District 26 Toastmasters

October 2026

Fall Greetings from District 26!



October brings Club “Community Events” (Open Houses), Hall of Fame preview, training opportunities, and the Art of Evaluation

Video Messages from the D26 Trio

District Director Kim Angell





Now is the time to turn our Club Success Plans into ACTION! Where is your club making progress, and where does it need a little extra attention?

Is it on Membership? Welcome renewing members, follow up with guests, and make sure every member feels connected and valued! Are your members moving forward on their educational goals? Every completed project builds confidence!

You don't have to do things alone. Reach out to your Area Director for ideas, resources or an extra pair of hands.

Let's make October a month of momentum!

Program Quality Director Anoop Kumar



We have 3 focus areas for the PQD Corner. First, we are conducting several training sessions for "Free Toast Host", so check the District calendar for details.

Second, it is time for the second-round of Club Officer Training. November 3rd is the first training which will be online. We are looking forward to again featuring the newest training materials.

Third, we have our Hall of Fame and Leadership Intensive, to be held November 7th in Colorado Springs at the T. Rowe Price Center. Ticket price is $25, which includes morning refreshments and lunch. Past International President Radhi Spear is our keynote speaker. She will share thoughts on how clubs can become healthy and stay healthy.

Have an amazing October!

Club Growth Director Greg Howell

As Club Growth Director, my mission is to support District 26 clubs as we

- Link together,
- Lead with purpose, and
- Launch new opportunities for growth.

I am dedicated to helping clubs become stronger and more sustainable so every member can thrive and reach their educational and leadership goals without obstacles.

Check out the Club Growth Corner on our D26 website! We have added MANY resources to help you plan and promote club events, whether it is holding a Community event to introduce guests to your club, or bumping up the excitement in your social media feeds.



Focused on Growing District 26 to 157 Clubs!

District Business: September 26 DC Meeting

District 26 met as a **District Council (DC)** to receive updates regarding the District. The District Council includes the following District level leaders: *the District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, the District PR, Finance and Administration Managers, plus the Division Directors, Club Presidents and Club VPs of Education.*

The function of the District Council is to guide and manage the district. They meet twice a year and have voting powers regarding District matters.

Division Directors provided updates on progress towards Division goals, while executive leaders shared District Success goals and plans for the 2026-2027 year. The District Council also voted on and approved the District Budget, which governs how District money is spent on incentives, marketing, training and contests.



November 7th - Hall of Fame and Leadership Intensive
Colorado Springs - Tickets $25

Ignite Your Leadership Flame!

Join us in person on **Saturday, November 7**, for the **District 26 Hall of Fame and Leadership Intensive**, held in Colorado Springs at the T Rowe Price Center from **10 - 2 pm Mountain Time**. Tickets are $25, which includes light breakfast refreshments and lunch.

Invest in a day dedicated to leadership growth, inspiration, and celebration. Here is a compelling message from Division Director, Nathan Darnall. https://youtu.be/tG-Bif-ypfo

This special event is designed to energize your leadership journey while honoring the remarkable achievements of our District 26 leaders from the past Toastmasters year. Hear from accomplished Toastmasters leaders and share your own valuable insights, strategies, and lessons learned for overcoming challenges and achieving success in leadership.

We are especially honored to feature **Past International President Radhi Spear, DTM**, presenting **"Build It, Grow It, Keep It!"** Her inspiring message will offer

powerful guidance for building strong clubs, developing leaders, and sustaining long-term success.

Come celebrate excellence, gain fresh perspectives, and leave ready to lead with renewed purpose and confidence. **Register using the QR Code below or go to the D26 website/events**.

D26 in Action: October Training

(Details and registration links at Calendar - Toastmasters District 26)

PQD Office Hours - Online (all in Mountain Time)
Thu Oct 1, 5:30 p.m.
Sat Oct 3, 9 a.m.
Sun Oct 4, 10 a.m.
Fri Oct 9, 12:30 p.m.
Ask Anything! Get your questions answered and gain insight into Club Success Plans, Officer Training, Contests, Distinguished Club Program, Leadership, Club Success.

New Member Pathways Orientation - Online
SATURDAY, October 10 - Online, 8 – 9:30 am Mountain Time
Monthly: Encourage new members from your club to attend this Zoom session, held on a Saturday. This training provides an orientation to the Pathways education program and using the online app.
Pre-register here

Education Enrollment & Getting Started - Online (a Pathways training)
FRIDAY, October 2, 5:30 pm Mountain Time
- **Or -**
FRIDAY, October 9, 5:30 pm Mountain Time
Pre-register here (select the date using pulldown menu)

"Community Events" – Ready, Set, Go!



Many clubs have scheduled a **Community Event** — formerly known as an Open House — in October as a way to connect with potential new members.

These events are built around a typical “club meeting” and provide guests with a live demonstration of prepared and impromptu speaking, and of the various roles that support speaker development.

What is your clubs creative way to welcome guests and showcase the excitement that is Toastmasters? Share some of those moments with all of us, by sending pictures and descriptions to the PR Team.

Not sure how to plan and host a Community Event? Sample resources are available on the D26 website, within the Community Membership Event Kit. This resource provides flyer templates, customizable checklists, and essential tools to streamline preparation**.**
The kit is available on our website, under **Club Growth Corner → Club Tool Kits**



Inspirations arrive weekly on the District 26 social media accounts - LInkedIn leadership Group, Facebook Group, and X.

You’ve probably seen these Toastmasters at District events, contests, trainings, and celebrations, but may not have had the opportunity to hear their personal stories. Behind every leadership role, speech, and achievement is a unique Toastmasters journey filled with growth, challenges, and transformation.

If you could use a midweek boost of inspiration, take a few minutes to watch a **Transformation Thursday** video hosted on our social media sites. Hear directly from these leaders as they share how Toastmasters has impacted their lives, strengthened their confidence, and helped them achieve goals they once thought were out of reach.

Be inspired. Be encouraged. And discover what's possible through the Toastmasters experience, one story at a time.

D26 Incentives are Being Achieved

Your Club Is Already Entered!

Every District 26 club is automatically entered in our 2026–2027 club incentive drawings—there is nothing your club needs to do to sign up.

To be eligible to win a specific award, however, your club must meet the requirements for that incentive by the stated deadline. For example, your club may need to:

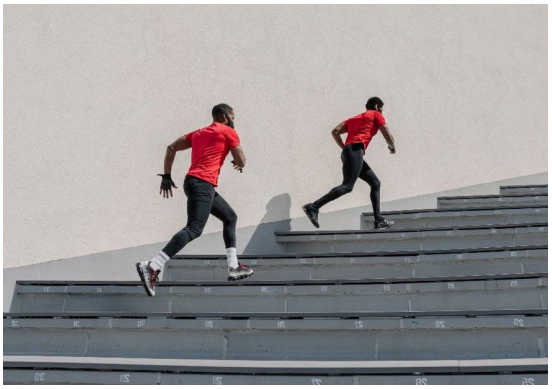
- Have the required number of club officers trained in both rounds
- Complete its Club Success Plan
- Become Distinguished Ready by the designated date
- Host an Open House that results in new members
- Reach a specific membership growth goal

Once your club meets the eligibility requirements for an incentive, it will be included in the drawing. Only clubs that have met the requirements will be eligible to participate in the drawing and receive the award. See the full plan at Incentives

You're already entered. Now become eligible to win!

Throughout the year, there are multiple opportunities to Aspire • Achieve • Excel • Smedley.
Which opportunity will your club qualify for next?

Get Ready for Contest Season!



District 26's upcoming speech contests are **Tall Tales** and the **International Speech Contest**!

It's time to polish your best "Paul Bunyan" or "Johnny Appleseed"-style story, stretch the truth just a little, or prepare an inspiring speech that showcases your very best.

Area Contests kick off in January, so now is the perfect time to start developing, practicing, and refining your contest speech. Note: Only 1 contestant per club will be

eligible to advance to each contest.

What story will you bring to the stage?

The Art of Evaluation

Serving as an Evaluator is one of the most valuable roles in a Toastmasters meeting. Beyond helping fellow members grow, Evaluators develop powerful transferable skills that enhance both professional success and everyday communication.

As an Evaluator, you'll strengthen your active listening by paying close attention to a speaker's message, structure, and delivery. You'll sharpen your critical thinking skills by quickly analyzing strengths and identifying opportunities for improvement. The role also provides hands-on practice in giving constructive feedback that is honest, encouraging, and motivating.

Perhaps most importantly, Evaluators learn diplomacy and tact, choosing words carefully to help others improve without becoming defensive. By guiding speakers on their growth journey, Evaluators also build leadership and mentorship skills that benefit teams, workplaces, and communities.

Every evaluation is an opportunity to become a better listener, communicator, leader, and coach while helping others achieve their speaking goals.

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