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Leaders Don't Wait — They Rise

June is where our year's momentum peaks: the skills we've built, the confidence we've grown, and the excellence our clubs bring to every meeting. Across District 60, members are finishing Pathways levels, delivering bold speeches, and stepping into roles that stretch their abilities. That daily commitment is what pushes clubs toward Distinguished and fuels our district's success.

It's also the perfect moment to step into club and district leadership. These roles aren't just titles, they're real-world training grounds. Leading teams, planning events, solving challenges, and inspiring others translate directly to workplace expectations. They strengthen your résumé, elevate your LinkedIn presence, and sharpen the presence you bring into social and professional spaces.

As we close the year, let's finish strong. Celebrate your wins. Support your members. Step forward with confidence.

Because when we build skills, we build confidence... and when we build confidence, we build excellence.



Yukta
Program Quality Director



District Director

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The Race is On: Finish Strong, Grow Fast, Achieve More

The finish line is in sight—and the momentum is building! The Race is On! campaigns are now in full swing across District 60, giving every member and club a chance to finish the year strong, grow membership, and advance Pathways achievements before June 30.

The Race is On! is a series of District campaigns with the dual focus of increasing membership and helping more clubs achieve Distinguished status by completing Pathways Levels by June 30.

To make the sprint to the finish exciting, prizes are available for both individual members and clubs. District recognition will also be awarded to clubs, Areas, and Divisions demonstrating outstanding performance in membership growth and Pathways level completions between May 16 and June 15.

For more information on the campaigns, please refer to the sections below.

New Member Orientation – June 16



Our next online New Member Orientation session will be held on Tuesday, June 16, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. EDT. This welcoming session introduces new members to the broader Toastmasters experience, highlights opportunities for growth, and shows how to get the most from your journey.

Click [here](#) to register





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Why This Program?

Leadership today demands more than technical expertise. It requires clarity of purpose, self-awareness under pressure, and the ability to turn challenges into opportunities.

The Leadership Edge is designed to help you strengthen how you think, respond, and lead—every day.

The Next Cohort

Next cohort planned for Sunday June 28th!

If you are interested in joining us at our next session on Sunday June 28th from 9am to 2:30pm, please email "lead@toastmasters60.com".

We look forward to hearing from you!

Cheers,

Andrew Mertens, DTM Leadership Engagement Chair

David Veights, DTM District Leadership Committee Chair

Shubha Amba, DTM District Director

A leader is one who knows
the way, goes the way,
and shows the way.

The background is a scenic landscape of rolling green hills and mountains under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise.

- John C. Maxwell -



Program Quality Director

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Let's Celebrate!!!

This year, District 60 clubs have been on fire. A huge congratulations to 34 clubs that have already achieved their DCP goals — you've shown what commitment, teamwork, and consistent quality can accomplish. Your members stepped up, your leaders stayed focused, and your clubs delivered excellence week after week. You are setting the pace for the district and proving that when skills grow, confidence rises, and excellence becomes inevitable.

Smedley Distinguished Clubs: Submitted its plan by Sept 30, reached **25 members**, and achieved **10 DCP goals** — the highest level of club excellence.

- Roncesvalles Speakers Circle
- Inspiring Women Toastmasters
- High Park Speakers
- Ebony Toastmasters Club
- Toronto Go-Getters
- Eglinton-Yonge Toastmasters
- Bay Bloor Speakers
- OBE Toastmasters
- Capgemini Voices for Sustainable Futures Toastmasters Club
- Toast Of CIBC Toastmasters Club

President's Distinguished: Submitted its plan by Sept 30, reached 20 members, and achieved 9 DCP goals.

- Speakpreneur



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Select Distinguished: Submitted its plan by Sept 30, reached **20 members or net growth of 5**, and achieved **7 DCP goals**.

- Brainwave Speakers
- Toronto # 1 Toastmasters
- ART Advanced Royal Toastmasters
- Capital One Canada Toastmasters
- Gavel and Glass Toastmasters Club
- Beaches Speeches Toastmasters Club
- Danforth-Pape Toastmasters
- CHAAT Toastmasters Club
- Sunrise Orators
- TGIF Advanced Toastmasters



Distinguished: Submitted its Club Success Plan by Sept 30, reached **20 members or net growth of 3**, and achieved **5 DCP goals**.

- Brainwave Speakers
- Toronto # 1 Toastmasters
- ART Advanced Royal Toastmasters
- Capital One Canada Toastmasters
- Gavel and Glass Toastmasters Club
- Beaches Speeches Toastmasters Club
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Area 51 Director, Danuta Starowicz

Select Distinguished Area: A Select Distinguished Area is one that **meets all Distinguished Area requirements, achieves higher club performance, and has at least 50% of its clubs Distinguished** — demonstrating strong leadership and elevated excellence across the Area.








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Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) - Club Officer Training (COT) - Round 1 (2026-27)

District 60, get ready — **TLI Round 1 is here**, and we're kicking off the 2026–27 Toastmasters year with a powerful morning of learning, leadership, and inspiration. Whether you're a returning club officer or stepping into your role for the first time, this training sets the foundation for a strong, successful year.

We're thrilled to welcome **Jean Gamester, DTM**, Second Vice President of Toastmasters International, delivering the keynote **"Leading Change Together"** from 9:00–10:00 AM. Her message will energize you with practical tools to recognize opportunities, strengthen your leadership perspective, and lead meaningful change in your clubs.

From **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, join us for **Club Officer Training** featuring the **newly updated Toastmasters training materials** — designed to elevate club quality, sharpen leadership skills, and help every officer thrive in their role.

-  **Location:** Metrolinx Office, 97 Front Street W
-  **Time:** 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM (EDT)
-  **Keynote:** 9am - 10am (Hybrid)
-  **Role Wise Training:** In-person Only (10:00 AM – 1:30 PM including lunch and coffee breaks)
-  Click [here](#) to register

Let's start the year strong, learn together, and lead with confidence.





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Level Up! Race

May 16 - June 15

Member Wins!

Complete a Level and get a chance* to win



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3+



*Must be a resident of Ontario to qualify. Photo for illustration only — the actual prize may vary based on availability.

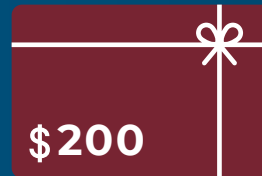
Club Wins!

Toastmasters Gift Certificate



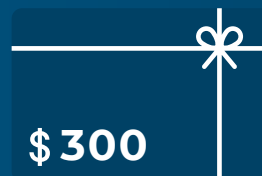
\$100

3-4 levels



\$200

5-7 levels



\$300

8+ levels



Club Growth Director

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Turning Clubs Around: Lessons from the “How-To” Workshop

District 60's “How-To” Workshop on May 9 brought together 28 members for an engaging session focused on practical lessons for club growth and member retention. Led by Jean Niravong, Kristina Greco, Mari Haruno, and Jen Tse, the workshop combined real-life experience, creativity, and interactive discussion.

A key takeaway ‘keep it going’ came from Jen Tse of Applewood Achievers, who shared how her club rebuilt from just three members during COVID to 19 members and President’s Distinguished status—highlighting the lesson that persistence, consistent follow-up, and teamwork can revive struggling clubs.

Participants explored several practical strategies, including the importance of timely guest follow-up within 48 hours, making meetings more engaging through strong delivery and storytelling, and creating intentional connections so new members feel welcomed and included.

A creative skit demonstrating effective meetings was a highlight, reinforcing how energy, expression, and structure can elevate engagement.

Members left with actionable ideas to apply immediately, along with continued support through a Club Growth Hotline WhatsApp group.





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BEAT THE CLOCK!

Recruit.Grow.Win.



May 1 - June 30



- Ribbon
- 10% TI club order discount

→ May 16 - June 15 ←

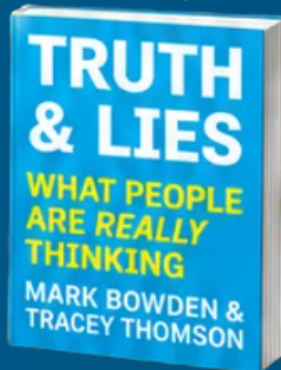
Member Wins!

BRING A GUEST* & GET A CHANCE** TO



WIN A BOOK

3 Winners



Club Wins!

Toastmasters Gift Certificate



RECRUIT 8+ MEMBERS win

\$300



RECRUIT 5+ MEMBERS win

\$200



RECRUIT 2+ MEMBERS win

\$100



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Requirements to qualify for the Raffle draw

- ✓ A club member must email their Vice President Membership (VPM) in advance with the guest's full name
- ✓ The guest must attend the Toastmasters meeting
- ✓ After the meeting, the VPM must send a thank-you email to the guest
- ✓ The VPM must then forward BOTH:
 - ✉ the member's original guest notification email
 - ✉ the thank-you email sent to the guestto: **dd@toastmasters60.com**

These emails will serve as proof of eligibility for the raffle entry.

Every guest invitation helps introduce more people to communication, leadership, and personal growth through Toastmasters.



Bringing a guest to a Toastmasters meeting between May 16 and June 15 for a chance to win 1 of 3 copies of Truth and Lies: What People Are Really Thinking by Mark Bowden & Tracey Thomson — each guest earns you an additional entry in the raffle draw!



Every new member brings us closer to a stronger District 60.



Public Relations Manager

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Join the District 60 Public Relations Committee for 2026–2027

Shape the Voice of District 60

Every story shared, every achievement celebrated, and every message amplified helps strengthen our Toastmasters community.

The District 60 Public Relations Committee plays a key role in bringing these stories to life. From social media and newsletters to campaigns and member recognition, this team showcases the impact of our members across the District.

What You Could Be Part Of

As part of the District 60 Public Relations Committee, you will have the opportunity to:

- Build real experience in content and digital communications
- Strengthen storytelling that inspires and influences
- Highlight member achievements and District impact
- Develop skills in marketing and audience engagement
- Support clubs and members across the District
- Grow your network with District leaders
- Step into future leadership opportunities, including PR Manager

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 program year, we are looking for members who are curious, creative, and interested in communication, storytelling, and community building. Whether you want to contribute ideas, develop new skills, or explore a future leadership role such as Public Relations Manager, this is an opportunity to get involved.

No prior PR experience is required. What matters most is your willingness to learn, collaborate, and contribute.

If you are interested or simply have questions, please reach out to PRM@toastmasters60.com to start the conversation.



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Shubha Amba
District Director



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Serving Toronto, Canada



Dave Bachan
Club Growth Director



Angelina So
Public Relations Manager



Don't forget, District 60 is here to support you with:

- **Tag District 60's** social media handle on your post! We are your biggest fan
- District-sponsored **Meetup accounts** to boost club visibility
- **WhatsApp groups** for leaders to connect, share, and grow together.



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