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District 26
Toastmasters

November 2026

Greetings from District 26!



November brings the *Hall of Fame and Leadership Intensive* event in Colorado Springs, an Earlybird Online Club Officer Training (Round 2) and a new section, the "Free Toast Host Corner".

Video Messages from the

D26 Trio

District Director Kim Angell



In this November newsletter, there is a story about a member who recently achieved an Educational Award. They shared how Toastmasters and the support of a leader made a difference in their life. I hope you'll take a moment to read it.

If you have a story you'd like to share, send it my way. Stories like this remind me of the impact of this organization and the people in it. With so much changing around us, this is a really good time for us to reflect on where we are and the people who helped get us here.

I am grateful for those who encouraged and supported me. I hope you have someone to thank too!

Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the beautiful fall.

Program Quality Director Anoop Kumar





We have 3 focus areas for November from the PQD Corner.

1 - Hall of Fame: November 7th in Colorado Springs, ticket price $25.
Radhi Spear, 2024-2025 International President will be attending from New Jersey and sharing thoughts on how clubs can achieve higher membership goals. We would like to see all of you there, so purchase your tickets now!

2 - Club Officer Training: Second round of Club Officer Training runs from November 1 – January 31. November 3rd is the first training session which will be online. We are looking forward to featuring the newest training materials again. Additional in-person sessions are planned.

3 – Club Contests: Start thinking about and planning for club contests, so they are completed by January 20th. Our two contests this year are Tall Tales and the International Speech Contest. The first Area Contest will be on January 30th.

Have an amazing November!

Club Growth Director Greg Howell





I want to give you a simple challenge: Give members a reason to come back! Think about what brought YOU to Toastmasters. Maybe it was confidence, career growth, or the chance to find your voice. What keeps us coming back is making progress and knowing that we belong.

November Challenge: Reconnect, Engage, and Invite

Reconnect: reach out personally to a member you haven't seen lately. Let them know you miss them.

Engage: ask a fellow member, "What do you want to accomplish and how can we help?" Then help them take that next step.

Invite: bring someone to a meeting, welcome them, learn why they came and follow up personally.

I want to thank everyone for all that you do for our members and our clubs.

Call for Candidates for D26 Leadership Positions, 2026-2027

Ready to make your mark and shape the future of our District 26 community?

LEVEL UP! Take the next bold step in your leadership journey by applying for an Executive Leadership role within District 26.

- **Executive Trio:** District Director (DD), Program Quality Director (PQD), Club Growth Director (CGD)
- **Core Leadership Team:** Division Director, Area Director
- **District Managers:** Administration, Finance, and Public Relations Managers

Key Timeline:
Candidate declarations are officially open from **November 1 through January 15**.

Don't wait—step into your potential and submit your application today!

Hall of Fame and Leadership Intensive – Nov. 7

Colorado Springs, T. Rowe Price Center



Who will be attending?

Toastmasters from Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico!

Leaders who will be receiving awards and accolades!

Learners who desire to boost their leadership skills!

Saturday, November 7 at 10 a.m. - Join us for the **District 26 Hall of Fame and Leadership Intensive**, a day dedicated to leadership growth, inspiration, and celebration. Come energize your leadership journey while honoring the remarkable achievements of our District 26 leaders from the past Toastmasters year.

EXPERT TABLES - Want to learn the secrets of accomplished Toastmaster leaders for overcoming challenges and achieving success? Join fellow Toastmasters at one of the Expert Tables and leave with a list of possibilities.

Past District Director Ruth Prentice - The culmination of the Hall of Fame is recognizing the tireless efforts and dedication of the District Director. We are honored to "Roast and Toast" Ruth Prentice, District Director 2025-2026.

Past International President Radhi Spear, DTM - Have you had the pleasure of hearing Radhi speak? She will share insights into building strong clubs with her presentation titled "**Build It, Grow It, Keep It!**" Her inspiring message will offer powerful guidance for helping clubs sustain long-term success.

Free-Toast-Host4 Corner

Looking for practical tips and best practices for using the FreeToastHost4 website to its fullest? Look no further!

Best Practice from the **Thunderbolt Orators** club: consider adding an additional tab to the top of the webpage for "Club Pages & Links". Under that tab, add links to your LinkedIn, Facebook, X, and Instagram pages, along with messages from your Club President, and a New Comer's Corner.

Suggestions for items to include:

- Club President's Message
- New Comer's Corner
- Top 10 Reasons to Join (put your club name here)
- Facebook/LinkedIn/X/Instagram links

D26 in Action: November Training

(Details and registration links at Calendar - Toastmasters District 26)
(all in Mountain Time)

PQD Office Hours - Online
Mon Nov 2, 8:30 a.m.
Ask Anything! Get your questions answered and gain insight into Club Success Plans, Officer Training, Contests, Distinguished Club Program, Leadership, Club Success and more.

Earlybird Club Officer Training Round 2 - Online
Tue Nov 3, 5:15 - 8:45 p.m.
Advanced registration requested. Session begins promptly at 5:25 pm.
Pre-register here

Education Enrollment & Getting Started - Online (a Pathways training)

Mon Nov 2, 5:30 – 6:45 pm	**Thu Nov 5,** 7:30 – 8:30 am
Mon Nov 9, 5:30 – 6:45 pm	**Tue Nov 10,** 5:30 – 6:45 pm
Tue Nov 17, 5:30 – 6:45 pm	**Thu Nov 19,** 7:30 – 8:30 am
Mon Nov 23, 5:30 – 6:45 pm	**Tue Nov 24,** 5:30 – 6:45 pm
Mon Nov 30, 5:30 – 6:45 pm	

Pre-register here (select a date using pulldown menu)

Garden of the Gods Photo Op & Walk
Fri Nov 6, 1:30 – 3 pm Mountain Time

Hall of Fame and Leadership Intensive
Sat Nov 7, 10 – 3:30 pm Mountain Time
T. Rowe Price Investor Center, 2220 Briargate Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80920, USA

New Member Pathways Orientation - Online
Sat Nov 14, Online, 8 – 9:30 am Mountain Time
Monthly: an orientation to the Pathways education program and using the online app.
Pre-register here

In Person - How to Host an Effective Toastmasters Open House/Club Event
Sat Nov 14, 10 - 11 am Mountain Time
Learn how to choose a compelling theme, feature a speaker or panel, create engaging Table Topics, and follow up with guests. Leave with ideas and a planning timeline.
Pre-register here

Club Coaches - Supporting Our Clubs



Could your club use a fresh perspective and some extra support?

If your club has fewer than 13 members, reach out to explore working with a club coach. A club coach partners with your members to ease leadership burnout, help restart meetings or improve attendance, and bring new energy and ideas to strengthen your club's meeting quality.

If you're interested in serving as a coach, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you're seeking support or ready to help another club thrive, contact the District 26 Club Growth team. We're here to support you! If interested, reach out to clubgrowthdirector@d26leaders.org.

D26 Website Update: New Look Coming

On November 2nd, our website will have a new look! Same URL, fresh appearance!

D26 In Memoriam: Robert (Bob) Baxter



Member of Evening Stars Club, and Past District Governor (2008-2009).

It is with a heavy heart that we tell you Bob Baxter passed away early on the morning of October 6, 2026. He was in the hospital for several weeks.

We all know that Bob was a trooper. He fought valiantly to overcome his recent health issues. He was our club's international Speech contestant for many years. He loved competition, and he also loved service to our club and to District 26.

Bob - you will be deeply missed.



Transformation Thursday: Beyond the Original Goal

Transformation Thursday features fellow Toastmasters and explores how Toastmasters has transformed their lives, sometimes in unexpected ways. Members

may join with a specific goal and achieve it. Along the way, they often discover benefits that extend beyond what they originally expected. Those benefits can influence their business, relationships, confidence, and communication.

Darryle Brown, DTM, PDD, PRA, shared that communication and leadership have positively impacted his life, especially his career. After 23 years, he still loves Toastmasters. And Greg Howell, DTM, joined to become a better communicator between sales presentations. His experience later led him to help others grow and serve as our current District 26 Club Growth Director. Their stories reflect a broader theme in the series: personal goals can grow into leadership, service, and deeper involvement in Toastmasters.

D26 Highlight: Inspirational Story

What an inspiring story from a member who recently received their first educational award!

"*Thanks so much for the support and encouragement! It's been an amazing and exciting journey from when I first joined Toastmasters in June 2025 to the present. The whole experience has been a transformative one for me.*

Before joining Toastmasters, I used to dread public speaking but now I look forward to each new speech project with zeal and confidence. I would not be the person I am today without joining the TLC Toastmasters group that meets twice a month at Bemis Library in Littleton.

With the stellar leadership of Marcia Wood as the club president, our TLC group has grown into a really fun and exciting group of aspiring leaders and effective orators. I feel very lucky to be part of such a wonderfully supportive and talented group of people.

Thanks so much for reaching out!" - Jonathan

D26 Shoutout: Simply Speaking Toastmasters

One of the first 75 clubs in District 26 to submit its Club Success Plan, Simply Speaking is putting **Link, Lead, Launch** into action -- setting shared goals, planning with purpose, and building momentum for a successful year.

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Thank you to the club's leaders for their commitment to member success!

Building Transferable Skills in Toastmasters



Being the **Toastmaster of the Day** builds transferable skills you can use at work and in everyday leadership:

- **Leadership & Coordination:** Bring people, roles, and an agenda together to deliver a successful meeting or event.
- **Communication & Facilitation:** Introduce speakers clearly, connect segments smoothly, and guide the audience through the program.
- **Adaptability & Improvisation:** Handle unexpected changes and delays with composure.
- **Audience Engagement:** Welcome guests, encourage participation, and create an inclusive atmosphere.
- **Time Management:** Balance energy, pacing, and priorities to keep the meeting on schedule.
- **Active Listening & Synthesis:** Connect ideas and summarize key takeaways in the moment.

Every meeting you host is practice for leading meetings, presentations, and events beyond Toastmasters.

A Shared Connection, Wherever We Go

By Jackie Reynolds



There is something special about discovering that someone else is a fellow Toastmaster. Faces light up,



stories begin to flow, and an immediate connection forms. Although every member has an individual journey, we are also part of a community that extends far beyond our individual clubs.

That shared connection is part of what makes Toastmasters unique. Whether we meet at a local event or somewhere far from home, discovering a fellow Toastmaster can create an immediate sense of familiarity and belonging. It reminds us that our individual club experiences are connected to something much larger.

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