



# DISTRICT 26 DIALOGUE

Region 1 \_\_ Serving Colorado, Wyoming and Western Nebraska

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## LANCE MILLER TO SPEAK AT TLI

*Linda Rhea, DTM Lt. Governor Education & Training*



Club Officer training to help officers be effective in their officer roles and a variety of relevant educational sessions for all members. The rest of the story is this is a wonderful time to meet other officers in your role and share ideas. Most who attend agree TLI is a fun and informative event that inspires the leader within.

TLI is open to all members. You may also invite members of other service clubs. Inviting them to attend your TLI may trigger questions that encourage them to check out our premier Toastmaster training and join your club. Take advantage of this one time opportunity to market you club and help officers in other organizations.

Upcoming TLIs featuring World Champion Lance Miller are listed below:

- Fort Collins**      Friday, January 24
- Denver**              Saturday, January 25
- Colorado Springs**   Saturday, January 25
- Grand Junction**      Sunday, January 26
- Vail Valley**            Tuesday, January 28

Also scheduled:

- Cheyenne**              Saturday, February 1, 2014

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**Check [d26toastmasters.org/WP/calendar/](http://d26toastmasters.org/WP/calendar/) for TLI updates and new dates.**

For more information about Lance go to [lancemillerspeaks.com](http://lancemillerspeaks.com).

### Pass it on!

Let the rest of your club know the January Dialogue is available.

*The District 26 Dialogue is published monthly to keep the members informed about events in the district and to present educational and motivational material to help in the maintenance of clubs and the service to our members. Unsolicited articles are encouraged. Submissions should be newsworthy, informative, thought-provoking and of district-wide appeal. Include web links if available. For more details go to <http://d26Toastmasters.org/WP/news-events/district-26-dialogue/>.*

**W**ould you like to know how to grow a Toastmaster Club from the brink of closing to 4<sup>th</sup> in the world with over 90 members? 2005 World Champion of Public Speaking Lance Miller will explain how he helped his club do just that as he provides the Keynote and an Officer Training Seminar for all Club Officers at Toastmasters Leadership Institutes for several communities between January 24 and 28, 2014. Lance advises District's around the world including Florida District 47, noted for its recent growth.

What is TLI a/k/a Toastmasters Leadership Institute? The official answer: [TLI] is a premier educational opportunity for Toastmasters' club officers, as well as the membership at large. District 26 holds several TLI's in different cities in July /August and January/February. TLI features

**Find a club**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	January 2014						
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Jan 6</b>— 7:00pm, 43 Minute District Leadership Conference Call</p> <p><b>Jan 8</b>— DG appoint district nominating committee</p> <p><b>Jan 9–12</b> — Mid Year training for Trio</p> <p><b>Jan 24</b> — Fort Collins TLI</p> <p><b>Jan 25</b> — Denver TLI</p> <p><b>Jan 25</b> — Colorado Springs TLI</p> <p><b>Jan 26</b> — Grand Junction TLI</p> <p><b>Jan 28</b> — Vail Valley TLI</p> <p><b>Feb 1</b> — Cheyenne TLI</p> <p>See the <a href="#">district calendar</a> for more details</p>				1	2	3	4
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## NEWS & NOTES

### *District Officer Training*

Dec 7th was District Officer Training - Subzero degrees, Snow and ice all around. Getting up before the sun! I would not have cried if they had cancelled it before we left!

Eric Vaughn, Toastmasters Region 1 Advisor was there. Do you hear Darth Vader's Star Wars music playing in the background? He even hummed a few strands of it for us.

While he talked on starting new clubs, I loved the creative membership growth/retention campaigns sharing more.

We got a glimpse of a TLI that sounds worth delaying my vacation so I can be in Colorado Springs on January 25th. Training for Toastmasters and non-Toastmasters alike - by a World Champion Speaker.

Having been there, I would have cried if I had missed it.

### *Celebrating 10 years*

or

*more in January!*

Timberline Toastmasters, 1965 - 58 yrs.

Westminster Communicators Club, 899 - 33 yrs.

Aurorators Toastmasters Club, 2136 - 13 yrs.

Speak With Ease Club 631413 - 10 yrs.

Please see the [D26 website](#) for a complete list.

**Bonnie Ann Smith**  
Area S-4 Governor

### *New Clubs*

District 26 has 2 new corporate clubs. USB Tower Toastmasters, which chartered on 12/3/13, was sponsored by Area M-5 Governor Daniel Hill. USB Tower is the second US Bank sponsored corporate club in Colorado. Aimco Toastmasters, which chartered on 11/13/13, was a welcomed addition to District 26. Aimco was assigned to M-6 Area Governor Pat Brodbent who, by the way, is working towards starting yet another club at the hospital in Parker, CO.

With the addition of USB Tower and Aimco clubs, we now have 164 paid clubs in District 26. Our goal is to have at least 174 paid clubs by Jun 30, 2014. We can reach that goal by adding 10 new clubs over the next six months. You can keep track of our progress towards Distinguished District by reviewing the [District Performance Reports](#) which are now available for everyone to see.

**Deborah Frauenfelder, DTM**  
Lt. Governor Marketing



## YOU ARE AUDITIONING!

*Tom Hobbs, DTM District 26 Governor*

Your every contact with the world is noticed. In today's world of high technology it is even more present. The Internet has us out in front of the world all of the time. Even when you are sleeping.

So is your Toastmasters Club, on the Internet and especially during your meeting.

Guests are wondering if you are the best fit for them. Members are also wondering if the club still fits their needs. You can be the perfect role model, yes leader for them.

I tell you this not to make you anxious. It is so you can be even more Aware of what you are presenting to the world. As you build & improve your skills, your confidence will improve too. This confidence is often the beacon of energy that your guest is attracted to.

The part that I have found that keeps the members is when you show your vulnerability. This is where you take a risk to grow. Your confidence may be shaky & you try anyway. At

officer & members trainings the Top leaders around the Toastmasters world have taught this to me & I am experiencing it each time I step before the members of District 26.

From this growth experience you can duplicate this at your workplace, spiritual group, service club or home. The confidence in testing and showing your vulnerability will stand as a great leadership skill. Others will want to know how they too can do this. When they ask, give them a "Toastamonial" about your growth. Tell them of one of your goals and how you met it in Toastmasters. Then invite them to visit a meeting. After the meeting ask them a few simple questions.

Did you see value in this meeting?  
Do you believe your confidence would grow from attending this meeting regularly?

Then tell them they are wanted at your meeting to help make you a better person too.



Yes, you just auditioned for a role to improve someone else's life!

## UPCOMING TOASTMASTER IDEA SHARING EVENTS

*Linda Rhea, DTM Lt. Governor Education & Training*

District 26 offers many training and education opportunities. Training events often include well-known Toastmasters from around the world. All the events held in District 26 help carry out Toastmasters International Envisioned Future to be the first-choice provider of dynamic, high-value, experiential communication and leadership skills development.

Upcoming events include:

### Club, Area, Division and District Contests

Contests help members grow communication and leadership skills by speaking outside their clubs, observing proficient speakers, practicing leadership by helping coordinate contests and spreading Toastmaster awareness in the community. Enter or Volunteer today to extend your experience. Find a contest near you on the D26Calendar at [d26toastmasters.org/WP/calendar/](http://d26toastmasters.org/WP/calendar/).

### District Conference May 16 & 17, 2014

#### Loveland

The Spring Conference features 1995 World Champion of Public Speaking Mark Brown. The Conference will be held at the Embassy Suite Conference Center in Loveland and will include District International and Table Topics speech contests, keynote presentations, breakout sessions, district officer elections, great meals and networking with other Toastmasters.

### District Officer Training March 1, 2014

#### Longmont

Area Governors, Division Governors and other District Officers plan the final steps for the year to help clubs and members end the Toastmaster Year on a high note! This is also an Open House for anyone considering District Leadership for the 2014-2015 Toastmaster Year. Contact LGET Linda Rhea if you are interested in attending at [lget1314@d26leaders.org](mailto:lget1314@d26leaders.org).



Watch the District Calendar ([d26toastmasters.org/WP/calendar/](http://d26toastmasters.org/WP/calendar/)) for more events as they are posted.

## YEAR END MARKETING ACTIVITIES

*Deborah Frauenfelder, DTM, Lt. Governor Marketing*

District 26 Toastmasters were out in force building new clubs and marketing Toastmasters the last two months of 2013.

We hosted three kickoff meetings to include a new community club in Mancos, CO on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>; a Probuild corporate club in Denver on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>; and a Colorado Springs Entrepreneurs' Group demonstration in Colorado Springs on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to each person who donated their time to help create a club experience for the various groups.

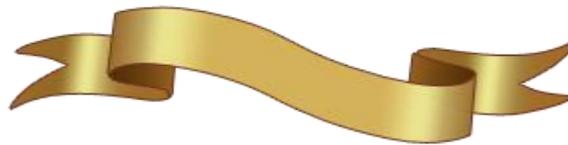
Three Toastmaster clubs in Grand Junction hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Ignite Western Slope on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. Eleven speakers, using slides which advanced to the next slide every 15 seconds, entertained the residents of Grand Junctions and the surrounding communities. Not all speakers were Toastmasters, but all speakers enjoyed attempting to use new

skills. Penny Alleman of Grand Junction Sayre's Toastmasters, the Toastmaster for the event was heard extolling the virtues of Toastmasters on multiple occasions. A reporter from the local newspaper interviewed each speaker and wrote a delightful article about Toastmasters and Ignite. Way to go Grand Junction Toastmasters - You Rock!!!

Additionally Eric Vaughn, Region 1 Advisor, was in town the first weekend of December, he helped with marketing Toastmasters to several businesses in Colorado Springs. We visited with representatives from Aspen Pointe & Ensemble Ventures to discuss how Toastmasters could help their respective client bases. We started the day in Colorado Springs by visiting Words Take Flight club. What a way to energize the day!



Thank you District 26 Toastmasters for continuing to market Toastmasters within your communities!



## HELP US HONOR A COMMUNICATION LEADER

*Linda Rhea, DTM Lt. Governor Education & Training*

Each year District 26 celebrates a **non-Toastmaster** with the Communication and Leadership Award. This person **Stands Out** by encouraging people to find their voice and use it within the community.

Award Criteria:

- Be a non-Toastmaster (or former Toastmaster) known for outstanding contributions in the areas of communications and leadership.
- Be a resident of the geographical area covered by District 26 (i.e. Colorado, Wyoming and Western Nebraska)

- Have distinguished himself/herself as a leader or spokesperson for a worthy cause or purpose, especially as it exemplifies their communication and leadership skills
- Have contributed significantly to the communities within the district
- Support the Toastmasters organization
- Be a skilled communicator/speaker.

Is there someone in your Corporate Club sponsor organization or in a charity you champion?

Past winners have included hall of Ring of Fame Bronco, Rod Smith, and Colorado Speakers Association Founder (now NSA Colorado), Joe Sabah.

Send your nominations to Past International Director and Past District 26 Governor Beth [Boaz@aol.com](mailto:Boaz@aol.com) by January 31, 2014. The award will be presented at the Communication and Leadership Luncheon on May 17 at the Spring Conference in Loveland.

Mark your calendars. 2012 World Champ Ryan Avery plans to host a book signing in a Book Store in Denver April 15. More to come.

## **YOUR LEADERSHIP TALENTS ARE NEEDED!**

### **Nominations are open for 2014-2015 Elected District Officers**

District Governor  
Lt. Governor Education and Training,  
Lt. Governor Marketing  
Division Governors (6 positions)

### **Nominations and Applications are open for 2014-2015 Appointed (Non-elected) District Officers:**

Area Governor (37 positions)  
District Treasurer  
District Secretary  
District Public Relations Officer.

### **Qualifications, procedures and forms are posted on the International Web Site.**

Nominations and applications must be submitted using the designated forms to Bea Garcia Macliz, Nominating Committee Chair:

**March 15, 2014 – Deadline: Elected District Officers**

**May 15, 2014 – Deadline: Appointed District Officers**

Email: [bea.garcia.macliz@gmail.com](mailto:bea.garcia.macliz@gmail.com)

Regular mail: 133 S Brentwood Drive  
Colorado Springs CO 80910-2856

#### **Links**

District Officer Nominating Form: <http://www.toastmasters.org/offnom>

District Officer Nominating Checklist: <http://www.toastmasters.org/commcheck>

District Officer Qualifications: <http://www.toastmasters.org/offqual>

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## ABOUT TOASTMASTERS DISTRICT 26, REGION 1



District 26 includes Colorado, the Eastern Slope of Wyoming, and the Nebraska panhandle. It was formed in 1948, with Gordon Merrick serving as its first district governor.

*Four past District 26 governors have risen to the international level:*

Don Paape was international director, 1966 - 68 and international president 1972 -73. It was during his term that women were first admitted to Toastmasters International. Watt Pye was district governor from 1969-70 and international director from 1970 -72; Dorothy Chapman served as district governor, 1989-90 and international director from 1990-92; and Beth Boaz was D26 governor from 1995-96 and international director, 1997-99. Marilyn Boland served as the first female District 26 governor in 1975 -76.

In 2000, [Ed Tate](#), a member of Cherry Creek Toastmasters, won the World Championship of Public Speaking. Ed is now the principal of a professional development firm that provides keynote and endnote presentations, workshops, and other training.

In 2007, [Rory Vaden](#), also a member of Cherry Creek Toastmasters, was the first runner-up in the World Championship of Public Speaking. He has since co-founded a multi-million dollar public training company and been featured on Oprah Radio with Dr. Oz and in SUCCESS™ Magazine.

[Byron Embry](#) of Pikes Peak Toastmasters was a major league baseball pitcher before he became a finalist in the World Championship of Public Speaking in 2009. He later founded Closing Remarks and has become a keynote speaker and author. [Ian J. Humphrey](#) of Simply Speaking was in Toastmasters little more than a year when he progressed to the final round of the World Championship of Public Speaking in 2010. Ian is now an inspirational speaker who reaches out to youth at risk. ■

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### Our Mission

We strive to create a bond among all the clubs of the district by sharing our experiences, resources, and knowledge through an interactive media.

Our goal is to make every Toastmaster feel empowered, appreciated and connected.

Please send your questions, tips, comments, and articles to the editor, [gordon-savage@msn.com](mailto:gordon-savage@msn.com), by the 15th of each month in order to appear in the next issue. Visit the [web site](#) for submission guidelines. All articles are subject to editing to fit allotted space and submission does not guarantee publication.

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## MUSINGS FROM THE EDITOR

*Gordon S. Savage, DTM*

### *Toastmasters Leadership Institute*

The primary purpose of TLI is to train the club-level officers. This is the best place to come every six months to learn more about your job. Highly interactive classes are held for each office. The officer training courses cover specific duties and include participant discussions of what has worked and not worked in their experiences.

But TLI is not limited to officer training. Classes are also held on leadership, communication and self-improvement subjects. Here in District 26 we have a remarkable number of highly qualified people, many who are professional speakers or trainers or coaches. These people instruct in subjects of interest to the membership in general. For instance, I have attended

classes on improvisation, storytelling, preparing a speech in a hurry, effective evaluation, and many other subjects.

In addition, TLI brings together members from all over. It is a great opportunity to get to know and socialize with members from other clubs. We have some truly fascinating people out there, and they in turn have a wealth of experience they are happy to pass on.

Finally, we have been fortunate lately to have some truly high-powered speakers sharing their skills in the form of keynotes and training, many who are World Champions of Public Speaking and some who should be. Our own Ed Tate, 2000 World Champion, has presented more than once and continues to inspire. Byron Embry, who made it to International as the District 26



contestant gave a keynote that brought down the house. This TLI we have Lance Miller, the 2005 Champion. All inspiring, awe inspiring.

Officer or not, you owe it to yourself to not miss this premier educational opportunity. I'm going. I'll see you there.