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District Director

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BE YOUR BEST!

Introducing **The Leadership Edge** - District 60's new leadership initiative designed to help you discover the leader within and let your potential shine.

Through this program, uncover the power of every role in Toastmasters - from meeting functionary to district officer - as an opportunity to grow, to serve, and to make an impact - on your boss, your professional network, and your community.

Through this program, you'll explore three layers of leadership development - **Personal, Career, and Community** - gaining the real-world skills and confidence to excel in service, stand out in your career, and make a difference in your community. As a result, you will lead projects at work with greater confidence, organize volunteer initiatives, take on mentoring roles, or influence positive change in local organizations.

District 60 is rich with opportunities to grow to be your best.

Are **YOU** ready to **BE YOUR BEST**? Then grow your Leadership Edge with District 60 and get noticed.

This is just the beginning. More details on **The Leadership Edge** are coming soon!

Email lead@toastmasters60.com to learn how to get involved in this project.

Andrew Mertens, DTM Leadership Engagement Chair

David Veights, DTM District Leadership Committee Chair

Shubha Amba, DTM District Director



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Of The Year Awards - Deadline Extended

The deadline for the Of-The-Year (OTY) Awards has been extended to **November 30!**



Visit the [District 60 website](#) under News & Events for details about the four OTY Awards for the Toastmasters year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025:

- Toastmaster of the Year
- Club President of the Year
- Area Director of the Year
- Division Director of the Year

Submit your nomination to Bruce Laing, OTY Awards Chair, at otya@toastmasters60.com. You can nominate yourself or someone else — all submissions will be reviewed for accuracy.

We look forward to receiving many nominations in the coming weeks!



New Member Orientation – November 18

Our next online New Member Orientation session will be held on Tuesday, November 18, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. EST. 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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Contest updates

Club level contests concluded on October 15 and we have moved ahead to Area contests. The Contest Chair, Gin Aldeguer, DTM, has been instrumental in helping Areas find a location for their contests. If you have any questions regarding contests, please feel free to reach out to **Gin Aldeguer, DTM** or visit the [Contests page](#) on the District 60 website.

Club Officer Training

Round 1 of Club Officer Training was a great success - thank you to all the clubs and officers who participated! Round 2 is now underway, with the first TLI session on **Saturday, November 29, 2025**.

Round 2 will run from **November 2025 to February 2026**, and we'll share more details with clubs soon. Don't forget, **clubs that achieve 7/7 officers trained in both rounds will qualify for special incentives!**



Conference

Save the Date! District 60 Annual Conference - From Spark to Spotlight

Mark your calendars for **April 25-26, 2026**, as we come together to celebrate every journey from **Spark to Spotlight!**

Whether you're a contestant stepping onto the District stage, a leader guiding others, or an attendee ready to learn and connect; this conference is where every spark shines brighter. It's your chance to be inspired, grow your network, and witness stories that began in clubs take the spotlight across District 60.

Stay tuned for exciting announcements - our **keynote speaker reveal, venue details, and ticket launch** are coming soon!



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Conference Workshops

Call for Workshop Proposals – District 60 Annual Conference

Do you have an idea, insight, or skill that could ignite inspiration and help others shine? Here's your chance to lead a session that sparks growth and learning at the **District 60 Annual Conference!**

We're looking for **interactive, hands-on workshops** that engage participants and bring our conference theme **"From Spark to Spotlight"** to life.

If you're ready to share your expertise and make an impact, submit your proposal by **Friday, January 2, 2026.**

Get started by downloading the **District 60 Workshop Proposal Template** [here](#):
Workshop Bureau – **District 60 serving Toronto, Canada (Item #4).**



Upcoming District Workshops

Running Effective Toastmasters Club Meetings **November 26, 2025 · 7:00 PM (EST) · on Zoom**

Learn tips and tricks for hosting engaging and productive Toastmasters meetings. Whether you're a seasoned member or just starting out, this session will help you enhance your public speaking and leadership skills.

Facilitator: Stephen Schroeder, DTM

Click [here](#) to register

Understanding DCP and Becoming Distinguished **(Microsession – 30 minutes)** **December 6, 2025 · 10:00 AM (EST) · on Zoom**

Join us for a focused 30-minute session on the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) and how to help your club achieve distinguished status. Gain practical tips, strategies, and insights to strengthen your club's performance and member experience.

Perfect for both new and experienced Toastmasters—don't miss this opportunity to learn and grow together!

Facilitator: Yukta, Program Quality Director

Click [here](#) to register



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Pathways has been enhanced.

All Path levels now include meeting-role participation. Advanced levels also require members to deliver 15-minute sessions from the Successful Club (3), Better Speaker (1) and Leadership Excellence (1) Series. Presenters are free to adapt the material. Specific requirements are shown [here](#).

What's New? <i>some examples; choose one</i>		L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
Meeting Roles		TT Speaker	TT Master	Evaluator, Introductory Mentor	Toastmaster, GE, Role Special to Your Club	◀ (Twice)
Workshops	Successful Club Series	-	-	• Creating the Best Club Climate	• Finding New Members • Closing the Sale	• Evaluate to Motivate
	Better Speaker Series	-	-	-	• Beginning Your Speech • Controlling Your Fear	-
	Leadership Excellence	-	-	-	-	• Resolving Conflict • Motivating People

Have questions about Pathways? Join our monthly drop-in sessions every first Monday of the month. Click [here](#) to register for the upcoming sessions:

December 1, 7pm to 8pm

The district has exciting incentives planned for clubs that focus on adapting and achieving Pathways goals. Stay tuned to hear more.

Have questions? Reach out to District 60 Pathways Chair, **Stephen Schroeder**, DTM

[Pathways Survey](#) ▶ Please complete a brief survey about Pathways or scan the QR code:





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Clubs on their way to be Distinguished

Clubs strive to become Distinguished to indicate a **commitment to excellence**, which in turn creates a more positive and effective learning environment for all members. This status shows that the club is fulfilling its mission by ensuring members achieve their educational goals, new members are joining, and club officers are trained and effective, which ultimately boosts member confidence and growth. Please join me in congratulating clubs that are on their way already.

Club Name	Goals Met
Roncesvalles Speakers Circle	6
Inspiring Women Toastmasters	7
High Park Speakers	5
Ebony Toastmasters Club	5
ART Advanced Royal Toastmasters	5
Toronto Go-Getters	6
Eglinton-Yonge Toastmasters	5
Capgemini Voices for Sustainable Futures Toastmasters Club	6

Distinguished club program manual: Click [here](#)

Distinguished club program FAQ: Click [here](#)





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Congratulate our DTMs

The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award represents the highest level of educational achievement in Toastmasters. Congratulate our members who recently completed their DTM journeys.

Member Name

Club Name

Dianna M. Lloyd, DTM

Keynote Speakers Advanced Toastmasters

Rita Burke, DTM

Ebony Toastmasters

Marie-Paule Charbonneau, DTM

Inspiring Women Toastmasters

Tina Ciccone, DTM

OBE Toastmasters



[Click here](#) for details.

Interested in becoming a Distinguished Toastmaster? Connect with District 60 DTM Chair [Nicole Glang, DTM](#).



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Triple Crown Achievers

The Triple Crown in Toastmasters is an award for members who earn three or more educational and/or leadership awards within a single Toastmasters program year, which runs from July 1st to June 30th. This achievement demonstrates a member's strong commitment to developing both communication and leadership skills.



Donald Taylor, PM3

Jay Rosales, PM4

Larry M. St. Aubin, PM5

Mari Haruno, PM5

Natalie Thomas, DTM

Shefali A. Nair, LD5

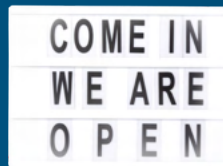
Yolanda Haywood, EH4
(also completed Pathways Mentor Program)





Club Growth Director

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November — “Open Your House”!

A big round of applause to the clubs that jumped in early with October Open Houses! Your enthusiasm and teamwork are inspiring — thank you for leading the way!

[Sun Life Speakers Corner](#)

[Keynote Speakers Advanced Toastmasters](#)

[Roncesvalles Speakers Circle](#)

Now it's time for everyone to join in — November is District 60's Open Your House Month!

Let's open our doors, welcome new guests, and share the joy of learning and growing together.

[Blooming Voices](#): Tuesday November 4 | 7pm (in-person)

[Ebony Toastmasters](#): Saturday November 8 | 4:00pm

In-person celebration of 20th anniversary

[TGIF Advanced Toastmasters](#): Friday November 14 | 12:00pm (online)

Planning your Open House?

Reach out to your Division Director to have it listed on the District Events Calendar — we'll help spread the word!

More tips and learning sessions on hosting successful Open Houses are coming soon. Let's make this month a celebration of connection, collaboration, and community across District 60!



‘Tag You Are it’ for Tagging District 60!

A big thank-you to all members and clubs who have been actively tagging District 60 and reposting our content — your enthusiasm is helping to spread the Toastmasters spirit across the district!



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Due to the campaign's popularity, here are some **frequently asked questions (FAQ)**:

What's the purpose of this campaign?

To boost visibility for all Toastmasters clubs in District 60 and promote their events to a wider audience.

What doesn't count?

Reposts or tags from clubs or pages outside of District 60.

Who's tracking the activity?

The District PR Committee is keeping track of participation through a centralized record.

When did tracking begin?

We started counting on October 1, 2025.

What qualifies as one count?

Each post that tags Toastmasters District 60 or mentions the district in your event promotion.

Keep tagging, sharing, and celebrating your club's success — together, we're making District 60 shine!



Grow, Lead & Inspire – Join Our Club Growth Campaigns!

Next Gen Mentorship

Mentor 2 members to complete Level 1 in 3 months — earn a Pen & Pencil set!
Mentor 3 — receive a sleek laptop bag!

Register at cgd@toastmasters60.com

Empower a Club – Be a Club Coach!

Step up as a Club Coach and shine in our newsletter! Earn a pen, and if your club reaches Distinguished, take home a personalized trophy.

LEAD – New Club Leads Campaign

Know an organization that could benefit from Toastmasters? Refer them! If your lead results in a demo meeting, enjoy *dinner for four*.

Contact Carrie Webster at clubextension@toastmasters60.com

More Ways to Grow:

- Corporate Lunch & Learn: Host a session at work — build skills and connections! (ccd@toastmasters60.com)
- DTM Credit: Sponsor or mentor a new club (clubsponsor@toastmasters60.com)



Public Relations Manager

Get Your Club Featured on District 60's LinkedIn!

Starting this month, District 60 will spotlight club events on our official LinkedIn page twice a month — on the 10th to post events for the current month and the 20th to post events for the current and following month.

Want your club to be featured? Here's how:

Submit your event poster by 12 p.m. on the 9th or 19th of each month.

Email it to **PRM@toastmasters60.com**

Make sure your poster meets these requirements:

- Size: 1200 x 1200 pixels
- Orientation: Portrait
- Branding: Follows the **Toastmasters International Brand Manual** (fonts, colors, and logo placement)

If you need design support or clarification, reach out anytime at PRM@toastmasters60.com.

Please note: Posters needing adjustments or submitted after the deadline will be featured in the next posting cycle once the updates are complete.

Let's showcase the amazing work happening across District 60—submit your poster and shine online!





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Providing Eye-Catching Poster Templates

District 60 provides free Canva templates specifically designed for Toastmasters clubs to support the creation of professional and branded event posters.

To access and use the templates:

1. Sign up for a free **Canva account** (if you do not already have one).
2. Send an email to prm@toastmasters60.com to request access to the Toastmasters Canva templates.
3. You will receive an email notification once the file has been shared with you on Canva.
4. Open the shared file, **make a copy**, and save your own version.
5. Use your copy to edit text and replace images as needed for your club's event.

These templates help ensure your club's promotional materials are consistent with **Toastmasters branding** and easy to customize.





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PRM



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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