

Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because of your membership in a Toastmasters club in District 25. Don't forget to add [news@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:news@d25toastmasters.org) to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

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## HOT Topics from District 25

News and updates sent to all D25 members

Jan. 5, 2016

Happy New Year!

### [New D25 Bulletin Board](#)



Amelinda Salas

### **Standing on the Shoulders of a Giant** [Memories of David Hostler](#)



Best wishes for a successful year to all the members and clubs of District 25, as we strive to Achieve Excellence!

Cindy Hinckley, District Director  
Jodie Sanders, Program Quality Director  
Mary Walker, Club Growth Director

## The Ins and Outs of Chartering Clubs

Ever thought about helping to start a new club? It could be where you work, or in the community where you live. Attend this special workshop to learn the steps of the process, how to find leads and work with contacts. Remember, sponsoring



or mentoring a new club counts toward your Advanced Leader Silver award.

Saturday, Jan 9, 12:30-2:30 pm  
Texas Wesleyan University, Lou's Place  
1112 Wesleyan St, Fort Worth 76105  
RSVP to [clubgrowth@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:clubgrowth@d25toastmasters.org)

## Membership Matters Workshop Sat. Jan. 16

Do you wish that your club had a few more members? Do you want to keep the members that you have? Past International Director David McCallister will lead this interactive Club Success Workshop where you will learn techniques to help your club grow and become stronger.

Saturday, January 16, 2016  
1:00pm-3:00pm

Polytechnic United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
1310 S Collard St  
Fort Worth, TX 76105

[More information and to rsvp](#)

### Spring Contests

The 2016 Spring Contests will be Tall Tales and International Speech.

The Area Contests begin March 17. Plan your club contest at least 2 weeks before the date of your Area's contest.

[See the Spring 2016 Contest Schedule](#)

[Speech Contest Rulebook 2015-2016](#)

## Achieve Excellence



### It not too late to sign up to Achieve Excellence.

There is still plenty of time to make your Achieve Excellence commitment if you have not already done so. Check your [Club Achieve Excellence Commitment](#) and your [Member Achieve Excellence Commitment](#) records to make sure you and your club are included!

For full details, see [Achieve](#)

## Leadership Opportunities

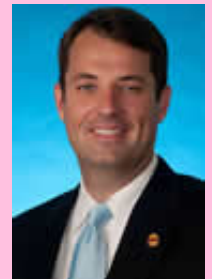
If the idea of being a District Officer or having a position in District Leadership interests you, now is the time to act. See the [available positions and qualifications](#).

[Elected offices](#) require a letter of intent. Deadline to submit forms is **January 31, 2016**.

To learn more, attend the [District Leadership Open House](#)

Sat Jan 16, 2016, 12 noon  
Polytechnic United Methodist Church  
1310 S Collard St, Fort Worth, TX 76105

Lunch provided for those who [RSVP](#) by January 12



David  
McCallister  
Leadership  
Committee  
Chair

[Excellence promotion](#) on the District 25 website. Contact [achieveex@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:achieveex@d25toastmasters.org) with any questions.

See the [latest photos of who has made the commitment](#).

### Hold a Club Open House



Clubs holding an open house from Jan 1 - Mar 31 are eligible for [3rd Quarter Drawing](#)

### Video Brand Contest

Enter the Toastmasters monthly [Video Brand Contest](#) and give your club a chance to win a branded banner, a lectern or marketing materials. The contest runs now through December 31, 2015.

### Quick Links...

[District 25 Home](#)

[D25 Calendar](#)

[Club Alignment for 2015-2016](#)

[D25 Hall of Fame](#)

[D25 Promotions](#)

[Educational Achievements](#)

## Winter Club Officer Training

[See What Classes Are Being Offered](#)

[Complete details and on-line registration](#)

Fri, Jan 8 - Michael's, Irving

Sat, Jan 16 - Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth

Fri, Jan 29 - Nissan, Irving

Sat, Jan 30 - Baylor University, Waco

Sun, Jan 31 - Stacy Furniture, Grapevine\*

Sat, Feb 6 - Texas Woman's University, Denton\*

Sat, Feb 13 - Texas Christian University, Fort Worth\*

Sun, Feb 21 - Stacy Furniture, Grapevine\*

Sun, Feb 28 - Elks Lodge, Fort Worth

\* Includes Judge's Training

Special Incentive for Your Club's Officers To [Attend Training Together!](#)

Training must be completed by February 28 for DCP credit!  
Dates and locations are subject to change.

### Presidents' Breakfast Sat. Jan 16

All Presidents holding office during the current Toastmasters year (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) will be honored during breakfast featuring a special keynote speaker. Please [RSVP](#).

Sat. Jan 16, 7:30-8:30 am  
Polytechnic United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
1310 S Collard St  
Fort Worth, TX 76105

### More Fun Stuff!

The [D25 Toastmasters Bulletin Board](#) is a new Facebook open group for the members and friends of District 25. It's a place for us to share news, events, files, photos, accomplishments - whatever we want our fellow Toastmasters to know about.

[USB Texas Toast](#) held an Open House on Dec. 15.

[Irving Toastmasters](#) continues its 50th Anniversary celebration by honoring Dale Smith.

Marylee Mims visited [City Limits Speaks](#) Toastmaster Club

[Reports for D25](#)

in London.

[Facebook Photo Albums](#)

Does your club have news to share about club events or members? Submit stories and photos for publication in Hot Topics and [D25 News Blog](#) to:

[Toastmasters International](#)

[news@d25toastmasters.org](mailto:news@d25toastmasters.org)

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