you struggle? Do guests join or become ghosts once they leave? Have you visited other clubs? Do you invite neighboring clubs to visit you? Many of us go through periods where we need a boost. I challenge all of us to visit, at least once, somewhere other than your home club.

Now is the time to make this the best year ever! **Charles S. Gates, DTM**

Congratulations!

District 66 Educational Award Recipients

COMPETENT COMMUNICATOR

Sheila V Ahmadi	Jenna L Lund
Jonet Artis	Alexis N Majied
Nadia Berrio Roa	Tonya M. Martin
Christina L. Brown	Jennifer E. McHugh
Sheryl L Buckner	E. Wade Miner
Christopher Byerly	Kerry E. Osborne
Stephen Cary	Jose R Quinones
Liang Chen	Ratha Ramasamy
Joseph A D'Alu	Annette Reeder
Glenn Doggett	Jaclyn Heather Robertson
John Faust	Barry H. Robinson
Christopher Michael	Kenny L Robinson
Fenning	Edmarie Rodriguez
Amy Suzanne Flowers	Leatherman
Madeline Frank	Ashleigh R Rosen
Regina C. Fremont-Gomez	Kendra Nicole Schmid
Samy S. Gadalla	Yolanda Seban
Tim Garner	Joshua Seth-Buachie
Mark A Hailey	Brandy Shephard
Christie L Hand	Katherine C Stells
Kevin L Hand	Ernestine Thorne-Akers
Harry Edward Harman	Dawn A. Tyson
Britt E. Hockenberry	David A Umberger
Shelly Ann Hockett	Amy E. Voltaire
Rajkumar Subhash	Priscilla Warren
Honmurgi	Evan W Wiley
Christian Lynn Jeffrey	Alexandra Wilkerson
Annette K. Jensen	Chuck F. Williams
Vanessa Jones	Steven Allen Williams
Bonnie S Keene	Denise E Wilson
Salih Cem Kumsal	Paul C. Wilson
Douglas B. Lindenberg	Joseph S. Workman
Tawnia L Lipsey	Stephen W. Worrel
Ryan P. Looney	

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR SILVER

Clinton B. Atwater	Tarvaris J. McCoy
Vanetta Covell	Nancy S. Priddy
Lori Davis	Joyce B. Puller
Roberta L. Drewiske	Robert Turcotte
Karen Lindquist	

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR BRONZE

Edwina C. Becoat	Michael P Schuelke
Clifton L. Parker	Linda S. Kennedy
Jaime D. Bertramsen	Karen Lovegren Smith
Alice G Prior	Elizabeth A. Ledbetter
Joan Bowling	Robert Turcotte
Josh C. Ritchey	Justin D. Morgan
Victoria Ashley Harris	Bobbi Losee Vernon
Joel Roy	Oladele Onayemi
Katharine Barrett Jacobson	



ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR GOLD

Glenn Doggett	Toni Schmiegelow
Tiffany Lorraine Green	Laura D. Seibert
Lynn B. Lewis	William D. Tyree
Matthew D. Newquist	

What are your educational goals?

Visit Resources at
<https://www.toastmasters.org/>. Learn more
 about the Toastmasters Educational Program
 and then set your goals.

COMPETENT LEADER

Rob Alban	Carey Stuart Kessler
Heather E. Andrew	Divesh Kumar
Sharon K. Bares	Richard Luong
Letitia Yolanda Bates	Dwain F. Marlowe
Edwina C. Becoat	Frank Marshman
Cynthia Dunaway Brittain	Tonya M. Martin
Christina L. Brown	Miranda L. Munson
Sheryl L. Buckner	Alyce Altice Newman
Manna Chhaysy	Kerry E. Osborne
Melinda N. Coley	Pamela A. Parker-White
Tamara G. Conn	Atul K. Patel
Clifton C. Copper	Rebecca Rankin
Patricia F. Copper	Joel Roy
Jessica Y. Cowardin	Kristin L. Salsano
R. Vernelle Curtis	Toni Schmiegelow
Lori Davis	Michael P. Schuelke
Glenn Doggett	Karen Lovegren Smith
Madeline Frank	Carolyn G. Stanphill
Tabetha L. Fuller	David Taylor
Brittany Marie Gagnon	Wade Thompson
Karen D. Garland	Ernestine Thorne-Akers
Frank H. Gillerlain	Catherine B. Towler
Kelli B. Gravely	Kristine C. Vey
Tammie R. Green	Denise Lowe Walters
Travis Lee Griffin	Priscilla Warren
Mark A. Hailey	Mary F. White
Charlene Heyward	Alexandra Wilkerson
Enesha J. Hicks	Donna D. Wilmoth
Annette K. Jensen	Patricia A. Wilson
Dalphine A. Joppy	

ADVANCED LEADER SILVER

Kitty J. Boitnott	Tiffany Lorraine Green
Cynthia Dunaway Brittain	Glenn D. Hadley
Patricia F. Copper	Vicky Harte
Lori Davis	Lynn B. Lewis
Glenn Doggett	Mark Alexander Robinson
Deborah M. Ferron	Promod Sreedharan
Amy Suzanne Flowers	Craig E. Stevens

ADVANCED LEADER BRONZE

Lillian Aghedo	Divesh Kumar
Dwayne Bulls	Kimberly L. Leovich
Debra Y. Croy	Karen Lindquist
Glenn Doggett	Frank Marshman
Amy Suzanne Flowers	Pamela Parker-White
Valerie D. Gray	Dylan Paul
Lauren Grimmer	Nicole Peyton
Harry Edward Harman	Josh C. Ritchey
Katharine Barrett Jacobson	Evelyn Rubongoya
Trisha A. Jantzen	Robert Turcotte
Annette K. Jensen	Venus Wilmer
Gregory Whit Kirtley	

HIGH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP

Lori Davis	Matthew D. Newquist
Glenn Doggett	Kim H. Powell
Amy Suzanne Flowers	Mark Alexander Robinson
Tiffany Lorraine Green	Toni Schmiegelow
Carey Stuart Kessler	Laura D. Seibert
Lynn B. Lewis	Promod Sreedharan

DISTRICT 66 HALF BY HALF Challenge

Congratulations to the following clubs for meeting the Half by Half Challenge by achieving 5 DCP goals (half of the possible 10) by December 31, 2016 (halfway mark of the Toastmaster year)

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| ▶ Hampton Roads Orators | ▶ City of Norfolk Toastmasters |
| ▶ Harrisonburg Toastmasters Club | ▶ Dominion Innsbrook Toastmasters |
| ▶ James River Toastmasters | ▶ Expressions |
| ▶ Peninsula Powerhouse Speakers | ▶ Faith Talk Toastmaster |
| ▶ Speakers Bureau Of The Blue Ridge Club | ▶ First Choice Toastmasters Club |
| ▶ St. Michael Toastmasters | ▶ Gold Standard |
| ▶ Augusta Toastmasters | |



These clubs will be recognized on the District 66 Website and during the Winter Leadership Institute (WLI). They will also receive \$15 in District Dollars.

All District 66 Clubs achieving 5 or more DCP goals were eligible. There were no membership requirements for the Half by Half Challenge. All awardees were determined by their DCP goals achieved according to the Toastmasters International Distinguished Club Program Report on December 31, 2016. To be recognized by Toastmasters as a Distinguished Club, on June 30, 2017, the club must have 20 or more members or have achieved a net growth of 5 or more members.

Congratulations Distinguished Toastmasters



Cynthia Brittain
7/1/2016



Petricia Copper
7/1/2016



Vicky Harte
7/6/2016



Glenn Hadley, Jr.
7/10/2016



Kitty Boinatt
7/15/2016



Deborah Ferron
8/1/2016



Lynn Lewis
11/1/2016



Craig Stevens
11/10/2016



Tiffany Green
11/16/2016



Glenn Doggett
11/29/2016

District 66 congratulates our July – December 2016 Distinguished Toastmasters (DTMs). Distinguished Toastmaster is the highest award bestowed by Toastmasters International. The DTM recognizes members for superior achievement in both communication and leadership.

From Around the District

Speak Easy Club (Division E, Area 54)

On December 14, 2016, Speak Easy of Area 54 celebrated their tenth anniversary. The celebration was hosted by Jacquie Harrison, current club President and Area 52 Director, and Jamie Hobor, former Area 54 Director and former Club President. To celebrate the occasion, all current and past Toastmasters as well as all organization management were invited. The festivity began with a speech from a former member, Karen Harr, who introduced Toastmasters into HRSD. Plaques of appreciation were presented to HSRD General Manager, Ted Henifin, and to Nancy Munnikhuysen, Communication Director and club sponsor for the past 10 years. A good time was had by all attendees.



Division D

Toastmasters International Director, Mr. Russell Drake, paid a visit to the Joint Staff organization in Hampton Roads Executives. Mr. Russell Drake came to talk about Toastmasters new cutting-edge learning paths. Mr. Timothy Baker, Director, Resource & Acquisition Management Office/Military Secretariat, of the Joint Staff, Hampton Roads (JS-HR) along with four other executive leaders and staff members welcomed Mr. Russell Drake, International Director, Region 7. The District 66 Trio helped to explain the modernized learning tools by providing helpful tips on new technological resources to help JS HR employees meet personal and professional goals. The executives asked questions and felt this was an excellent opportunity to offer their employees.

Special thanks to Russell Drake and the D66 Trio for their efforts.

PG Articulators (Division E, Area 55)

PG Articulators club had their holiday party 12/17. They included an awards ceremony to recognize various members for Best Table Topics Speaker, Best Evaluator, etc. based on prior ballot submissions during the first 6 months of the year. They also included a President's Choice Award for any club member who went "above and beyond" based on attendance, participation, education awards and service to the club. The honorees were given certificates, as well.



Motivators Toastmasters (Division C, Area 35)

Motivators Toastmasters celebrated its 55th anniversary with an open house. Jim Blowers began the meeting with a bit of club history, while club coach Lillian Aghedo presented an encouraging speech. Area 35 2016 Humorous Speech Contest winner, Lisa Eget, shared her winning speech with club members as well as several guests who joined the evening celebration. The open house took place at the club's new location – North Courthouse Road Library in Chesterfield, Virginia and everyone in attendance participated in the meeting.



DISTRICT 66 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING SPRING 2017

Learn and Lead

Saturday, February 16, 2017

Divisions B & C

Registration: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Training: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: CTC@Hull

Thomas R. Gulghum Conference Center
13900 Hull Streed Rd
Midlothian, VA

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Divisions D & E

Registration: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Training: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Regent University

1000 Regent University Dr
Virginia Beach, VA

Your Club Deserves a Strong Leadership Team!

While club officers are expected to attend, all members of the club can benefit from officer training. Club Officer Training is open to all Toastmasters.

For questions or more information, email TLI@district66.org

SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TOASTMASTERS

By Michael Notaro, DTM, Past International President, Toastmasters Magazine

Aristotle once said, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” Habits are a part of life. What begins as a simple choice is repeated day after day, month after month and year after year. Over time, our habits — whether good or bad — shape our destiny. To begin [2017], I offer you seven habits of highly effective Toastmasters!

Be early. Great things happen when you are early for a Toastmasters meeting. You can greet a guest, finalize the agenda, hand your manual to your evaluator or help with room preparations. Best of all, you will be relaxed and seated when the meeting starts.

Be prepared. Preparation is vital to a successful Toastmasters meeting. Prior preparation prevents poor performance. When things are done at the last minute, or not done at all, the meeting quality suffers and members stay home.

Be positive. Attitude is contagious. Members join to learn, grow and have fun! Project a positive attitude of fun and enjoyment. Encourage new members to sign up for speaking and leadership roles early and often.

Be supportive. When members show interest and support each other, everyone succeeds. Encouragement is like a mental vitamin, and it begins with you. Nurture a supportive, encouraging club culture and watch your club thrive.

Be courteous. Toastmasters is a people business and all people have feelings. Some members are sensitive, while others are thick-skinned, but all expect courteous treatment. Say “thank you” and “please,” and apologize when appropriate. Treat your clubmates kindly and watch them reciprocate.

Be a goal-setter. Effective Toastmasters stretch themselves and encourage others to stretch, as well. If you are new, reach for your Competent Communicator award. If you have a CC, reach for CL, AC or DTM awards. If you have a DTM, earn another one (like I did). You will grow, and others will catch the excitement and grow along with you.

Be ready for anything! Toastmasters is a learning experience and anything can happen at any time — from fire alarms to power outages to speaker no-shows. Be flexible and seize your opportunity to grow. If a prepared speaker cancels at the last minute, try a five- to seven-minute impromptu speech. You might be surprised at how well you do, and you may inspire your clubmates.



Nominations for 2017-2018 District Officers are now open for both elected and appointed positions. Nominations will remain open until 28 Feb 2017. Any nomination received after this date will not be considered. For forms and more information, see District66.org.



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DISTRICT 66
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TOASTMASTERS MEMBERS,
CLUBS, AREAS, & DIVISIONS
& WANT TO SHARE THEM
WITH THE WORLD!



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we should spotlight? Let us know!
Reach out pr@district66.org to be
considered for the District 66 Spotlight!**

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT CONTENT FOR THE NEXT DOMINION TRAVELER
IS MARCH 22nd.** We welcome images, news, articles, etc. relevant to
Toastmasters from all around the District. Submit content to pr@district66.org.