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District 26 Dialogue

Serving Colorado, Wyoming and Western Nebraska

**Immediate Past District
Director**

[Rhea Thompson DTM](#)



Congratulations District 26!

Although final accomplishments are not yet recorded, District 26 has certainly “raised the bar” this past year. Thank you for YOUR efforts in achieving your personal goals which helped our District achieve the following, as recorded June 19, 2018.

- We are 189 clubs strong
- YOU have completed 838 Educational awards
- We have 69 Distinguished clubs
 - 15 Distinguished
 - 24 Select Distinguished
 - 30 President’s Distinguished
- We have 11 Distinguished Areas
 - 7 Distinguished
 - 1 Select Distinguished
 - 3 President’s Distinguished
- Foothills Division is Select Distinguished
- We have chartered 17 new clubs
- We successfully realigned our entire District resulting in:
 - A new Western Division
 - An additional 3 Areas
- We have updated our District 26 website, creating a new and exciting website (hopefully it has rolled out by the time this newsletter is published)
- We ended the year in an exceptional financial position

District 26 outshines all other Districts in Region 1, having the highest numbers in New Members, Member Renewals, Charter Members, Year-To-Date Membership Payments and Distinguished Clubs.

Thank you, members and leaders for your commitment to “raising the bar” in 2017-2018! It has been my honor to serve as your District Director.



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Division Directors

Denver | **Carol Pace**

Eastern | **Sarah Beasley**

Foothills | **Terry Ploski**

Metro | **Randee Ryan**

Northern | **Janice Haldi**

Southern | **Glen Knight**

Urban | **David Johnson**

Western | **OPEN**

District 26 Calendar

District 26 Website



District Director

Marcia Wood DTM



An Abundance of Challenges

An Abundance of Challenges. That's how I described the state of our District 26 to one of my leader colleagues.

I was not kidding. If you think you are the only one who feels this way, think again!

You and I are experiencing an abundance of challenges:

- the realignment of clubs from seven to eight divisions,
- the introduction of the Pathways educational system,
- and first and foremost, no fall speech contests!

Why should you care? Because you will be affected by one — or all — of these changes.

“May you live in interesting times.” That's the Chinese salutation for wishing someone a chaotic future, or if they prefer to view it differently, an amazingly fantastic whirlwind of excitement.

Do you look forward to an amazingly fantastic whirlwind of excitement? Over the past two years, I have turned from dread of change to an appreciation of challenges. Most evenings, I smile to myself and think, "I can't make this stuff up! This truly happened."

Now it's your turn. It's your call. Will you focus on Abundance or on Challenges? Focusing on Abundance will provide you with a sense of hope. Focusing on Challenges will create a steeling of the will. Neither one is wrong or right, and there are benefits to both viewpoints.

What do you say? Let's join together for a journey toward an amazingly fantastic whirlwind of excitement!

Embrace An Abundance of Challenges!



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Mission Statements

Toastmasters International Mission:

We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.

District Mission:

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

Club Mission:

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.



Program Quality Director

Mike Akins DTM



Happy New Year!

The Toastmasters' New Year began on July 1st! With that brings new officer roles, does anyone know what they are doing? Please check our [D26 Calendar](#) for training opportunities. We owe it to our clubs and district to perform our duties well so everyone can grow.

As I wrap up my Club Growth Director duties, please welcome these newly chartered clubs:

- ToastBlasters Speaking Club [#6927633](#), Closed, Golden, CO. Chartered 5/24/18 by Maram Alsaif and Cami De Voto Noonan
- Montrose Toastmasters [#6902879](#), Open, Montrose, CO. Chartered in 6/5/18 by Melissa Lowe and Mary Watson
- Speak Up Adams [#6793526](#), Closed, Westminster, CO. Chartered in 6/15/18 by Heather McDermott and Heather Lower

Are you trying to complete your Advanced Leadership Silver (ALS) under the Legacy program? Please contact our new Club Growth Director, [Jacqueline Smith](#), if you are interested in chartering, mentoring or coaching a club. One of these is a required component.

It's been my privilege to learn and serve as your Club Growth Director (CGD) this year. I look forward to supporting the District as your incoming Program Quality Director (PQD).



Congratulations to our new AdamSpeak club in Brighton. Their banner and charter certificates were delivered on 6/6/18.

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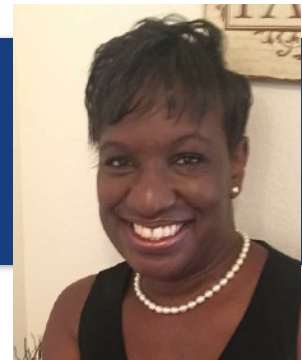
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Club Growth Director

Jacqueline Smith

ACG, ALB



Greetings and Happy Toastmaster New Year

Hello D26 Toastmasters and Happy New Year.

As we kick off this new Toastmasters year, I am excited to serve as your Club Growth Director. I am excited to for this new leadership opportunity and I am ecstatic to work closely with many you.

If you are a newly appointed or elected district leader, I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming District Officer Training, on July 14th. Stay tuned to www.d26toastmasters.org for more details.

I look forward to building membership (via new clubs) and retaining existing members through our respective Extension and Retention Teams.

Pathways is here and it is exciting for us all. However, there are many in our District who are still working to complete their Advanced Leader Silver (ALS) requirements, for the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) under the old curriculum. If you are such a Toastmaster, please contact me regarding sponsoring, mentoring and coaching opportunities.

Additionally, regardless of designation or curriculum, if you are interested in starting a new club, please contact me!



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Victoria Bard CC, CL

District 26 Area E6 Director | President CO Xpressionists

Stop Spending Your Own Money!

Get Donations Instead with Toastmasters 501C3 Letter

One of the advantages of being a non-profit is that for-profit corporations can get a tax deduction by making a donation to a non-profit. Another seemingly little known advantage is that many companies actually have a monthly budget for donations.

ALL Toastmasters clubs are non-profit clubs under the umbrella non-profit designation granted to Toastmasters International back in the 1960s, so ALL clubs qualify for donations.

Are you in a club that has a weekly Snack Master using their own funds to buy food for meetings? To this I say: STOP! There is NO need to spend your own money!

Here's the big secret: simply call up a store and ASK. That's it! When requesting a donation, they will need the following printed on TMI letterhead: name of club, EIN and description and date of the event for which you want a donation. (Make sure you don't call or walk in at a time when they are busy.)

Keep in mind that some stores can make an immediate donation (King Soopers gives \$25 on the spot!) but others may need advance notice. You should keep the ask to not more than once per month, per club, per store.

Download your copy of the 501C3 Letter for use with your Club, Area, Division or District.





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Cynthia Cunningham ACS, ALB
District 26 Administration Manager

Club Recognition Corner

Congratulations to the following club for reaching a milestone anniversary in July:
 COW Toastmasters Club: 15th

Congratulations to the following clubs for achieving the most Distinguished Club Program Goals from July 1, 2017-June 27, 2018:

President's Distinguished (10)

- BodyShops Club
- Colorado Springs Toastmasters Club
- Dawn Yawn
- Downtowners Toastmasters Club
- Grand Junction Toastmasters Club
- On Broadway Toastmasters Club
- Peterson Toastmasters
- Simply Speaking Toastmasters Club
- S-Peak Leaders
- Spirited Speakers
- Thunderbolt Orators Club
- Titan Club
- 21st Century Toastmasters

President's Distinguished (9)

- Aurorators Toastmasters Club
- Chamber Ad-lib Orators Club
- Cherry Creek Toastmasters Club
- Cheyenne 798 Toastmasters
- Chemical Weapons Masters
- Colorado Orators League
- Earlybird Club
- Eloquent Entrepreneurs
- El Puente Bilingual Toastmasters Club
- 5280 Toastmasters Club
- George Sutton Toastmasters Club
- Golden Speak EZ
- Laramie Morning Club
- Noonshiners Toastmasters Club
- Opportunity Talks Toastmasters Club
- Parker Toastmasters
- Pikes Peak Toastmasters Club
- Pioneer Toastmasters Club
- Ranch Raconteurs Club
- Rise 'n Shine Toastmasters
- Rocky Mountain Eagle Toastmasters Club
- Solar Speak Club
- South Suburban Toastmasters
- Sunrise Toastmasters
- Speakeasy II Club
- Talking Ideas Toastmasters Club
- Talk of the Town Toastmasters
- Thrillspeakers Toastmasters Club
- Timberline Toastmasters
- Toast of Inverness
- WRY Toast Toastmasters Club

Select Distinguished (8)

- Arrowhead Club
- Castle Rock Toastmasters
- Colorado State University Toastmasters Club
- Daybreak Toastmasters Club
- Downtown Toastmasters Club
- Flatirons View Toastmasters
- Front Range Toastmasters Club
- Highlands Ranch Toastmasters Club
- Lowry Peak Speakers Club
- Peak Performance
- Pueblo Toastmasters Club
- Resource Masters
- Road Masters of Cheyenne WY
- Rock the Dialogue Toastmasters
- Rocky Mountain Toastmasters Club
- Seamasters Toastmasters Club
- Speak with Ease Club
- Trusty Talkers Club
- Westminster Communicators Club

Select Distinguished (7)

- ASC Speakeasy Toastmasters Club
- Artfully Speaking
- Carbon Valley Toastmasters
- Cloud Peak Toastmasters Club
- CO Xpressionists Club
- Currently Speaking Toastmasters
- Dam Good Speakers
- Denver Techmasters
- High Plains Club
- Greeley Early Risers Toastmasters
- Littleton Toastmasters Club
- Peak Articulators
- Rock Springs Raconteurs Toastmasters
- Speech Masters Advanced Club
- Summit Club
- Terumo BCT
- TOPCLASS Toastmasters
- Twin Peaks Toasters
- Words Worth Speaking

Congratulations to the following chartered clubs that posted to the Dashboard since the June edition of The District Dialogue:
 ToastBlasters Speaking Club on May 24th, Montrose Toastmasters on June 5th and Speak Up Adams on June 15th.





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District 26 Administration Manager



Member Recognition Corner

June Educational Awards (May 28-June 27)

Competent Communicator

Alison Miller
 Jens Boril
 Jacqueline Krumnow
 Carolyn Atwood
 Tyrell Grisel
 Bruce Simmons
 Hilary Taylor
 Joyce Feustel
 Craig Johnson
 Jessica Smith
 Pamela Savage
 Darrick Robinson
 Upasana Sharma
 Michael Pierson
 Robert Sturtevant
 Colette Smith
 Phillip Nicks
 Amy Lunt
 Howard Levine
 Christopher Hackett
 Holly Shure
 Erin Simons-Brown
 Lindy Johnson
 Randal Uitts
 Tyler Eastman
 Mary Grigg
 Janet Burroughs
 Beverly Spruill
 Theresa Woods
 Rachel Deshay
 Cindy Klyn
 Justin Franklin
 Gretchen Vaughn
 Justin Unertl
 Elissa Robb
 Valerie Cirbo
 Laria Lovec
 Lindsay Vansomeran
 Kelly Schweitzer
 Yao Zhang
 Kacie D'an Boden
 Bob McDowell
 David O'Brien
 Kimberly Rae Angell
 Glenda O'Neill
 Jack Thorp
 Crystal Chilcott
 Jamie Thompson
 Stephen Laski
 Peter Grigg
 Regina Peyfuss
 Susan Squibb
 Ann Abell
 Marcia Wood
 Lisa Olschner
 Marisela Bravo
 Joanne Elling
 Christie Rewey
 John Winkel
 Floyd Wright

Advanced Communicator

Bronze
 Todd Allen
 Mary Watson
 Eric Doner
 William Hunsaker
 David Natalizia
 Ron Ross
 Clarissa Estes Pinkola
 Mike Novick
 Edith Johnson
 Laria Lovec
 Larry Hutcherson
 Keith Bailey
 Dana Morgan Barnes
 Nicole Brush
 Robert Laborde
 Ben Ward
 Michael Marceau

Advanced Communicator

Silver
 Tod Shook
 Nicholas Tait
 James Brokish
 Deborah Hinton-Brown
 Clarissa Estes Pinkola
 William Davis
 Clare Kennelley
 Sean Hammervold
 Daniel Robinson

Advanced Communicator

Gold
 Marni Myers
 Robin McIntosh
 Alan Carpenter
 Dana Discher

Competent Leader

Amy Pastor
 Erin Gardiner
 Mike Novick
 Deborah Edgecombe
 Sarah Rollins
 Theresa Woods
 Mario Duran
 Yusaf Mohamed
 Leather Bang
 Robert Kerr
 Carolyn Hinkley
 Stephanie Borck
 Laria Lovec
 Peter Grigg
 Pamela Scinto
 Vamshi Jupally
 Santosh Veda
 Anthony Gurzick
 Jason Forsberg
 Susan Squibb
 Caroline Armstrong
 Shu Ji Liang
 Annamarie Valdez
 Jessica Olstad

Advanced Leader Bronze

Upasana Sharma
 Edith Johnston
 Laria Lovec
 Michael Conklin
 Colette Smith
 Jerome Kirkpatrick
 Frances Thomas
 Tammy O'Keefe
 Santosh Veda
 Mary Ann Franden
 Bob Wilson

Advanced Leader Silver

Dana Discher

Distinguished Toastmaster

Dana Discher

Innovative Planning 1

Kamna Kirti
 Sarah Beasley

Presentation Mastery 1

Ray Pezolt
 Stephanie Jensen

Strategic Relationships 1

Dyanna Prestwich
 Chuck Townsend

Leadership Excellence

Renee White
 Meg Dyer
 Mary Watson
 Cynthia Cunningham

Triple Crown

Mary Watson, CC, CL, CL
 Upasana Sharma, CL, CC, ALB
 Tod Shook, CL, ACB, ACS
 Howard Levine, ALS, DTM, CC
 Leather Bang, ACS, LDREXC, CL
 Edith Johnston, CL, ALB, ACB
 Laria Lovec, CC, CL, ACB, ALB
 Ray Pezolt, ACB, CC, PM1
 Gretchen Vaughn, CL, CC, CC
 Clare Kennelley, LDREXC, ALS,
 ACS
 Michael Conklin, ACS, ACG, ALB
 Colette Smith, ACB, CC, ALB
 Clarissa Estes Pinkola, CC, CL,
 ACB, ACS
 Sarah Beasley, CC, DL1, DL2, IP1
 Cynthia Cunningham, ACB, CL,
 LDREXC
 Dana Discher, LDREXC, ALS, ACG
 Robin McIntosh, CC, CL, ACG
 Santosh Veda, CC, CL, ALB





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Trixie Hunter-Merrill

District 26 Social Media Chair

Social Media Spotlight

Nominate yourself or someone else!

We want to celebrate you. We want your events. We want your awards.
We want your accomplishments. We want your speeches.
We want to hear about you - Your achievements, your news, your contributions!
Help us promote our members, clubs, areas, and divisions!

[Contact Me](#)

[Submission Form](#)

Don't forget to tag District 26 on social media!





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Dia Kline CL | District 26 Newsletter Editor
VP of Membership CO Xpressionists



Articles **WANTED**

What's going on in your Club, Area or Division?
Write an article, share photos, post on social media and link to your club!

Let's share club successes throughout District 26!

REQUIREMENTS

- 250 words or less
- Two photos - one headshot | one of the relevant topic
- Links to your club website | social media accounts | article topics
- Deadline is the 15th of each month

Submit

