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*Eastern Washington,
Northeastern Oregon,
and the Idaho Panhandle
from Lewiston to
the Canadian border.*

District 9

In District 9, we
**Make
It
Happen!**

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THE END OF THE TOASTMASTER YEAR

HAVE YOU MADE IT HAPPEN?



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE



**Club Officers: Keep Your
Club on Track with
Online Meetings**





DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Maria McDonald McNamar DTM, DD

Coming to the End "Making it Happen!"

What an amazing year it has been! Our year started in July 2019 with 69 clubs. We have gained two clubs (Entrust, Path Finders) and have lost a few clubs. We will forever be known as the COVID-19 Team. Our membership began at 2,361. As of May 22, we have 1,885 members, but the year has not ended yet. We are still demonstrating our leadership and supportive positive learning environment.

District Mission

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence

Transitioning Time

By now, Area Directors have visited each club at least twice. We are in the middle to electing new officers and helping them to transition to their new roles. Now, more than ever, we need to work together and support one another. If you are an officer, reflect on your role. What worked? What did not work? Make a list for your successor and meet with him/her so that they will be better prepared. Be sure to share your leadership manual with him/her as well. Don't forget to turn in your new officers' list to TI before the end of June. Our current and incoming Program Quality Directors are preparing unique virtual trainings for the club officers on June 27. See Debra Kroon's article for details.

_____ of the Year

I need your help. Do you know of any Toastmaster, area director, division director who you think did an exceptional job this year? Please complete the Toastmaster of the Year application to nominate people whom you believe served the members and district well this past fiscal year and return your application to me (MariamcmcDTM@aol.com) by June 6 for consideration. We plan to recognize such amazing Toastmasters this fall during the awards ceremony.

Reflect, Celebrate, Finish Strong!

It has truly been my honor to serve you as your District Director this past year. I have a better appreciation for our tagline, "Where Leaders Are Made." I am truly grateful to every member in this district who set goals and despite our obstacles and challenges, helped us to prevail. We stayed positive and stayed the course. We set records in number of Education awards, we learned new technology (ie. Zoom), and we reached out to one another when needed. We are not discouraged, but rather compelled to move forward with a team spirit.

Continue to monitor your [clubs' dashboard](#). Take a leap of faith and run for a club office. Continue working on your educational goals and personally invite others to visit your club. Now is a fun time to visit other clubs all across the world as well. Currently, 7 clubs are classified as "Distinguished." Have a brainstorming executive meeting to try to reach this goal before the end of this month. It can be done if you believe and work together. It's not over yet.

Toastmaster Values:

- Integrity
- Respect
- Service
- Excellence

Area and Division Director contact information can be found at <https://www.tmd9.org/2019-2020District90ficerDirectory.html>

“Leadership is not a title, it’s a behavior.

Live it”

~ Robin Sharma

Once again, I thank you for helping me to become a better leader and for you **making great things happen** during this tumultuous year. Without a doubt, it has been the MOST challenging year of my life. We will not be held back by the COVID-19 Pandemic, deaths or any other obstacles. Our District is composed of exceptional people who rise, encourage and help others along the way with a cheerful and giving heart.

“Make it Happen!”



Save these Dates!
District 9 Leader Training
June 13, 2020—online

CHECK YOUR
EMAIL FOR
REGISTRATION
LINKS

Club Officer Training
Round 1 for 2020-2021 officers
June 27, 2020—online

More info coming soon. Check tmd9.org for updates

District Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ToastmastersDistrict9/>

Watch your inbox for an email about future trainings, and more!

Contact Debra Kroon, Program Quality Director for info or questions: debrakroon@gmail.com

WHERE LEADERS
ARE MADE



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for communicators
and leaders is
ONLINE!

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Musings from Program Quality Director, Debra Kroon, DTM



It is **June**, and that means it is **TRAINING TIME**, and we are so excited to share that we have dates set, and they will be online – for the first time ever, in District 9. You have been asking for this for a long time. Much has changed in our Toastmaster world due to the current COVID-19 restrictions and limitations. As such, World Headquarters (WHQ) has made some important changes to how we are able to conduct trainings. Will this be the new normal? That remains to be seen. For now, Victoria Chadderton, PQD-elect, Karen Mobley, CGD-elect and myself are happy to be organizing District-wide training for all of our incoming District Leaders and our newly elected Club Officers. For now, please save these dates and get ready to enjoy Toastmaster Training in a whole new way.

District Leader Training – June 13. We have the Zoom meeting room open at 8:30 a.m. with training starting at 9 a.m.. WHQ has many required components that we will present, but the plan is end by 1:00 p.m.. This is for incoming Area Directors, Division Directors and other District leaders, including Public Relations Manager, Administration Manager, District Chief Judge, and the Trio. Training materials will be sent out prior to this training.

Club Officer Training – June 27. We have the Zoom meeting room open at 8:30 a.m. with training starting at 9 a.m. Club Officers. Training will be about four hours, in order to fulfill the WHQ training requirements. This is especially for our 2020-2021 club officers. However, any and all members are encouraged to attend.

We are also looking at additional training, focused on helping new leaders understand their roles even better. We are considering holding these trainings during the week in order to allow members with conflicting schedules to attend.

Don't worry about gassing your car up, because it will stay parked. You just need to make sure your computer is up and running and you have a comfy chair for the day of training, and have some snacks on board, if that is your mode. We will assure comfort breaks during the training. More information will be coming soon. There is also the possibility that you will be able to attend other Districts' Training Events. The premise is if you miss a training in our District, you would be able to attend a training in another District---online! More information about that will be forthcoming.

Speakathons! Are you struggling to finish your manual, project or goal by the end of this month, but your club is not meeting? Let's talk about how to remedy this. WHQ is encouraging clubs to have **Speakathons**, joining with other clubs, to help members reach their goals. I am excerpting here from the April 21, 2020 message from International President Deepak Menon:

- A Speakathon is still a club-level event; however, a club may now partner with other clubs in their District to host the event.
 - ◊ Speaking opportunities must be provided to all clubs participating in the Speakathon.
 - ◊ Each Speakathon must allow speeches from both the traditional education program and the Pathways learning experience.

Speakathons - continued

- If members intend to participate in a Speakathon:
 - ◊ Ensure that the host and all participants have the appropriate resources (e.g., evaluation forms, timing devices, microphones, webcams, online meeting platforms, etc.).
 - ◊ Evaluations may be provided in-person or online during this time.
- Districts may promote multi-club Speakathon events.
 - ◊ The District Public Relations Manager can promote such events through the District's regular channels of communication.
 - ◊ These events cannot be communicated or conducted as a District-, Division-, or Area-level event.

Distinguished Toastmaster Award Update: I am going out on a limb and say that for the first time in our District's history we have reached an all-time high of members earning their Distinguished Toastmaster Award, the DTM designation. **23** members, to date, have successfully reached this goal since July 1 of last year. We have the month of June for members to submit their award for recognition in this year. If you are still working on the Advanced Leader Silver (ALS) piece of this goal, there is good news for you. WHQ has extended the deadline to submit the ALS and DTM applications to June 30, 2021. Please take note: this **does not include** the completion of the Advanced Communicator Gold (ACG) award. The **ACG** needs to be completed by **June 30, 2020**. If you need help on how to do this, or ideas on how to make it happen, please reach out to me, Debra Kroon debrakroon@gmail.com. We want you to reach your goals, and we are here to help. Do not delay – do it today!

Leadership Opportunities in District 9: Are you ready to take your training and leadership development to the next level? Are you ready to stretch yourself? Are you ready to step into greater service to Toastmasters? Are you curious about Toastmasters outside your club experience? Have we got the answer for you? **YES, we do!** We are here to help! Currently, we have Area Director openings in some of our Divisions. Please consider stepping into Area Director leadership. Contact me today! debrakroon@gmail.com Oh, did I mention that serving as an Area Director checks off one of the goals of Advanced Leader Silver? Just so you know.

Online Clubs Are Making It Happen! I know that not all clubs are meeting online at this time. I understand the many challenges of making the meetings happen in a digital world. However, I want to ensure that you all know this is a perfect time to **grow your club**. Why? Well, Toastmasters, all over the world, are happy to Zoom into your club meeting – if you are meeting online. I know of clubs that have had people visit from South Africa, Florida, Brazil, Canada, New Zealand and beyond. Now is the time to grow your club in a whole new way. Former D9 member and World Champion of Public Speaking competitor, Rich Hopkins, has set himself a goal to visit clubs in every Region. Send invitations to past members. Make sure your Club Contact information is updated on Club Central. Market your club online! Share it on Facebook. Send our Webmaster, Darlene Marquardt, toastmasterdarlenesue@gmail.com, and me your club's meeting information. We will get it up on our D9 website to help others connect with your club. If your club is one that has decided not to meet online, please reconsider your decision to 'wait it out,' as it may be a long time. However, once you are able to meet in person, you can keep your meetings going with a hybrid format. What is that? Hybrid is where you have members meeting in

Debra Kroon's Article continued

person while some members connect online. My home club of Cascade #993, our two Advanced Clubs (Audible Experience #2597868 and The Faculty Club #4506013), have been doing this prior to the whole COVID-19. You might say these clubs were psychic, prescient (There is a Word of the Day for you.), or just ahead of the game. Reach out to any of those clubs for help, tips, tools and guidance.

Update on Zoom Platform. We found out that our District plan to purchase Zoom accounts and share them across our District for clubs to use would not be allowed by WHQ. We had to cancel that plan. Apologies for putting forward a premature idea.



A shout out to Stan Inzer! I love to catch our members doing something really great. As such, I am taking some space here to give **Kudos** and **Thanks** to Stan Inzer, President of Moonlighters Toastmasters and incoming Area C1 Director. Stan has been holding online Pathways trainings every Friday night, beginning last April. His last scheduled session will be June 5. However, Stan is graciously offering to be an ongoing resource to anyone that would like help. Please contact Stan at inzersv@comcast.net I also know that Elaine Kelly, incoming Division D Director, has been helping Stan out, as well as holding her own online Pathways Mentoring sessions. This is us! This is what we do every day in Toastmasters. We see a need; we step up; and we fill it. Thank you so much. My heart is full.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

EVERYTHING IS NOT LOCKED DOWN

LOVE HOPE LEARNING

CREATIVITY GOALS

OUR GOALS ARE NOT LOCKED DOWN

RENEW NOW!

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

**LEADERS DON'T CREATE FOLLOWERS,
THEY CREATE MORE LEADERS. ~ unknown**

Club Growth Director— Ceitllyn Connal, DTM



Electing Club Officers

Every club needs leaders who will guide and motivate members in moving the club forward with its goals. Electing officers is the responsibility of all club members and is a critical aspect of the club's accomplishments.

Our members choose Toastmasters so they can further their goals; it is an important part of their learning journey. Officers who provide leadership and support, foster a strong foundation for learning, affording members personal and professional growth. Giving encouragement and direction with clear goals is one of the objectives of every leader.

A club officer has an important role within Toastmasters International. The success of a club and its members depend on how well you and your fellow club officers perform your duties and responsibilities. An important part of Toastmasters training is learning about leadership, and the best way to become skilled at leadership is to experience it. One of the best experiences you will ever have as a Toastmaster is when you decide to become a club officer. You will learn *new things* about leadership, motivating others, and group dynamics and it can be fun!

As an officer, you have the opportunity for soft-skill development as in your communication and problem-solving skills. Holding an office gives you discipline for moving forward regardless of the challenges around you and, when done well, others are encouraged to be their best.

Each of the officers in a Toastmasters club has certain responsibilities to fulfill in supporting the club and its members. There are several officer positions within each Toastmasters club both to spread the workload fairly and to expand the leadership opportunities for club members.

Filling an officer role *does not* mean that you are required to do the job alone. Being an officer simply means that you are responsible for ensuring the job gets done. As an officer, you are encouraged to ask other members of the club in helping you fulfill your duties. Identifying with other members with leadership potential, encourages them to serve as leaders as well.

Clubs that meet weekly may elect officers annually or semiannually. If the club elects semiannually, elections are held at the **first** meeting in **May** and again at the **first** meeting in **November**. **Annual office terms must run from July 1 through June 30; semiannual terms must run from July 1 through December 31 and January 1 through June 30.** Holding elections at any other time is in direct conflict with the [*Club Constitution for Clubs of Toastmasters International*](#) and [*Bylaws of Toastmasters International*](#).

A quorum **is** a majority of the active members, and is needed for conducting club business, including electing officers. All members **must** be in good standing and most importantly, can vote by email during May 2020 elections – see May Leader Letter link below.

It is important to note: When your club has elected new officers, the current president or secretary should submit their names and contact information to World Headquarters online through [Club Central](#). If your club is not able to submit its officer list online, you can complete and submit the [Club and Officer Information Form](#). Submit one copy to your club for its records and one copy to World Headquarters via [email](#) or fax at 1 303-799-7753. Deadlines for all submission types are **June 30** for annual elections and June 30 and December 31 for semiannual elections.

What is significant regarding the deadline:

1. Clubs with current and active officers have access to Club Central
2. Officers can conduct club business such as submitting new members and making payments
3. Uninterrupted access to Pathways.

Toastmasters has many great resources for supporting club officers. Follow this link for direct access: <https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/club-officer-tools>. Please refer to the Leader Letter for further information: <https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/the-leader-letter>.

Additionally you may follow the individual links below for specific tools:

- [Club Officer Roles](#)
- [Club Officer Kit](#)
- [Club Central Tutorials](#)
- [Club Officer Tutorials](#)
- [Club Officer Resources](#)
- [Club Management](#)
- [Membership Building](#)
- [Distinguished Performance Reports](#)
- [Find a Club Advanced Search](#)

Other important information:

⇒ **Beat the Clock**

Continuing building membership in our clubs helps keep them healthy, vital, and brings in new energy and ideas. Beat the Clock is the final push at the end of the Toastmasters year for bringing in guests and turning them into members of your club. The hardest thing about doing this during this challenging time, is changing our perspective on how. Many new members say they enjoy the convenience of on-line meetings from their office or homes. Share the enormous possibilities of Toastmasters with coworkers, friends, businesses through the Chamber of Commerce, special business publications through the newspaper, etc. Your club could work on an email template tailored to different businesses highlighting how Toastmasters supports communication, leadership, and problem solving skills as well as the different learning opportunities through Pathways. This link takes you

to marketing materials, many which come in digital form: <https://www.toastmasters.org/shop/club-officers/marketing-your-club>

⇒ **Building new clubs**

With the advent of COVID-19, everything about Toastmasters has changed, particularly regarding new clubs. Scheduling on-line appointments and demo meetings offers new inquiries the opportunity to see how flexible we can be in adapting to different situations. Many businesses already use Zoom or other video services on a daily basis, let's get them eager about adding Toastmasters educational benefits in support of their business and employee's goals. It is an exciting time of transition for our communities and the advantages certainly outweigh the challenges. Continue your enthusiasm and passion for Toastmasters now and throughout the coming year!

⇒ **Branding your Toastmasters meetings and events**

Have you ever had Starbucks coffee without knowing the Starbucks logo? It is the same with Toastmasters. Everything we do in conjunction with Toastmasters needs to be branded accordingly. TI give us templates, logos, hex numbers for each color, as well as support from headquarters for any and all questions regarding what is or isn't allowed. Follow this link for all branding information: <https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/brand-portal>. You can either use the webchat feature or email with questions at brand@toastmasters.org.

⇒ **Find a Club and editing your Profile**

When attracting new members to your club, it is imperative you have correct information everywhere, especially your club's website and on TI. Your club's President, Secretary or VPPR should regularly check the contact email address and phone, making sure inquiries are received and can be promptly answered.

A last reminder: After logging in, click on your name at the top of the page and thoroughly check your information through the edit button. Consider updating your privacies as well. Without a current email and phone number, it is difficult sharing District business or communicating with our members

My best regards ~

I wish to offer my sincerest thanks to all of you for your generosity and support during my year as Club Growth Director, especially Debra Kroon, PQD and Maria McDonald McNamar, District Director.

I look forward to supporting Karen Mobley's success in the coming year.

With sincerest appreciation,

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IN MEMORIAM

We celebrate the lives of members like Dave Moore (of Spokane) who served TM for many years as club officer and even Area Director. He will be greatly missed. His footprint, however will remain with the Gaveliers, Sunrise and Evergreen Clubs. Dave was a member of Sunrise since 2006, Evergreen 2002 and Gaveliers since 2006.

SOME EXCERPTS FROM HIS OBITUARY:

MOORE, David Jewel (Age 83) Retired Lt. Col. David J. Moore, USMC, left for a higher calling May 5, 2020.

He was a veteran who served bravely and honorably for 20 years. He flew helicopters during his three separate tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a man of many talents leaving a legacy that will continue to impact many lives. After his retirement, he owned his own business. He was an entrepreneur, wrote three books and served as a technical advisor for a major motion picture studio in Hollywood. He was active in Toastmasters for over 50 years and continued to be active with three clubs in the Spokane area. In his lifetime he was also a professor at four different colleges and universities teaching computer science. He was a very brave man who suffered in silence from bladder cancer caused by toxic chemicals dumped into the drinking water at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was a generous man with high moral standards who stood firm on what he believed. A man of integrity, great sense of humor and fun to be around. To read his entire obituary as published by the Spokane Spokesman-Review, please

[CLICK HERE.](#)



What we do in Life, Echos in Eternity.

~ Maximus

“To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others.”



~ Anthony Robbins



June

Please refer to Calendar on District Website for times and locations

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Check with Club Officers and Area/Division Directors to find out about links for online club meetings.						