



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

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Many of our clubs are hybrid! Check their websites for zoom links for dates and times.

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DISTRICT 64 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year! 2025 Edition!!!!

Please send any newsworthy items and announcements to Don Wood, DTM
Public Relations Manager

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ph: 204-899-4857



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Club Officer Training Dates Register at district64.ca

- January 15
- January 16
- January 24
- January 29
- January 31
- February 6
- February 12
- February 13
- February 20
- February 22 (Winter TLI)

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District Leadership Team



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Immediate Past District Director
– David Storey, DTM

Director's Message

District 64's Journey to Distinguished Status!

Happy New Year District 64!

We have passed the halfway mark in our race to achieve Distinguished status be it, each member, club, area, division and district... together!

Through December, I was honoured and inspired by attending many club holiday celebration events. It warmed my heart meeting our members, while experiencing the fellowship, peer support, laughter and fun. It energized me to see the Toastmasters program in action and shine so brightly.

Looking ahead, I am excited by all the future opportunities that will enable members to continue to accelerate these types of member experiences. Speech Contest season provides a great way to embrace challenge and fun. Club Officer Training offers leaders to learn, network and grow. District Meetings enables us to connect while keeping up to date on D64 news. Fundraisers enables us to connect as a member community while supporting our spring conference pocketbook too. Last, upcoming major events including, Winter TLI, District Elections, and the District 64 Spring Conference grand finale... will cap the year with connection, celebration and fun.

Be sure to regularly check the D64 website and events calendar to help maximize your member experience.

The first half of the year we experienced learning, growth & fun while building significant momentum.

In the second half, let's press the accelerator down to the floor to maximize our membership experience while achieving success together!

At your service,

Stephen Bryden,
District Director
District 64 Toastmasters

Program Quality

Happy New Year District 64

I hope this message finds you well rested after the holidays.

It is hard to believe we are halfway through this Toastmasters year. I don't know where the time goes.

We are heading into contest season and I would like to extend good luck to all who will be entering the speech contests. I am looking forward to seeing all the results, from Club through to Division. To see how everyone is doing, please keep an eye on the speech contest tracker on the website.

Second round of Club Officer Training is well underway. Head to the District 64 website to register. If you plan to do the training at Winter TLI, you will have to register for the TLI.

Winter TLI is happening on Saturday, February 22nd in Selkirk. June Storey and I are busy getting all the details planned out.

Spring conference is May 9th and 10th. Mark the date on your calendar. There is a great line up of educational and guest speakers and, of course, the speech contests. I hope to see everyone there. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with the spring conference, let me know. The more hands we have the lighter the work.

Keep up the hard work District 64.

Regards,
Doreen Roman DTM,
Program Quality Director
District 64 Toastmasters

Club Growth

Happy New Year District 64!

I hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday season. Past experiences has showed us that the second half of the Toastmasters year is always a busy one and this year is shaping up to be no different.

The second half is full of training, contests, TLI, our annual conference and seeing clubs achieve distinguished status, but, at the same time, we still have some clubs that have a lot of work to accomplish from getting back in good standing, to getting membership goals, to achieving those educational levels in pathways. We can not let our foot off the gas pedal as we still have a lot of work to do this year.

The new year is about reflecting on what happened last year, how much you have grown over the year but, its also about looking to accomplishing our goals, overcoming challenges as well as being better than you were last year or even yesterday.

I can't wait to see how much we can accomplish during this second half. This year, as we explore our journey, I feel like we were climbing the mountain, laying the ground work for a successful year in the first half. We are at that tipping point getting over the mountain and hopefully our ground work has been laid out perfectly to success and to a distinguished District in the second half.

Cheers to 2025!

Connie Bok,
Club Growth Director
District 64 Toastmasters

Public Relations



THE PUBLIC RELATIONS MONTHLY CLUB CHALLENGE

FOR

DEC 2024 – JAN 2025

Have your club post an event on the TI website for your club. Once added, send an email to the Public Relations Manager by January 23, 2025 for a chance to win

Submit your completion to: PublicRelations@district64.ca

Let's promote together!

Spotlight on Clubs

Downtown Winnipeg Toastmasters



Fun Fact:

Brian Bowman, past mayor of Winnipeg, was a member one summer when he was in university

Meets every second Wednesday morning at 7am as a hybrid club.

Akin's Business Centre
819 Sargent Ave.

Chartered as Monarch Life Speakers Forum on July 1, 1976, it was District 64's first corporate club. Less than 10 years later, the club was floundering - no longer supported by Monarch Life which had been taken over by North American Life.

The club changed its name to Broadway Speakers Forum as it still met on that Street. In 1985, it had very low membership and switched meeting times from noon to early morning.

The duo of Gord McIlroy and Arnold Mickelson had a goal of a morning club for each day of the week and Broadway Speakers was one of those clubs. (Gord and Arnold shared the Eric Stuhlmüller Memorial Award in 1991-1992.)

The name changed again in the 90's to reflect that it no longer met on Broadway. The club became Downtown Winnipeg Toastmasters. Today, the club members, ranging from beginners to experts, come from diverse backgrounds.

On Wednesday, January 22, 2025 the club will be holding this year's Table Topics contest. Guests welcome.

If you wish to drop in by Zoom, the link is:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86230687218?
pwd=WCtUSFRwdTF2RVJNMXdLQjlaUkNpQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86230687218?pwd=WCtUSFRwdTF2RVJNMXdLQjlaUkNpQT09)

Pathways Champion

Notable Assistance

Education is one of the main reasons we join Toastmasters. Last month our education system, Pathways went through some changes.

Here are the few upgrades to Pathways:

- Better Basecamp interface for all devices
- Basecamp manager responsibilities can now be shared by all the club officers
- Easier tracking systems of members pathways progress
- Achievements are more ready available to be shared within club and beyond
- Members have more options to give feedback within the club

With the changes it has brought Pathways closer to the original intent. To provide the members with an efficient online curriculum, that's flexible and user friendly.

Anyone needs any assistance with Pathways please contact:
pathways@district64.ca

Cheers,
Patrick Goodridge, Pathways Champion, District 64

News Letter Champion

Request for Assistance

At our Selkirk club we have a good time dare I say; frivolity... so with that in mind, I'm putting out the ask for some highlights of Club Meetings and Events.

Request is for:
pics, videos, links, events, awards, recognitions or words of kindness...
Lets see your club pride and we'll it share a bit, thanks in advance!

Please have your submissions in for Feb 10th.

Happy New Years. to all!
Kent Heinrich, Publisher, newsletter@district64.ca

News and Announcements

We welcome all nominations. Remember, you can nominate yourself.

We call it volunteering.

For Job descriptions and Nomination Forms please go to:

<https://district64.ca/call-for-nominations-2/>



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT 64 LEADERSHIP

*Serving as a District
Officer can move you
forward in your
personal growth*



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We invite nominations from active members for the 2025-2026 term:

- District Director
 - Program Quality Director
 - Club Growth Director
 - Division Directors
 - Area Directors

News and Announcements



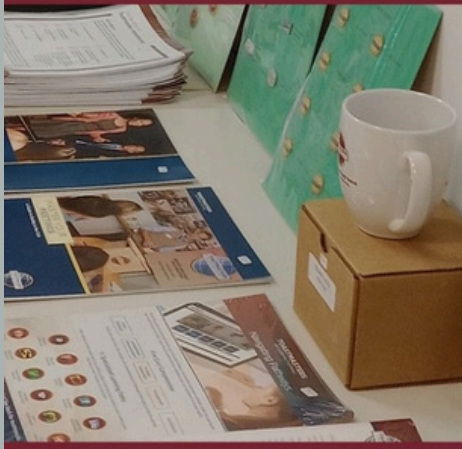
**SATURDAY,
JAN 25/25**





WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

District 64 **District Meeting**

*Theme: New
Year's Goals &
Aspirations*



 • 10:30am-12:30pm Central Time

 • Bill and Helen Norrie Library,
15 Poseidon Bay, Winnipeg, MB
• ZOOM

-  • District reports
• Announcements
• Panel discussion: Enabling
success of corporate clubs
• Bookstore
• Refreshments

*Everyone in District
64 is invited!*



News and Announcements

Winners of November PRM Challenge

Three clubs participated in the November PRM Challenge, which was to prepare a Club Communications Plan: **Crossroads, Francs-Parleurs, and Virtual Toastmasters**. All 3 clubs will be receiving a \$25 gift certificate to use at the District Bookstore. The quality of all 3 plans was quite pleasing. Congratulations!



District 64 Spring Conference Fundraiser

Everyone that attended the Pancake Breakfast has such a great time that we decided that we would try a Wing Night. It will take place on Sunday, January 26th, from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at Smitty's Restaurant (580 Pembina Hwy, Pembina & Grant location). Tickets are \$25 for 1lb of wing (in a flavour of your choosing), Fries, and a drink (Bud, Bud Light, or Soft Drink). You can purchase tickets at the door with cash or online (credit/debit card) at <https://district64.ca/fundraiser/>

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DISTRICT 64

Invites you to our

WING NIGHT

In Support of the

Spring Conference

January 26th, 2025

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Smitty's Restaurant
Pembina & Grant

580 Pembina Hwy

**Tickets
are \$25**

**Friends
and Family
are
Welcome**



Included:

**1 lb of wings, tossed in
your choice of sauce**

Side of fries

Choice of Beverage

(Bud, Bud Light, or Soft Drink)