

District Six
2005 – 2006 Toastmaster Year
Toastmasters in the News

Jeannette Bauch announces her being elected Lt. Gov. of Education and Training in the Sun Current Apple Valley edition on 7/20/05 and the Pioneer Press on 9/7/05.

Harriet Beadell announces her being elected as Northern Division Governor in the Blaine Banner on 7/6/05, the Blaine-Spring Lake Park News on 7/14/05, the Sun Focus (editions Blaine, Spring Lake Park, Columbia Heights, Fridley) on 7/14/05, the Blaine-Spring Lake Park Life paper on 7/15/05, and the Osseo-Maple Grove Press on 7/20/05. Harriet Beadell was recognized for the 2005 District 6 Area Governor of the Year in the Blaine Banner on 8/3/05, the Pioneer Press on 8/10/05, and the Blaine-Spring Lake Park Life paper on 8/12/05. Harriet write an article for the October edition of the PMI newsletter.

Linda Berg was recognized for her competing in the Area 46 Humorous Speech contest and winning 2nd in the Lakeville Sun Newspaper on 9/29/05.

Sarah Bjelland was recognized for her 2005 Metro Division Area Governor of the Year award in the Twin Cities Business Journal on 8/26/05.

Theo Black announces his being elected as District 6 Governor in the Duluth News Tribune on 7/4/05, the Lakeshore Weekly News on 7/5/05, the Star Tribune business section under Business People, Directors on 7/11/05, the Sun Sailor Paper (editions- Hopkins, Long Lake, Minnetonka, Orono, Plymouth, St. Louis Park, Shorewood, and Wayzata) on 7/14/05, the Prior Lake American paper on 7/16/05, the Osseo-Maple Grove Press on 7/20/05, and the Pioneer Press business section on 7/24/05.

Gretchen Coons was recognized for her 2005 Eastern Division Area Governor of the Year award in the Roseville Review on 8/9/05 and the Pioneer Press on 8/31/05.

Pat Croal announces her being elected Lt. Gov. of Marketing in the Twin Cities Business Journal on 8/26/05.

Kim Fankhauser was recognized for her 2005 Eastern Division Toastmaster of the Year award in the Woodbury-South Maplewood Review on 8/1/05 and the Woodbury Bulletin on 8/3/05.

Sheri French was recognized for her 2005 Southern Division Toastmaster of the Year award in the Pine Island News-Record paper on 8/3/05.

John Greving from the Lakers club in Minneapolis is on page 6B of the July 14, 2005 edition of the Pioneer Press announces a professional promotion to lead the Nova Classical Academy.

Anne Groetsch announces her being elected as Prairie Division Governor in the Brainerd Dispatch on 7/2/05, the North Branch Post Review on 7/13/05, and the St. Cloud Times on 8/6/05.

Tom Guetzke was recognized for his Western Division Toastmaster of the Year Award in the Eden Prairie Sun Current paper on 8/3/05 and the Eden Prairie News on 8/11/05.

Linda Hanzely was recognized for her 2005 Central Division Area Governor of the Year award in the Bloomington Sun Current paper on 8/25/05.

Keith Hardy talks about a disease that he has called Marfan syndrome and how it has motivated him to run marathons in the Pioneer Press on 10/17/05.

Cliff Heinsch announces his being elected International Director from Region IV to Toastmasters International board in the Pioneer Press on 9/4/05, the Bemidji Pioneer newspaper on 9/4/05, the Star Tribune business section on 9/12/05, the White Bear Press on 9/14/05, and the Twin Cities Business Journal on 9/16/05. As International Director, presented Pele Raymond 2nd place in the Region IV speech contest in the Star Tribune South section on 6/28/06.

Brian Hinton announces his being elected as Southern Division Governor in the Owatonna People's Press on 7/5/05, the Rochester Post Bulletin on 7/15/05, the Prior Lake American paper on 7/16/05, and in the Mankato Free Press on 7/19/05.

Al Johnson was recognized for his International Division Toastmaster of the Year Award in the Eveleth Scene paper on 8/4/05 and the Mesabi Daily News (Virginia) on 8/12/05.

Kirk Johnson announces his being elected as Rivers Division Governor in the Stillwater Courier on 7/7/05, in the New Richmond News on 7/8/05, in the Thisweek Burnsville and Eagan editions on 7/9/05, in the Thisweek Farmington and Lakeville editions on 7/15/05, in the Stillwater Gazette, page 3, on 7/19/05 and in the Woodbury Bulletin on 7/20/05.

George Kane was recognized for his District 6 Toastmaster of the Year award in the Pioneer Press on 8/3/05.

Lesa Kennedy was recognized for her 2005 Metro Division Toastmaster of the Year award in the Twin Cities Business Journal on 8/26/05.

John Kokesh from the Metropolitan club was featured on WCCO news the 1st week in December 2005 in his efforts to fight hunger by sleeping outdoors to raise awareness and money.

Michael Krahmer wrote an article about Toastmasters for the October 2005 edition of the FDIC Regional newsletter.

Cathy Kray was quoted in an article about Relay for Life. Cathy was a speaker at the event, as well as a participant. She used a tall tale to "make a little fun of cancer." Cathy has had a number of family and friends with cancer. She is the president of Speakers by Design. Cathy was in the Sun Sailor Eden Prairie edition on 7/28/05.

Mary McGrath has written a new book entitled "Teachers in Transition: Growing Forward through Retirement". The book includes the benefits to teachers of joining Toastmasters and even mentions about her club, Eye Openers. She is also interviewed about her book in the THISWEEK, Eagan edition of the paper on 10/8/05.

Scott Miller was recognized for his 2005 District 6 Division Governor of the Year award in the Pioneer Press on 9/7/05.

Dave Oliver was interviewed by the Burnsville editor of the Thisweek newspaper about his District 6 Humorous Speech contest win and the article appeared in the Burnsville, Savage, Rosemount, Apple Valley, Eagan, Lakeville, and Farmington editions on 11/5/05 and appeared in the Sun Current Burnsville edition on 11/10/05.

Craig Ostrem was recognized by Jim Ramstad from the US House of Representatives on 10/26/05 for his "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Metropolitan Toastmasters Club. Also, Craig's "Only One Life" speech was recently published in a story book called The Story Project of Fillmore County, Minnesota: Frank Walsh's Kitchen and Other Stories.

Andrea Peterson was recognized for her International Division Area Governor of the Year Award in the Hermantown Star paper on 8/5/05.

Chez Raginiak from Vital Toastmasters was recognized in the Pioneer Press, Dakota County edition on 5/24/06 for his 2nd place win in the District 6 International Speech contest, the Minnetonka Sun Sailor on 5/25/06, the Lakeshore Weekly (Mtka area) on 5/30/06, the Apple Valley Thisweek newspaper on 6/3/06, the Star Tribune south section on 6/7/06, and an interview in the Apple Valley Sun Current on 6/15/06.

Pele Raymond from Big Apple Toastmasters was recognized in the Pioneer Press, Dakota County edition on 5/24/06 for his 1st place win in the District 6 International Speech contest, the Lakeville Sun Current on 5/25/06, was interviewed for the Lakeville Thisweek newspaper edition for 6/3/06, and the Star Tribune south section on 6/7/06. Recognized in the Star Tribune South section for his 2nd place win in the Region IV contest on 6/28/06.

Earl Roethke was recognized for his 1st place win in the District 6 Tall Tales contest in the Sun Current Minnetonka edition on 11/10/05 and the Minnetonka Lakeshore Weekly News on 11/15/05.

Mark Stenzel was recognized for his Frontier Division Area Governor of the Year Award in the Coon Rapids Herald on 8/5/05.

Melissa Stotts was recognized for her Western Division Area Governor of the Year Award in the Eden Prairie Sun Current on 8/3/05 and in the Eden Prairie News on 8/11/05.

Ann Sullivan announces her being elected the Frontier Division Governor in the White Bear Press paper on 7/27/05 and the Pioneer Press on 8/10/05.

Garry Teigland announces his being elected as Central Division Governor in the Sun Current paper (Editions - Apple Valley, Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield) on 7/20/05. Garry was recognized for his Northern Division Toastmaster of the Year award in the Thisweek paper (editions - Apple Valley and Rosemount) on 8/6/05 and the Pioneer Press on 9/7/0

Georgia Thometz was recognized for her Western Division Toastmaster of the Year Award in the Elk River Star News on 8/17/05.

Bill Usher taped a Toastmasters meeting and aired it on cable TV in the northern twin cities suburbs in October.

Mark Welter, member of the Anoka Toastmasters Club is featured in an article about his connection with the Twin Cities Public Television (TPT) station and how he uses Public Television videos in college classrooms to teach world history. He has also been a star in the PBS advertising campaign emphasizing planned giving since April 2005. The article appeared in the Pioneer Press on 8/26/05.

Teresa Wernecke from Roller Toasters Toastmasters was recognized in the Star Tribune North section on 5/24/06 for her 3rd place win in the District 6 Table Topics contest. She was interviewed for the Pioneer Press article that printed on 5/26/06 and also appeared in the UW Oshkosh Alumni e-newsletter on 6/5/06. Teresa was also interviewed for the Roseville/Little Canada Review article that printed on 6/20/06.

Lonnie Yohannes announces her being elected the District 6 Public Relations Officer in the Pioneer Press on 9/7/05.

Areas and Clubs

Area 23 announced the results of their Humorous and Tall Tales Speech contest winners in the Oakdale/Lake Elmo Review newspaper on 9/28/05.

Area 31 and **Area 33** were interviewed by the Hibbing Daily Tribune at the Area 31 and Area 33 International Speech contest and Table Topics Contest on March 25th in Hibbing. Highlights were featured in the article about both contests.

Area 73 club representatives were interviewed by Thisweek Newspaper about their upcoming Speech contests on September 9, Toastmasters' testimonials and the basics of Toastmasters.

Big Apple Club in Lakeville was interviewed by a reporter from the Sun Current Newspaper at their club Table Topics and International Speech Contest and was featured in the 3/8/05 edition.

Community Spirit in Savage announces installation of new club officers, Evelyn Genta as the Club Toastmaster of the Year and Southern Division, and club attaining President's Distinguished status in the Burnsville edition of Thisweek paper on 7/23/05 and in Lakeville and Farmington editions of Thisweek paper on 7/30/05.

Dan Patch Toastmasters club announced that it has turned 50 years old and invites the public to attend a meeting in Richfield in the Sun Current newspaper, Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, and Richfield editions on 11/3/05.

Discovery Toastmasters club announced the success of their recent Speechcraft workshop and also announced Barbara Hilton won the club and area level Table Topics contest and Karl Eriksen won the club International Speech contest and second place at the area contest in the Oakdale Lake Elmo Review on 04/11/06.

Happy Talkers club was featured in the Maple Grove Magazine in May 2006.

Humor Us Club in Rochester announces its new club charter in August in the Rochester Post Bulletin on 8/19/05; parts of a club meeting and interviews with Terry Ragan and Brian Hinton were featured on the KAAL TV news on 10/28/05.

Hutchinson II club celebrated it's 1,000th meeting. The Hutchinson Leader featured an editorial about the club and Toastmasters on 3/2/06.

Mid Range Toastmasters club in Hibbing announced JoJo Williams as the winner of the Area contest for Tall Tales in the Hibbing Daily Tribune on 10/21/05; provided a picture of club members with the Mayor after declaring October as Toastmasters month, and inviting the public to attend a Toastmasters joint meeting with the Virginia and Hibbing clubs to continue Toastmasters 81st anniversary, and District 6 welcoming Mid Range Toastmasters in Hibbing to the district in the Hibbing Daily Tribune on 10/23/05.

MN River Valley club in Prior Lake announces the city of Prior Lake proclaiming October is Toastmasters month in the city in the THISWEEK newspaper Prior Lake edition on 10/8/05.

My-T Speakers Toastmasters club announced in the Eden Prairie News on 2/16/06 club achievement awards: Wayne Mayers earned his CTM and Michael Boland earned his ATM-B awards

New Prague Area club announces the mayor of New Prague proclaimed October as Toastmasters month in the city of New Prague in the New Prague Times on 10/27/05.

Paul Bunyan club in Brainerd appeared in the "This Was Brainerd" section of the Brainerd Dispatch on 9/30/05 reflecting on Don Wilkin's Humorous Speech contest win for the club 30 years ago and on 10/25/05 reflecting on Tom Hawkes win of the "Best Speaker" trophy by the club. Article about Toastmaster expanding in Brainerd and adding additional meetings on Wed's mornings in the Brainerd Dispatch on 11/12/05. Club members Kristopher and Diane were interviewed by Lon Schmidt from 3wi radio and club members Chris and Bonnie were interviewed by Ken Thomas from WJY radio in March 2006! Chris and Michelle have presented Toastmasters at various civic group meetings: Rotary, Sertona, and Kiwanis.

Real Speakers in Burnsville announces installation of new club officers and Lonnie Yohannes as the Club Toastmaster of the Year in the Sun Current on 7/7/05.

Rise N Shine Toastmasters announces Toastmasters month in Hudson after receiving a proclamation from the city at a council meeting on 10/17. Picture of club president, Ann Coulter and City Council President Scot O'Malley in the Hudson Star-Observer on 10/27/05.

River Toastmasters in Cloquet invite the public to a "Mock meeting" to be held on November 8, 2005 in the Cloquet Journal on 11/2/05.

Rogers Toastmasters club announces a "Values and Leadership" seminar that is open to the public for Toastmasters month in the Elk River Star News on 10/20/05.

Sound Speakers club in St. Cloud announce their newly elected officers in the St. Cloud Times on 10/15/05.

Stillwater club: The city council declared October as Toastmasters month in the city of Stillwater in the Stillwater Gazette on 10/19/05. Feature article about Toastmasters combating public speaking fears in the Stillwater Gazette on 12/9/05.

Tuesday's with Toastmasters in Austin has a feature article about Toastmasters, which includes personal stories from John Fair, Tami Hjelman, and Erich Heneke; what to expect in Toastmasters; and dispelling the thought of city residents that the club was for Hormel employees only but rather it is open to the community. This was in the 7/30/05 edition of Austin Daily Herald. Austin Toastmasters celebrate 5th anniversary in the Rochester Post Bulletin on 10/6/05. Club celebration with the mayor and an interview with club president, Tami Hjelman, is featured on the 10/27/05 KAAL tv newscast.

Voice of Leadership in Eagan has a feature article "Voice of Leadership" Toastmasters club creates positive learning environment and features Linda Larson and Steve Ditschler in the Sun Current (Apple Valley, Rosemount, Burnsville, Eagan, and Lakeville editions) on 7/28/05.

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Bob Fisher being selected as our District 6 Fall 2005 Communication and Leadership award recipient was announced in the Brainerd Dispatch newspaper on 10/5/05, the Star Tribune on 10/12/05, the Sun Sailor (Excelsior/Shorewood, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Plymouth, St. Louis Park, Wayzata/Orono/Long Lake editions) on 10/19/05, the Mpls/St.Paul Business Journal on 10/28/05, and the Pioneer Press on 10/30/05

Judge Pamela Alexander's announcement of being our District 6 Spring 2006 Communication and Leadership award recipient was announced in the Edina Sun Current on May 4, 2006 and the Pioneer Press

on May 7, 2006. A reporter from the MN Spokesman-Recorder attended the C&L Luncheon and wrote an article in the 5/25/06 paper.