

DISTRICT 60



NEWSLETTER

2024 District 60 Annual Conference

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Prepare to supercharge your speaking and leadership skills! Attend the 2024 District 60 Annual Conference, **Supercharge Your Passion**, to learn from our incredible workshop presenters and our Keynote Speaker, **Ed Tate**, the 2000 World Champion of Public Speaking!

And while you are there, meet and greet other Toastmasters to share stories and enjoy fellowship all while being transformed. And, oh, don't forget, cheer for the best of District 60 Speech Contestants as they compete in the Table Topics, Evaluation and International Speech Contests.

DISTRICT 60'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MAY 10-11 2024

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To whet your appetite, Ed Tate, our Keynote Speaker, has graciously agreed to host a free workshop on **April 8, 2024** at noon titled, '**Get Yes to Your Requests: How to Influence Without Authority!**' This virtual workshop will provide us with skills on how to be persuasive without being in a position to exert authority. Ever wondered how you can: Recruit volunteers to join your Club Executive? Ever wondered how you can:

- Get guests to return, and join your club?
- Recruit volunteers to join your Club Executive?
- Encourage your members to make progress along their Path?

Join the workshop - you will be glad that you did! **Click here** to register through Eventbrite.

Our Conference Committee is looking for volunteers to help at the Conference. Some key spots include serving on the Sergeant-at-Arms Team to help guide participants to the various rooms where workshops will be held, meals will be served, etc. To discuss serving in one of these roles, contact conference@toastmasters60.com.



Logistics Chair : Work with the Conference Chair and Program Quality Director to identify all logistics requirements, and then liaise with the venue to implement.

Publicity and Promotion Team : Working with the Publicity Chair, use all communication channels (in-person, virtual, and social media) to promote the Conference.

At-home Chair and Team : Ensure the at-home audience is able to view and participate in all online activities. In particular, we need one Zoom Master.

Decorations Chair and Team : Add beauty to our event! Ensure all banners and signage are placed correctly, and create centerpieces for dining tables.

First Timers Team : Working with the First Timers Chair, help delegates who have never experienced a District 60 Conference get the most out of it. In particular, we need one Zoom Master.

Photographer : Capture the highlights of the day - workshops, special events, keynote speaker - in video and still formats.

Technology Team : Support our Technology Chair and ensure all of our speakers, presenters, and guests, can be heard and seen by setting up and monitoring AV.

Parade of Banners Team : Help with organising all of our banner bearers.

Registration Team : Help process all of our attendees, and ensure they get all the information they need to enjoy the Conference to the fullest.

SAA Team : Help our attendees find the room they need to be in next, and check that everyone is entitled to be in that space.

Workshop Activators and SAAs : Activators introduce and thank the workshop facilitators. SAAs ensure that the workshop rooms are ready, and evaluation forms and other items are distributed and collected.

Proofreader : See the Conference program booklet before anybody else, and ensure it's typo-free!

Our Family is Growing!

The logo features the text "GROW THE FAMILY!" in white, bold, uppercase letters. The words "GROW THE" are stacked above "FAMILY!". A white circular line is drawn around the text, starting from the top right and ending at the bottom right, leaving an open circle on the left side.

A very warm welcome to all **768 new members** who have joined a District 60 club since July 1, 2023 (the beginning of the Toastmasters year), including our newest clubs, **Munich Re Canada Toastmasters Club**, which chartered on **March 8 with 23 members**, and **SunnySci Speakers Club**, which chartered on **March 28 with 21 members**. Congratulations to them, and to all our members who supported their charter process - it truly takes a (very large) village!

Every day of the week, holidays included, three new members join a District 60 club. We're delighted that you've chosen to take the next steps with us, to develop your communication and leadership skills.

Thanks to the energy and passion of our Club Growth Team, even more new clubs will be joining us soon - see our next newsletter for more exciting news.

Club Officers - remember that **April is Open House Month** in District 60. If you have not yet scheduled an Open House, there is still time and a lot of help available to ensure you put on a sparkling meeting that guests won't be able to resist! **[Click here for a wealth of resources](#)** you can use to plan, prepare, and host an Open House.



And Officers, remember that March 31 was the **deadline for submitting renewals to TI for your current members**. If you missed that date, good news - you can still send them in. But don't delay - access to Paths and other Toastmasters International resources is denied to anyone who hasn't paid their dues.

New Member Orientation

Dear Toastmasters District 60 New Members,

We hope you're enjoying your club meetings, and already seeing the benefits of regularly practicing your communication and leadership skills. You - and longer-standing members - are invited to join us for a one hour orientation session that will unpack all the value you can gain, including some unexpected (and little known) benefits.

Register for your preferred date using these links: **[April 17, Wednesday](#)** **[May 15, Wednesday](#)** **[June 20, Thursday](#)**

A flyer for a "New Member Orientation" session. The title "New Member Orientation" is in blue. Below it, the text reads "Are you ready to get full Return On Investment (ROI) from your Toastmasters membership?". The date and time are "Wednesday, Apr 17 7pm to 8pm". A list of topics includes "Paths", "Club Roles", "Leadership Opportunities", and "Surprising benefits included in your membership fee". A call to action says "Unlock Your Potential". At the bottom, there is a "REGISTER NOW" button with a right arrow. A circular photo of a smiling man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a blue checkered shirt, is on the right side of the flyer, pointing upwards with both hands.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



District 60 celebrates the success of its clubs that are completing another year of helping people hone their communication and leadership skills, and enriching the lives of their members. Click on the clubs' names to know more about them.

- **Grosvenor Toastmasters** turns 57 on 1st April
- **Operations Orators Club** turns 31 on 1st April
- **Toastmasters of Cedarbrae, Oratory and Leadership Club** turns 37 on 1st April
- **Meridian Toastmaster** turns 48 on 1st April
- **Toast Of CIBC Toastmasters Club** turns 30 on 1st April
- **Phoenix-Toronto Toastmasters** turns 44 on 1st April
- **Toronto Engineering Club of Speakers (TECS)** turns 12 on 2nd April
- **Les Beaux Parleurs** turns 12 on 3rd April
- **Supreme TD Toastmasters Club** turns 19 on 7th April
- **Albany Club Toastmasters** turns 8 on 11th April
- **Applewood Achievers Toastmasters Club** turns 5 on 12th April
- **Helping Speakers Become Confident Toastmasters** turns 5 on 15th April
- **Toronto Metropolitan University Toastmasters** turns 14 on 19th April
- **Toastmasters at TD** turns 19 on 19th April
- **Keynote Speakers Advanced Toastmasters Club** turns 21 on 29th April
- **TGIF Advanced Toastmasters** turns 9 on 30th April
- **Nuance Toastmasters Club** turns 3 on 30th April

Next Year's Leaders



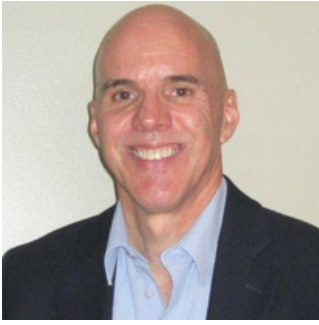
The 2024-25 Toastmasters year is almost upon us, and it's time to confirm who our leaders at every level will be.

Clubs will be holding their Executive elections in May. If you're new to Toastmasters, this is a terrific opportunity to expand your leadership skills by helping your club thrive. Each club has seven electable positions, and you can **learn more about them here**.

At District level, there are elections for the Trio (the three leaders who are responsible for setting the direction of the District, and running programs that support every club as well as building new clubs) and Division Directors. These are all important roles, and as such, the District Leadership Committee has interviewed and selected candidates they believe will take our District in the right direction ("nominated candidates").

You can **see the nominated candidates here**. On **May 8th**, at District Council, Presidents and VPs Education from all of our clubs will vote and determine our 2024-25 leaders. Registration for this District Council meeting is now open, and all Club Presidents and VPs Education are encouraged to register without delay using this **link**.

Nominated Candidates for 2024-25 District Roles



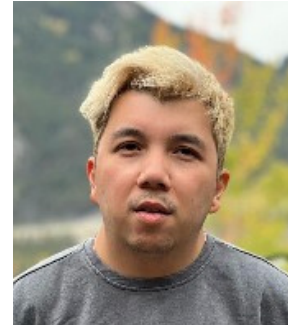
District Director:
David Veights



Program Quality
Director: Shubha Amba



Club Growth Director:
Yukta



Club Growth Director:
Gin Aldeguer



Division A Director:
Adrian De Souza



Division B Director:
Monti Ghai



Division C Director:
Gin Aldeguer



Division D Director:
Yolanda Haywood



Division E Director:
Caroline Nguyen



Division F Director:
Helen Du

We rely on many other qualified **volunteers** to fill other positions which are appointed, rather than elected. If you are interested in broadening your horizons, and learning new skills, we are very interested to hear from you! Here's a synopsis of some of the available positions - you can **read much more detail using this link**. If you would like to discuss any of them, and/or apply for any of them, please let the District Director know at **dd@toastmasters60.com**.

Area Directors - responsible for supporting 4-6 clubs as they strive to create supportive environments for their members to build their communication and leadership skills.

PR Manager - responsible for creating and promoting communications that help us achieve our District mission of building new clubs and supporting all clubs in achieving excellence.

Finance Manager - responsible for ensuring that the Trio is supported in spending the District budget responsibly, and that all financial policies are followed.

Administration Manager - responsible for keeping the District's records accurately, including minuting District Council and District Executive Committee meetings.

Club Alignment

Every year, an Alignment Committee reviews how we organise our clubs into Areas (of 4-6 clubs) and Divisions (of 4-6 Areas).

The Alignment Committee has published its first draft report, and you can [review the draft report here](#). Forward any observations you have to our Alignment Chair, Stephen Schroeder, at alignment60@toastmasters60.com, so that we can make adjustments before the final recommendations are voted on at **District Council on May 8**.



Stephen Schroeder

Our thanks to Stephen and his committee for the Rubik's Cube-like work they undertake to ensure a fair outcome for all.

District Executive Committee (DEC)

Area Directors, Division Directors, and District Officials - a reminder that our final District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting will be on **Saturday April 20th**. Registration is now open using this [link](#).

Speech Contests

Congratulations to the winners of the Division-level International Speech Contests held on March 16 and March 23, 2024 at IFDS at 30 Adelaide Street East in downtown Toronto!

We're looking forward to seeing these great Toastmasters compete at the District-level International Speech Contest on May 11 (as part of our annual Conference), and finding out who will represent us at the Region Quarter Finals.

[Click here](#) to register for the Toastmasters District 60 Annual Conference now.

Table Topics

Mara Svenne

Andrea Poppe

Scott Semotiuk

Sharon Champagne

Tarish Rajakier

Janet Heidker

Evaluation

Timothy Luk

Scott Lidbury

Brian Fernandes

Arfath Saleem

Krishna Chatitanya T

Nigel Noronha

Intl' Speech Contest

John Andrews

Fanar Hakani

Brian Fernandes

Alice Chow

Johnson Soans

David Michael Bachan

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE FEATURED IN THE UPCOMING NEWSLETTER?

District 60 is looking forward to featuring you on its next edition. Are you ready with your story about the impact you have created through Toastmasters? As a group, or an individual, if you think you have a story that's extraordinary and can inspire more than 100 clubs, reach out to us now. [Click here](#) and share more details.