



# District News

October 2025 Edition

## Distinguished Club Program: All You Need to Know

**Campaigns! Campaigns! Campaigns!**

**Contest Season 1 is on.**

**Grow with Pathways**



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# District Director



**Shubha Amba, DD**

## Focus, Flourish, Lead: Our Three Priorities

Remember school? You worked the program to gain its benefits—otherwise, it had little value. Toastmasters' Pathways works the same way: follow the steps, adapt them to your needs, and apply them in practice. Need help navigating it or seeing its value? Contact our Pathways Chair, Stephen Schroeder, at [pathways@toastmasters60.com](mailto:pathways@toastmasters60.com). There's more...

Toastmasters offers a unique learning environment—self-driven, supportive, collaborative, and fun - clubs that are flourishing communities. Some clubs may need assistance, and Club Growth Director Dave Bachan and his team are ready to help. If your club is facing challenges, reach out to Dave at [CGD@toastmasters60.com](mailto:CGD@toastmasters60.com). Remember, making an impact starts by stepping into leadership. But...

"I didn't join Toastmasters for leadership—I just wanted to improve my communication." Sound familiar? As Robin Sharma reminds us, "Everyone is influencing the people around them one way or another." The truth is, leadership isn't about titles or positions - it begins with you. At Toastmasters, every speech, every meeting, every role is your chance to grow, influence, and gain the confidence to lead. By embracing these experiences, you don't just improve your communication - you step into leadership naturally.

Therefore, let us **focus** on mastering the skills we came to learn, building **flourishing** clubs, and embracing our fullest potential as **leaders**.

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## Area Director Opportunity

Are you ready to unlock your full potential? There's no better opportunity to grow as a leader. We are currently seeking an Area Director to join our team. If interested, please reach out to Shubha Amba at [dd@toastmasters60.com](mailto:dd@toastmasters60.com).



## New Member Orientation – October 15

Our next online New Member Orientation session will be held on Tuesday, October 15, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. ET. 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.

Registration details will be announced through social media shortly and also communicated to the new members directly via email.



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# Program Quality Director

Yukta, PQD



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## Contest Season 1

Club contests are underway until **October 15**, and **Area contests begin October 16**. This is an exciting time for members to showcase their skills, grow through competition, and cheer on fellow Toastmasters.

Area and Division contests require in-person venues. If your club can host, please connect with your **Area or Division Director**. Your support will make a big difference!

Our **District Contest Chair, Gin Aldeguer**, is working tirelessly to ensure successful contests and to provide opportunities for contestants to sharpen their tactics and perform at their best.

■ **For Contest Organizers:** Review the [2025–2026 Speech Contest Rulebook](#).







## Training Sessions Hosted So Far:



### **Excelling at Evaluation Contest —**

Ezra Liu

(2024–25 District Evaluation Champion)



### **Excelling at Table Topics —**

Tychon Carter-Newman

(2024–25 District Table Topics Champion)



### **Contest Rules & Officials 101 —**

Stephen Schroeder, DTM



### **Ask me Anything (Contest) —**

Johanne Von Zuben, DTM



 **Materials from these sessions will be available soon — stay tuned!**

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# Moving Ahead with Pathways



**Pathways** is the Toastmasters learning experience that helps members build real-world communication and leadership skills tailored to their personal and professional goals. By completing Pathways projects, you'll strengthen your speaking, grow as a leader, and achieve the educational goals that move your club toward Distinguished status.

If you or your club are facing challenges with **adapting to Pathways**, or if you simply have questions, join our upcoming **drop-in support session**:

 Date: October 6, 2025

 Time: 7:00 PM ET

 Host: Stephen Schroeder, District 60 Pathways Chair

 [Register here](#)

 Or join directly via Zoom: [Click to join](#)

Meeting ID: **843 6438 3199** | Passcode: **808670**

Take advantage of this opportunity to get personalized support, ask questions, and help your club fully benefit from the Pathways experience.



Stephen Schroeder  
Pathways Chair  
Toastmasters District 60

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# Club Officer Training – Round 2

**Round 2 of Club Officer Training** kicks off this **November**. This is your opportunity to sharpen leadership skills, connect with fellow officers, and earn credit toward the **Distinguished Club Program**.

Stay tuned for session dates and registration details!

**To check your club's trained officers' list** [click here](#). If you think a credit is missing, shoot an email to me (PQD) using the following template:

Subject: Missing COT Credit

Hi Yukta,

The credit for the following officer is missing:

Name:

Club officer role:

Name of the club:

Training date:

District of Training (if outside of D60):

## Club Success Plan & Distinguished Club Progress

As of September 27, Ninety clubs have successfully submitted their Club Success Plan (CSP)—ensuring they are well-prepared and eligible to achieve Distinguished or higher this program year. Congratulations to all clubs who have taken this important step toward success!

### Clubs Already Meeting 5 or More Goals and Submitted CSP

We are proud to recognize the following clubs that have already met five or more goals on the Distinguished Club Program scoreboard:

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- **Roncesvalles Speakers Circle** – 5 goals
- **Inspiring Women Toastmasters** – 7 goals
- **Toronto Go-Getters** – 5 goals
- **Eglinton-Yonge Toastmasters** – 5 goals
- **Capgemini Voices for Sustainable Futures Toastmasters Club** – 6 goals

🌟 Let's celebrate these achievements and continue working together to help all clubs in District 60 reach Distinguished and beyond!

## Distinguished Club Program – 2025–2026 Updates

### What are the new changes going into effect?

- **Club Success Plan (CSP):** A new qualifying requirement is that every club must complete and submit their CSP by September 30.
- **New Level – Smedley Distinguished:** This new recognition level requires a **minimum of 25 members** and achievement of **all 10 Distinguished Club Program goals**.

Requirements			
Level	Club Success Plan	Membership as of June 30	Goals
Distinguished	Submitted by September 30*	20 total members or net growth of 3**	5
Select Distinguished	Submitted by September 30*	20 total members or net growth of 5**	7
President's Distinguished	Submitted by September 30*	20 total members**	9
Smedley Distinguished	Submitted by September 30*	25 total members**	10

\*For newly chartered clubs, the due date is **90 days after charter date**. Clubs that charter after April 1 will automatically receive credit for submitting the Club Success Plan for their charter program year.

\*\*Total member count consists of renewing, dual, new, charter, and reinstated members. **Transfer members do not count toward this total.**

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## What is meant by “net growth”?

Net growth means your **total membership at year-end (June 30)** exceeds your **membership base** at the start of the year. This growth comes from **new, dual, or reinstated members**.

## Do transfer members count as new members in the DCP?

No. Only **new, dual, and reinstated members** count toward Distinguished Club Program membership goals (Goals 7 and 8).

## Understanding DCP at Clubs

🚀 Want your club to achieve Distinguished status this year? Not sure what goes into it? Stay tuned for our **30-minute “Understanding DCP” session**—quick, practical, and designed for club success!

## Have questions about:

- Club Quality: [experience@toastmasters60.com](mailto:experience@toastmasters60.com)
- Pathways: [pathways@toastmasters60.com](mailto:pathways@toastmasters60.com)
- Contests: [contests@toastmasters60.com](mailto:contests@toastmasters60.com)
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- Club Officer Training: [officertraining@toastmasters60.com](mailto:officertraining@toastmasters60.com)
- D60 Annual Conference: [conference@toastmasters60.com](mailto:conference@toastmasters60.com)
- Youth Leadership Program: [ylp@toastmasters60.com](mailto:ylp@toastmasters60.com)

Anything else we can help with? Reach out to the Program Quality Director, [Yukta](#).





# Club Growth Director



Dave Bachan, CGD

## Campaigns

Each year, clubs experience member attrition and must actively work to retain existing members and attract new ones to maintain a strong membership base and meet the minimum requirements to qualify as a Distinguished Club. To support these efforts, the District is introducing several initiatives aimed at membership growth and retention, some of which include incentives to help clubs achieve this goal.

### **1 – Membership Growth**

#### **‘Open Your House’ Campaign**

The District will observe November as the Open House month and support clubs through campaigns through all its internal and external platforms. Resources permitting, we will also run educational sessions on how to run a successful Open House. Be sure to schedule an Open House at your club today and ask your Division Director to publish it on the District’s Events Calendar. More on these campaigns soon.

#### **‘Tag You Are it’ Campaign**

**Tag** District 60 on LinkedIn at least 10 times—through original posts or reposts—and earn a gift from the District! For every additional 10 tags, your gift multiplies, so keep tagging and watch your reward grow!

The Campaign runs from October 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026.

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## 📌 2 – Mentor a New Member



### Next Gen Campaign

Any member who mentors 2 members to the completion of a Level 1 of a Path within 3 months will receive a beautiful Pen & Pencil set. Any member who mentors 3 members to the completion of a Level 1 Path within three months will receive a beautiful laptop bag.

The campaign runs from October 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026. To be eligible please register the mentor and mentee names with [cgd@toastmasters60.com](mailto:cgd@toastmasters60.com).

## 📌 3 – Club Coach

### 'Empower a Club' Campaign:

Your District needs you! Put your hand up to be a Club Coach and witness yourself be highlighted in our monthly newsletter and receive a lovely pen as a gift. Help it reach Distinguished status within a year and receive a beautifully crafted personalized trophy from the District.

The Campaign runs from October 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026.



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## 4 – Club Growth

### LEAD - New Club Leads Campaign

Know an organization that could benefit from a Toastmasters club? Be the spark! Refer them to us, and if your lead turns into a demo meeting, you'll receive a dinner for a family of four. Don't wait - reach out to our Club Extension Chair, Carrie Webster, and start making an impact - [clubextension@toastmasters60.com](mailto:clubextension@toastmasters60.com).

The campaign runs from October 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026.

### Growth Opportunities

The Club Growth Team also has several opportunities for your personal growth that will excite you. Here are two such opportunities:

#### Communication: Corporate Lunch & Learn



Interested in stepping up your communication skills and putting them to good use? You can liaise with your employer to organize a Lunch & Learn session on Toastmasters. This allows you to build valuable contacts and benefit your personal career growth.

Alternatively, if you would just like to reach a corporate audience, this opportunity can help you expand your impact beyond. If interested, reach out to me at [CCD@toastmasters60.com](mailto:CCD@toastmasters60.com).

#### Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM): Sponsors and Mentors

Earn a credit toward Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award by becoming a club sponsor or club mentor of a brand, new club. Reach out to the Club Sponsor and Mentor Chair, Wendy Williamson at [clubsponsor@toastmasters60.com](mailto:clubsponsor@toastmasters60.com).





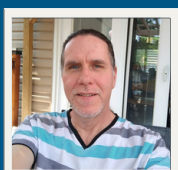


# Public Relations Manager



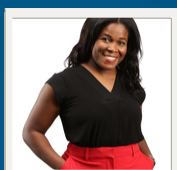
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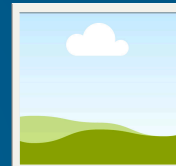
Cate Posner

Brand Manager



Akarshak Tanwar

PR committee  
member



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PR committee  
member

☀ Welcome New Members! ☀

The District PR team is growing! We're delighted to welcome Cate Posner as our new Brand Manager and Ruth Javier as a Committee Member. Both will be working closely on Club Growth campaigns, bringing fresh ideas and energy to drive our District's success.

Currently we are in the process of recruiting two more members, and I welcome referrals of members who would like to develop PR and communication skills.



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## Open House | Sat October 25 | 10 am - Noon

### Keynote Speakers Advanced Toastmasters



Please join us and hear from our featured members:

- **Clem Dwyer, EC4:** Winner of the 2025 D60 Intl Speech Contest - he will share his Contests Journey and what it takes to Win!
- **Ron Tsang, DTM:** Director of the Global Speakers Federation, Past President of Canadian Association of Professional Speakers (Toronto Chapter) – he will share how Keynote Club supercharged his career!



- Meeting Location: Hybrid format - in-person at Toronto General Hospital or virtual on-line.
- Please register via Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/keynote-speakers-advanced-toastmasters-open-house-tickets-1726855925559?aff=oddtcreator>
- Please contact our VP-Membership for details: [williamsonwendy@rogers.com](mailto:williamsonwendy@rogers.com).
- Club Website: <http://keynote.toastmastersclubs.org>

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- District-sponsored **Meetup accounts** to boost club visibility
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