



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

## District 30 News And Events

### District 30

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#### 3 E's to Success

- **Energy**,
- **Excitement** and
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#### Energy

"The only thing that can grow is the thing you give **energy** to."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

#### Excitement

"When a person starts to talk about their dreams, it's as if something bubbles up from within. Their eyes brighten, their face glows, and you can feel the **excitement** in their words."

- John C. Maxwell.

#### Enthusiasm

"**Enthusiasm** releases the drive to carry you over obstacles and adds significance to all you do."

- Norman Vincent Peale



### Message from District Director, Ethel Goatee, DTM

As the first District Director of District 30 Chicagoland Toastmasters, my vision for our 2015 – 2016 year is; SOAR on Wings Like Eagles. We can accomplish our goals and dreams and do things we never thought possible.

Even though we are three quarters through this Toastmasters year it is my hope every club member will step outside of their comfort zone, and into "*opportunity zone.*"

While we embrace the district mission; we build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence, it is our goal to provide opportunities for exponential growth. We are holding steadfast that there are three Es involved in achieving this goal; **Energy**, **Excitement** and **Enthusiasm!**

Give energy to ourselves by dreaming BIG, setting goals, attending training, special district events and believing we can achieve anything we put our minds to, and then work towards it. *Step outside of our comfort zone.*

I invite you to talk about your dreams to all who will listen, set your goals and ask for assistance along your journey to success. Joel Osteen says, "You will never rise higher than you see yourself, so enlarge your vision." This will help you . . . *step into opportunity zone.*

**Enthusiasm** is a feeling - pursue what fascinates you in Toastmasters and in life and you'll become interested in all things necessary for your success. The significance of what you do will be witnessed by others, and your enthusiasm will rub off onto them.

I encourage you to remain energized, excited and full of enthusiasm because it is contagious! Everyone you come in contact with will want a piece of that; strength, vitality, joy, passion, spirit and F-U-N!

Just picture this; a world full of effective communicators and leaders from; club members to club officers to Toastmaster of the Year to District Director. No one gives up on accomplishing their goals or fulfilling their dreams because we . . . **SOAR on Wings Like Eagles.**

# TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR

The Toastmasters organization has over 332,000 members across 135 countries, and one of its core values has always been to honor individual member's achievements. Our clubs experience amazing success not only because of the leadership, but each of you and the journey that you take towards becoming a more distinguished individual. That's why it is so important for us to recognize the excellence among us and celebrate it.

The Toastmasters of the Year Award is just one of the ways we highlight spectacular efforts of going above and beyond for our districts. This special newsletter has been created with the express purpose of sharing the stories of some of our most accomplished Toastmasters from both the present and the past. Inside, you'll find exclusive interviews with former Toastmaster of the Year recipients, District Governors and even World Champion speakers. Hopefully you listen to their advice, celebrate their success with us and apply their inspiration to your own unique path towards professional and personal success.



## Brent Anderson Toastmaster of the Year: 2014-2015

Brent Anderson is from UOP Toastmasters Club, #8623 and he won his Toastmaster of the Year award in 2014-2015. He has achieved his ACS and ALS so far, with only a handful of speeches left before he completes his DTM. He has also served as an Area Governor in District 30. Brent currently serves the District as Finance Manager.

Despite all of Brent's accomplishments in Toastmasters, he told us that he was actually a slow starter in the beginning. He had set his sights early on achieving his CC designation and eventually a DTM, yet he would often go a long time between speeches anyway. Once he became a club officer though, he found himself stepping outside his comfort zone a lot more often and really pushing himself.

He remembers one time in particular when he was called to be a target speaker for one of the division contests. Even though he wasn't competing and knew nothing about the venue, he was told that he'd deliver his 3<sup>rd</sup> speech from the CC manual. Well, the crowd turned out to be much larger than he expected...but the experience and the feedback he received were invaluable to him moving forward.

One of Brent's favorite memories from Toastmasters came when Toastmasters International President Michael Notaro visited District 30. He was delivering a lunch keynote and asked Brent to evaluate it, which made him realize that every Toastmaster, no matter how prestigious, was on the same journey that he was. If the International President could find the time to prepare and give manual speeches, then so could he.

For his fellow Toastmasters, Brent simply advises to not be afraid to say "yes" when the opportunity arises to serve your club and your district. It helps you gain new skills much faster than you ever would otherwise, and that confidence will also have huge effects on your personal and professional life as well. He now uses his speaking skills on a daily basis giving training presentations at work or in customer meetings, and he attributes virtually 100% of that growth to his experiences with Toastmasters.

# EAGLE AWARDS



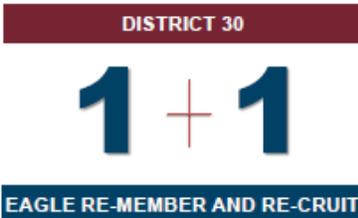
## EAGLE LEADER Award!

Lead at least one new, dual or reinstated member to join a Toastmasters club between **April 1 – June 15** and you and your new member(s) will receive the **EAGLE LEADER Award ribbon, Eagle Pin and a gift certificate!**



## EAGLE EYE – CLUB CHARTER Award!

Set your **Eagle Eye** on a new club and if it charts in District 30 between April 1 – June 15 the club will receive; an “**EAGLE EYE CLUB CHARTER**” award ribbon to display on the new club banner, a TI gift certificate for the new club to purchase Toastmasters products, plus a special invitation to attend a District 30 sponsored recognition celebration Saturday June 25th featuring special guest speaker, The Transition Man “**Johnny Campbell.**”



## EAGLE RE-MEMBER & RE-CRUIT Award!

Add one new, dual or reinstated member between **April 1 – June 30** and receive an Eagle Re-Member and Re-Cruit award ribbon for the club banner, plus a D30 bag for you and your new member to carry necessary Toastmasters materials to and from the club meetings!



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**THE POWER AND HUMOR  
OF YOUR STORY**  
Summer TLI 2016

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join us on **June 11, 2016** to learn from some of the most dynamic Toastmasters and be inspired by Judy Carter. Judy will be visiting District 30 for the first time to educate us on The Power And Humor Of Your Story! Personal stories are more important than ever before. Your Personal Story helps you stand out from the crowd during a job interview, supporting your promotion or simply shaping how others perceive you in today's always on society. It's your ability to tell Your Personal Story that will make a difference in getting ahead, staying ahead or just remaining in place.

Don't miss out! Maximize your Toastmasters experience and join us for the **FREE** TLI on June 11, 2016.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Spring Conference

#### ***SOAR for YOUR Success!***

April 29-30, 2016

Skokie Holiday Inn

Special Guest: Jana Barnhill, DTM, PDG, AS,  
PID, PIP

### June Toastmasters Leadership Institute

June 11, 2016

Special Guest: Judy Carter

## DUES INCREASE

On **October 1, 2016**, Toastmasters International membership dues will increase to **US 45.00 every 6 months**.

Much has been done over the past few years to enhance support and services for our members, including modernizing the member experience with better technology, an improved Toastmasters website and more consistent training for leaders. However, there is still more to be done.

## YES YOU CAN TOUR

Anything is possible if you believe Yes You Can.

### Hear motivating and inspirational speakers

March 31<sup>st</sup>, at AT&T Chicago

April 6<sup>th</sup> in Lincolnshire

April 9<sup>th</sup> in Broadview

See the District website for updates: [d30toastmasters.org](http://d30toastmasters.org)

## SPRING CONFERENCE 2016

### ***SOAR for YOUR Success!***

Mark your calendar, get your tickets and make sure you get your educational awards submitted so you can maximize the world-class speakers at this Spring Conference.

You have an opportunity for a front-row seat to hear Jana Barnhill, DTM, PDG, AS, PID, PIP

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Jana is a five-time winner of the District 44 International Speech Contest, and went on to place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the World Championship of Public Speaking in 1993 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1996.



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