



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

# DISTRICT 64 NEWSLETTER



## Friendly Competition

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## Club Ambassador Program

The Club Ambassador Program is a new initiative to encourage toastmasters to step outside the comfort zone of their own clubs and visit others. We have clubs that are struggling with membership who still want to hold meetings. We acknowledge those Toastmasters that take the initiative to support those clubs or to visit others through out the year.

If you visit a club then the club President or VP Education of that club needs to email [gavel@district64.ca](mailto:gavel@district64.ca) with the visitor's name, the club name and the current membership of the club.

Karen Kiazuk-Kaatz and Harry Hobbs will be tracking points. If you visit a club that has 7 members or less, you receive 3 points, 8-12 members you receive 2 points and any clubs over the 12 members will receive 1 point.

The top three members with the most points will receive a prize for your support to the district and for helping those clubs that are struggling.

Through the "Power of We", we can build and support those clubs.

Happy Visiting!



Many of our clubs are hybrid!

Check their websites for zoom links for dates and times.

# Last opportunity for one and done training!



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Speech contest season has started!

See who won! See who you will be competing against with the 2024 Speech tracker. Click below

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1240of\\_jqWoPTx4tlxzvbAAXtpy99f1Cc1xTu2KugPWc/edit#gid=1059573356](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1240of_jqWoPTx4tlxzvbAAXtpy99f1Cc1xTu2KugPWc/edit#gid=1059573356)

- Area contests in February
- Division contests in March
- District Finals are at the Spring Conference

Speech contest resources

Susan Kotello - Speech Contest Coordinator

Bill Buchanan, Judging Coordinator and Area and Division Directors

## QUICK LINKS

- District Calendar
- D64 Blog
- D64 Podcast
- Toastmasters International

**Winter**  
Toastmaster Leadership Institute

Still have time for **Success!**  
**February 24th, 2024**  
**12:30-4:30**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**      **RESOURCES & YOODLI**

 **Bob Hooey,**  
DTM, AS

 **David Schaal,**  
DTM, PDQ  
District 6

**TOAST TALKS**

Public Relations -  **Connie Bok**

Pathways -  **Patrick Goodridge**

Members -  **Clint Unrau**

**\*\*\*FINAL opportunity for CLUB OFFICER TRAINING\*\*\***

Cost: \$15/person or      680 Whytefold Rd, Wpg  
Team of 5 \$10/person      Fitness & Rec Centre

Register at [district64.ca](http://district64.ca)

## FINAL DATES CLUB OFFICER TRAINING SCHEDULE 2024

Club Officer Positions - 1.25 Hours each (Must attend for each office you hold)				
Session 8	Tues Feb 6th	7:00 PM		
Session 9	Mon Feb 12th	7:00 PM		
Electives - Must attend one of the following. All start at 7 pm.				
Session 7	Mon Feb 5th	Member & Growth	Club Promotions	Moments of Truth
Session 8	Fri Feb 9th	Pathways	DTM Success	Moments of Truth
Session 9	Thurs Feb 15th	Member & Growth	Club Promotions	Moments of Truth

**FINAL Session: Winter TLI - February 24, 2024**  
(counts towards full complete training for all positions officer hold by attending)

# Director's Message

## Bad and Good News

Greetings District 64!!

There is so much happening in our district, both great and some not so great. Allow me to address both and be very frank. First, the not so great. At the January District Meeting, I was surprised to hear of clubs that could and will be folding come renewals for various reasons. Leaders at all levels, let us know when these issues are popping up as soon as possible. Presidents, Area Directors and Division Directors you have our contact information, get us involved as quickly as you can. We are a small district and can ill afford to just let clubs die off without everyone fighting for them. OK, I think that message is loud and clear.

Now for the great news. I am acknowledging the hard work of our Club Growth, Program Quality and Public Relations Teams right through to our club executives and members. As I stated in the January District Meeting, our payments to date and "almost distinguished clubs" are both trending far ahead of where we were last year. That is a result of everyone's hard work. Let's keep those trends moving forward. Stephen is slowly losing his hair as PQD, but his teams are accomplishing great things with TLI, Spring Conference and COT. This helps with retention and club quality. Stephen, hold your head up high my friend. Doreen's team is doing well with potential clubs, and she is retooling to help with focus on existing clubs. Both sides are always required and are part of the District Mission. I love hearing about what her teams are currently working on. Very proud of her teams on both of these fronts.

Connie and her PRM team are doing amazing work. Our updated communications plan is working, and we are seeing the results. Our newsletters have been outstanding, and I am very proud of Cindy's work on that front. Adam is just a machine, plain and simple. It is my hope that we continue to utilize this model of the communications plan after my term as DD is over because it works.

*"Get us involved as quickly as you can! We are a small district and can ill-afford to let clubs die off without everyone fighting for them!"*

*- David Storey*



### David Storey, DTM District Director



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Area and Division Directors, you are very busy now with Contests and Visits. Your work and efforts are vital to the success of the district. I am very proud of both the first time Area Directors and the experienced Area Directors alike for the sheer volume of what you do collectively. Thank you to all my committees. DLC, alignment, credentials, audit, awards and the list goes on.

Of note, this newsletter will have the dates for Feb, March, April and May's meetings and events. Lloyd Gwilliam is working with me on a date and venue for our June District Meeting in a park. Once confirmed we will publish that too. We will also be opening up the nominations for District Sponsored Awards very soon. My final words here are to the clubs and members of the district. Push hard to achieve your goals. Fight for every member. Use all resources at hand. Enjoy yourselves. Let's finish Feb strong and build more momentum.

# Program Quality

Hello District 64 Toastmasters!

The start gun has gone off with a bang and the sprint through to the end of the year is here!

Speech Contest season is flying by with the club level contests closing in January. February is the Area level contests followed by the Division level in March. All contests at this point are virtual based through to the District finals

I would like to acknowledge and commend every member who has competed so far for a job well done, win or lose. The act of stepping up to compete in a speech contest is an amazing way to embrace Toastmasters 'experience' and journey. Speech contests provide a great opportunity to test your skills in more and more challenging environments. Now looking forward to the Area and Division levels, there is growing anticipation in the air! Who will continue on? Which members will eventually compete in the District 64 Finals? Will you attend to support our members fun in friendly completion?

Don't miss the District Speech Contest Finals fun!

Register to attend the District 64 Spring Conference - "The Power of We"! District 64 Contest finals for the Evaluation and International Speech contests will be held on Friday evening April 26, 2024 online. The best way to watch is with your fellow toastmasters members at a viewing party at the Alt Hotel! Watch streamed contests, while networking with your friends. Enjoy a drink from the cash bar, check out the D64 store and silent auction while supporting your fellow members as they compete to win!

To close, I have a call to action for all the club officers who have not been fully trained. Be sure to register for any remaining ZOOM training dates or attend the District 64 Winter TLI on February 24, 2024! Empower yourself with the knowledge to support and lead your club and members success!


Note: The onsite at Alt Hotel speech contest finals viewing party is accessible only with Gold Full Conference tickets or Silver Partial In-person Conference tickets.

*“Empower yourself with the knowledge to support and lead your club and members to success!”*  
- Stephen Bryden

At your service,



**Stephen Bryden**  
Program Quality Director

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# Club Growth

## Fun Incentives

Greetings District 64

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the year. I have been watching the Dashboard. I like what I see. We have 61 clubs in good standing. There are 4 clubs who have reached their membership required for the year, other clubs have been working on Pathways. I am looking forward to seeing the progress we can make from now until June.

We have 3 possibly 4 new clubs forming shortly. I am happy to say that we have 6 club coaches this year. That is double from last year. Let's keep this growing. Please consider doing the club coach module in pathways. Being a club coach will help you achieve your DTM.

There are 2 new incentives coming out.

The first one is Talk Up Toastmasters which starts Feb. 1 and ends March 31. This program encourages toastmasters to invite people to their club to learn about Toastmasters. Should a club sign up or reinstate 5 new members to their club they will receive a special Talk of Toastmasters ribbon to display on their banner.

Second incentive - Beat The Clock runs from May 1 to June 30. The reward is similar to Talk Up Toastmasters adding five new, dual, or reinstate members between May 1 and June 30 and receiving a Beat The Clock ribbon to display on the club's banner.

The Ambassador Toastmasters program is going great. This incentive runs until June 30. Patrick Goodridge is in the lead right. I encourage you to continue visiting clubs in the District and earn yourself some points.

Looking for a club to visit? Go to the TI website and check out the dashboard. The dashboard lists all the clubs and number of members in each club.

There are 16 clubs that are halfway to distinction.

*"Let's become a Distinguished District this year!"*  
- Doreen Roman



**Doreen Roman DTM**  
Club Growth Director



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The exciting news is we are at 61 paid clubs in good standing.

Best of luck to all the members who will be participating in the speech and evaluation contests. They should be interesting and exciting. I encourage District 64 toastmasters to continue working together to help each other.

## For Members:

### Have you:

- Been a paid member in good standing
- Been a Toastmaster for at least 1 year
- Achieved Pathways Level 2
- Served as a Club Officer for at least 1 year
- Not a member of the coached club for at least 6 months
- Complete Club Coach Pathways module

**Sign up to be a Club Coach TODAY!**



# Club Coach



# DTM OPPORTUNITIES

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## SAVE THE DATES!

Feb 17th - Deadline for nominations to the District Leadership Committee

Feb 24th - TLI (no District Meeting in Feb)

Mar 16th - District Meeting 10am

April 18th - Candidate's Corner 7PM

April 20th - Annual Business Meeting vice District Meeting 10 AM

April 25th-27th - District 64 Spring Conference

May 25th - District Meeting 10am

June 15th - District Meeting in the Park 10-2 pm

To help experienced members of Toastmaster, help the non members be the best communicators they can be.

## Speechcraft

**As Participant:**

- It will boost your confidence
- Improve their communication, public speaking, and leadership skills.
- Opportunity to join a club – have already completed speeches towards their Path.

**As a coordinator:**

- Given materials to help you recruit five people for a 4, 6, or 8 sessions as a Speechcraft event
- Once completed receive credit towards a DTM



**NEED**

Speechcraft Co-ordinator volunteers

Contact Laurette Greenlay

[speechcraft@district64.ca](mailto:speechcraft@district64.ca)

## Youth Leadership

Youth Leadership program is a workshop for ages 14 to 18 to develop their communication and leadership skills through practical experience.

Workshop consists of:

- Eight - 1 to 2 hour sessions
- Presented during, after school or on weekends



**NEED**

**Youth Leadership Co-ordinator volunteers**

**Benefits for Volunteers:**

- DTM Credit

Contact Laurette Greenlay

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# LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**TOASTMASTERS  
INTERNATIONAL**

**District 64  
Spring Conference**



*The*  
**POWER OF WE**

**April 25-27, 2024**

**Alt Hotel Winnipeg**  
310 Donald Street

Register at [www.district64.ca](http://www.district64.ca)

Registration is now open for the Spring Conference!

Join us in the “Power of We” for fun and fellowship with great Keynotes, speech contest and live entertainment provided by

**Gold - \$167/person**

**Silver - \$127/person**

**Bronze - \$97/person**

Packages available making this event accessible and affordable for all!

**\$169/night for a**

**standard Queen Room**

Hotel room rates are in effect until March 25. Register early!

**[Book Hotels Rooms here!](#)**

## Call for Nominations

Are you looking to expand your communication and organization skills?

Have you served as an Area Director, Division Director and are ready to step up to the next level?

The District Leadership Committee is looking for YOU! District leadership gives you transferable skills that go with you everywhere-the workplace, community groups, family and beyond.

Take advantage of the opportunity to join the District as it makes it's trajectory to greatness.

**Contact Marian Kremers for more info at [leadershipcommittee@district64.ca](mailto:leadershipcommittee@district64.ca)**

