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TOASTMASTERS DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER

November 2018

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District 9

Distinguished Toastmasters (DTMs)



Note: New DTM recipient, Mark Knight, does not appear in the picture.

From the Desk of District 9 Director, Jan Taylor, DTM



District 9 Toastmasters, During the past several weeks, I have asked myself “why did I join Toastmasters”. In the beginning it was to become a better speaker and improve my leadership skills. As time went on, I realized there were many opportunities outside the Club experience. I can honestly say that for me growing in Toastmasters means learning and doing. Project upon project we grow. While in the District leadership it has been my honor to be able and visit each of you at a club, or District meeting. Please take a moment and ask yourself, “Why did I (you) join Toastmasters?” “Am I doing everything I (you) can to set goals and grow along my path and achieve my (your) goals?” I know that, you, the members are the strength of District 9.

From the Desk of District 9 Director, Jan Taylor, DTM cont. from pg.1

We have seen many changes in our program over the year. **Pathways** is the new educational program. We are all learning how it can serve us and the club to achieve excellence. It has been exciting as we watch new clubs being built and members reaching out to support clubs. You have shown me that we can achieve our mission if each member receives a quality club experience that helps them reach their goals. Our clubs are gaining new members because of the new programs and the quality meetings. I encourage you to *remember why you joined Toastmasters* and embrace the new opportunity that you have to learn and grow. As each of our members achieve their goals, we see our clubs growing in numbers and quality.

I want you to know that the District, Division, and Area Directors are here to help. The success and sustainability of our organizations is up to each of us. Are you up to the challenge? I know that you are, I believe in you. District Director, Jan Taylor, DTM





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Maria McDonald-McNamar, DTM Program Quality Director

District 9 celebrated the accomplishments of all of its members on October 20 at the Pasco Red Lion with a Training and Awards Ceremony. Our district accomplished an INCREDIBLE feat last fiscal year by becoming Presidents' Distinguished for the first time ever. We were also only one of two districts in North or South America achieve this. This could not have been done without the commitment to excellence displayed by our members, clubs, areas and divisions. Clubs participated in challenges geared toward club growth, meeting deadlines, and enhancing the quality of club meetings. Members were recognized for accomplishing communication and leadership goals (including, CC's, CL's, Advanced goals, Triple Crowns, Pathways levels, and DTM's).

This was an opportunity to welcome our newest Distinguished Toastmasters: Eileen Allen, Ceitllyn Connal, Buthiana Hassan, Sri Nikhil Gupta Gouriseti, Gary Greene, Laura La Chance, and Anne Schur.

We celebrated notable club anniversaries (including but not limited to Moses Lake 65 years, and Spokane Uptowners 30 years). Mentors, Sponsors and Coaches were ESSENTIAL for the establishment of new clubs, and assisting struggling clubs.

We also recognized the following members for their exceptional service: Ed Keeney – Toastmaster of The Year, Kathy Hansen – Volunteer of the Year, Nancy Shatto – Guide of the Year, Jennifer Zerba – District Director of the Year, Rick Aguilar – Division Director of the Year, Buthiana Hassan -Area Director of the Year.

A listing of all of the accomplishments and pictures from the ceremony can be found on our [Facebook page](#) and our District 9 [Hall of Fame](#) page.

In addition, District 9 conducted training which include a virtual presentation from Past International President, [Pat Johnson on corporate clubs](#) and other club growth lessons.

Congratulations and thank you to all of the people who participated in these two events!

A special thank you to the events chair, Kathy Hansen! We will look forward to seeing you at our Spring Conference on April 12 – 14 at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Yakima!



Understanding Pathways

Toastmasters District 9

Where Leaders Are Made

Your Path to Excellence

Division C - Invitation

International Convention Education Sessions Revisited & Pathways Workshop

Saturday, November 17th

10:30 am - 4:30 pm

(light snacks provided; feel free to bring a brown bag lunch)

Stay for the entire workshop or just come for the sessions you are interested in

Map your driving to this Location: [Spokane Downtown Public Library](#)

906 W Main Ave. Spokane, WA 99201 - Corner of Lincoln Street & Main Ave.
3rd floor Level Up Classroom (at the top of the stairs)

- 10:30am – Welcome & handout of Generational Insights – reach all generations in your marketing efforts
- 10:30am-11am International Speech Contest Winner:
- **Ramona J Smith & Darren LaCroix's evaluation / coaching comments**
- 11am-noon –**Embracing the Winds of Change - Johnny Campbell**
- Noon-12:30pm – Pathways 101 Hands on Wok shop
Bring your laptop or tablet; if you want additional time the library has workstations available. There will be volunteers lined up for one-on-one support if needed until 2pm
- 12:30pm-1:30pm **Think Like a Negotiator - Eldonna Lewis Fernandez**
- 1:30pm-2:30pm **The Innovative Toastmaster - Lars Sudmann**
- 2:30pm-3:30pm **Influencing Others into Action - Michelle Tills Lederman**
- 3:30pm-4:30pm **BeginWithin - Sarah Khan**

Participate from home via Zoom.

(PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android): <https://zoom.us/j/525934>

Event Contact: Nancy Shatto -- nshatto@watrust.com

Division C Director: Linda Karalfa -- lkkaralfa@msn.com

Hello from your Club Growth Director Debra Kroon, DTM



Club Visits and Reports: Our Area Directors have been quite busy this first quarter and well into the second quarter.

Hopefully you have completed all of your required visits to your clubs for this first half and are diligently working on getting the reports submitted to International before the November 30. These can take some time to compose and submit. I encourage you to take time now before the busyness of the holidays over takes you.

I have been enjoying reading all about your observations as you visit clubs. There is much to learn from these visits to help give feedback to each club as well as to the District Leadership.

Thank you for your hard work.

CLUB GROWTH

Bo Liu, ACB, ALB, is in the process of chartering a new club at Gonzaga for ESL Chinese students. He is working with Eileen Allen, DTM to build this Saturday club on campus. He is also looking for Mentors who will be willing to help as they get closer to chartering. Please let me or Bo know if you are interested in helping out.



Hello from your **Club Growth Director** **Debra Kroon, DTM** cont. from pg. 5

Well Spokane, the corporate club for Premera Blue Cross in Spokane, held their Charter Ceremony and Banner Presentation on November 7th. Club Sponsors Jackie Malinauskas and Kathy Hansen, DTM, along with Club Mentors Kim Brown, DTM, and Linda Karalfa, DTM, organized a fabulous party. Some members of Management even attended the event to show support.

Chris McAllister, Sr. Training Design Specialist, HR Learning and Development at Premera spoke eloquently in comparing the values of Toastmasters with the values of Premera Blue Cross. She shares those words with us: Premera has been part of the Spokane community since the early 90's. We are excited to kick-off Well Spokane Toastmasters. We share common values and missions.

Officers installed this day were: President Kristin Tucker; VP-Education Ramandeep Kaur; VP-Membership Teresa Ader; VP-Public Relations Hannah Morishita; VP-Telecommunications Cassidy Walliser; Secretary, Amanda Goodwin; Treasurer Greg Doyle; and Sergeant at Arms Freddy Avalos.

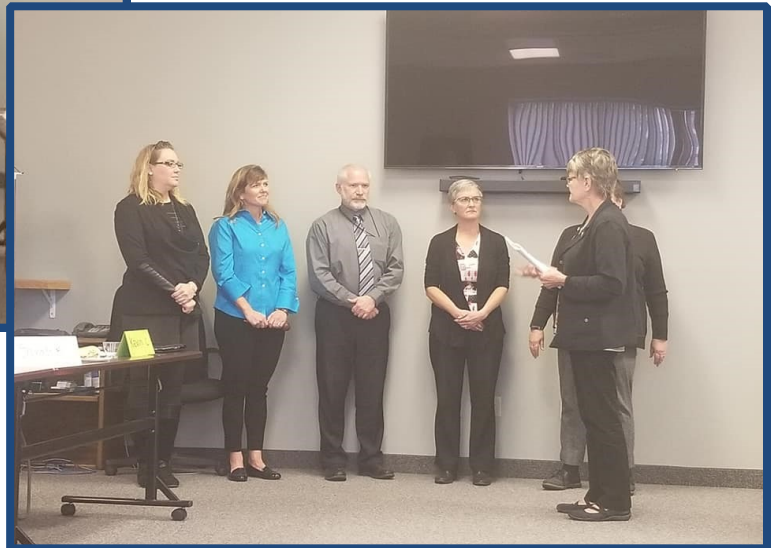
NEW CLUBS



Premera's purpose is to improve customers' lives by making healthcare work better. We can do that by encouraging our leaders on all levels to improve their skills. Toastmasters empower individual to become more effective communicators and leaders. One of Toastmasters core values is integrity, Premera's is doing the right thing.

*We look forward to opening our venue for **Well Spokane** and are excited to encourage leaders both internally and in our community.*

NEW CLUBS



Spoken-ites

The Spokane County-Community Club of new chartered Spoken-ites held their Charter Ceremony and Banner Presentation on October 9th. The room was packed with the many, eager and excited, members. Sponsors Victoria Leuba, ACS, CL and Sherry Lou Barrett were on hand to help celebrate along with Club Mentor Tina Hull, CC, ALB. Christy Jeffers, CC, the other Club Mentor was unable to attend.

District Director Jan Taylor, DTM, Program Quality Director Maria McDonald McNamar, DTM and Club Growth Director Debra Kroon, DTM, were all on deck to help with the festivities and celebration.

New installed officers are: President Amy Sullivan; VP-Education Jennifer Walter; VP-Membership Kristin Armstrong; VP-Public Relations Victor Leamer; Secretary Kristina Ralls; Treasurer Kristin Armstrong; and Sergeant at Arms Lindsey Anderson.

Congratulations to Spoken-ites!

3 X 3 CHALLENGE

Which clubs are participating in this District-wide challenge? Three members from one club visit another club three times. This is a great opportunity to infuse another club with fresh faces at their meetings, as well as filling some seats. Plus you get to observe another club and meet fellow Toastmasters. Clubs completing the challenge will receive a beautiful ribbon for their banner. Here is a photo from Cascade Toastmasters who enjoyed their first visit November 8 at Apple Valley Communicators.

Fe Ibarra giving her Level 2 Pathways speech; Anthony Alvarez delivers his evaluation; Bruce Noyes having fun with Table Topics, all from Apple Valley. Dionetta Hudzinski and Pat Moszeter, of Cascade Club, share the timing duties.

Visit form is on the D9 Website. Get going!





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Division D

Successful World Championship of Public Speaking Viewing Events

By **Elizabeth Russell, CC**

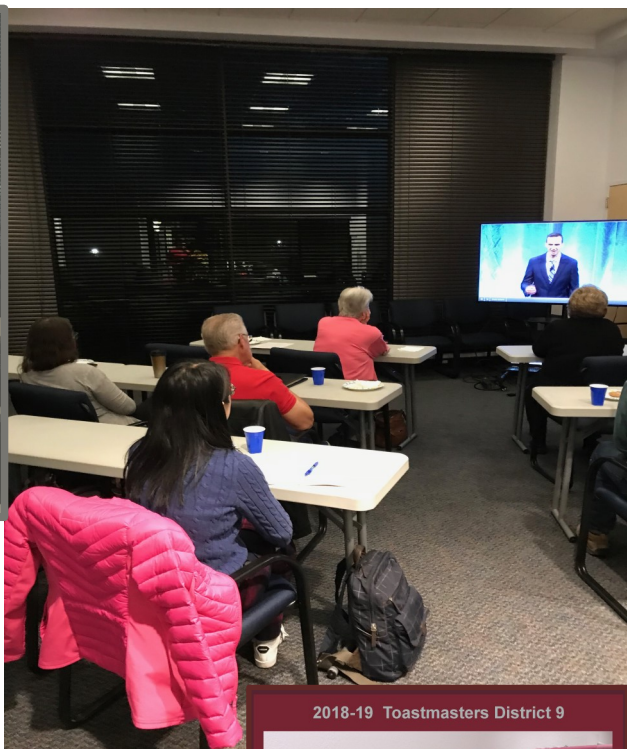
Toastmasters District 9 Division “D” Director

Division D hosted two successful viewing events to watch the contestants of the 2018 World Championship of Public Speaking.

Open to Toastmasters and guests alike, these events gave them the opportunity to enjoy spending time with members from neighboring clubs, to be inspired by the summer convention contestants, and to share with guests what Toastmasters is all about.

Ryan Urie, Area D1 Director, single-handedly coordinated the D1/D2 event that took place Thursday evening, October 25 in Pullman, WA. 21 people showed up; 8 of those were guests. It was a pleasant surprise to see Toastmasters from both the SEL Toastmasters club and Frank E Balmer club join us. We kicked off this event with an ice breaker bingo game for attendees to get to know one another. They enjoyed a tasty pizza while watching the top three International speech contestants. The event concluded with a fun round of table topics in which almost every audience member participated. Ryan even came prepared with Toastmasters magazines, membership applications, and additional information for any curious guests.





Jennifer Ferrero and Bo Liu, D3 and D4 Area Directors coordinated and launched the event which attracted a higher number of attendees than expected. This event took place in Liberty Lake area on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Nine registrations received, 13 attendees. Everyone had a great time. All of the International Speech Contestants were watched, later on, the group participated in a fun round of trivia.



A Big Thank You to my Area “D” Directors!
They planned and organized the events beyond expectation. Their efforts made these events successful. I would like to ask you, if one of them is a member of your club, or you see them, let them know you appreciate them and everything they did on behalf of Toastmasters D9 Division “D”.

Division A Director

Ceitllyn Connal, DTM

Contact email: ceitllynd9@gmail.com

**12/1/18 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING
(COT): FROM 8:30 am TO 12:30 pm**

WORKSHOP:

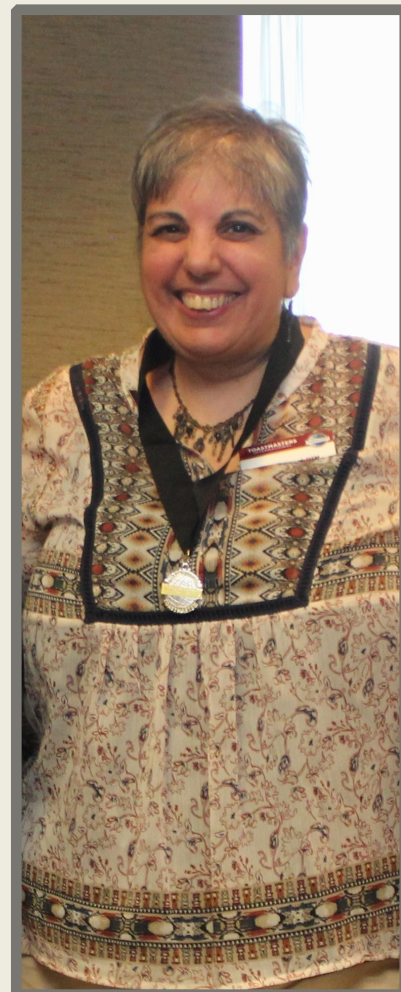
Reclaiming your Voice:

Transforming Fear into Strength

FROM 1:00 pm TO 3:30 pm

**Both COT & Workshop are going to be held
in Yakima at the Murphy Auditorium.**

<https://goo.gl/maps/JHNcybeV3192>



2019

**March 12 Area A2/A3 Speech contests
FROM 9:30 am—1:00 pm**

**March 16 Division A - Speech contest
FROM 10:00 am TO 1:00 pm**

Both held in Yakima at Murphy Auditorium

Call for Candidates for 2019-2020 - Toastmasters District 9

Elected Positions

Nominations close on Dec. 15, 2018, for elected district-officer positions, as listed and described below. Time for some careful discernment about what YOU or someone you know can bring to District 9 leadership in the next Toastmasters year.

District Director

Program Quality Director

Club Growth Director

Five Division Directors, Divisions A through E



According to Protocol 9.0, set forth by Toastmasters International ([see below](#)), candidates must declare their intent to run by December 15. You may ask a peer Toastmaster to nominate you, or you may self-nominate.

Timeline:

- Call for Candidates published Oct. 8, 2018.
- Candidates declare and submit paperwork by Dec. 15, 2018.
- Interviews take place in December 2018 and January 2019
- District Leadership (Nominating) Committee notifies District Director of nominated candidates by March 1, 2019 (six weeks before election).
- District Leadership (Nominating) Committee publishes nominations on District website by March 1, 2019.

Floor candidates may declare their intent to run after the committee results have been announced.

SUPER-EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION TODAY ONLY!

____ Yes, count me in! I would like to take advantage of the \$100 super-early-bird registration offered today only for the 2019 Conference.

Name: _____ Club _____

How many registering? _____ Email: _____

Phone _____

Please submit this form at the registration table. You may pay with cash, check, card, or opt to receive a bill through PayPal (you will receive a PayPal invoice soon.)



TOASTMASTERS District 9 2019 CONFERENCE

April 12-14 • Yakima

District 9 2019 Conference

Howard Johnson • 9 N 9th St, Yakima, WA
Block of Rooms at \$89 per night plus tax. Make your reservation by calling 509-452-6511 and asking for the Toastmasters D9 Conference rate.

Keynote Speakers

Sheryl Roush

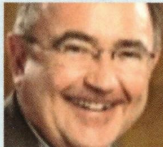
Speaker and author Sheryl Roush is the "Speak and Market Like a Pro™ Coach."

A multi-award winning Accredited Speaker, Sheryl has delighted D9 audiences twice before with her energetic keynotes.



Jim Kokocki

Entrepreneur, business consultant, and Toastmasters 2015-16 International President.



MORE ...

- Friday Night Opening and Humorous Speech Contest
- International Speech + Table Topics Contests
- Education Sessions
- District Council and Elections
- Networking and fun with your D9 friends

More info? Contact Conference Publicity Chair Kathy Hansen, DD_kathy@tmd9.club



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PATHWAYS
— learning experience



District 9 Leadership

District 9 Director:	<u>Jan Taylor, DTM</u>
Program Quality Director:	<u>Maria McDonald McNamar, DTM</u>
Club Growth Director:	<u>Debra Kroon, DTM</u>
Public Relations Manager:	<u>Liliana M. Mandigo, DTM</u>
District Webmaster:	<u>Darlene Marquardt, DTM</u>
Finance Manager:	<u>Karen Mobley, DTM</u>
Administration Manager:	<u>Leigh Pinkham-Johnston, CC, ALB</u>
Immediate Past District Director:	<u>Jennifer Zerba, DTM</u>
D9 Pathways Chief Ambassador:	<u>Ed Keeney, DTM</u>
Historian:	<u>Kathy Hansen, DTM</u>
Prison Club Co-Chairs:	<u>Nancy Shatto, DTM</u> , <u>Sean Eilholzer, DTM</u>

Friendly Reminder: VISIT [DISTRICT 9 CALENDAR](#) OFTEN. LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE CHANGES, OR UPDATES. THANK YOU.



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