

DISTRICT 45 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

General Awards

Dave Rosvall Award – presented at the annual conference, this is an award presented to a District 45 Toastmaster who has demonstrated long-term and meritorious service to the District above the club level. This can be for someone who has conducted Speechcraft or Youth Leadership programs, helped with sample meetings for a new club, has been a club sponsor, mentor or coach, served as a District leader at any level or for other activities beyond the club level. The recipient is determined each year by the Past District Governors and Directors. The recipient must have been a D45 Toastmaster for at least 10 years and must be planning to attend the conference. District Governors must have been out of office for at least 5 years before receiving the award. Although the award is chosen by PDGs, if you know of a member you feel is eligible for this award, send the name along with the reasons why this person should receive the award to the Immediate Past District Director.

Toastmaster of the Year award – presented at the annual conference, The Toastmaster of the Year award is given to a member who best exemplifies Toastmasters International values in supporting the District and club missions. The Toastmaster of the Year is expected to excel in a variety of leadership and communication; educational; and marketing and public relations activities. The time frame covered will be the previous May 1st to April 30th. Form 1113 Outstanding Toastmaster Guidelines (available as a download on the website) must be completed and given to the Area Director, usually by May 5. The AD will then pass on the name of the Area member with the highest points to the Division Director (if a Division TM award is being given), or District Director.

Division Director of the Year award – presented at the annual conference. The Division Director of the Year is based on the Division's performance and the individual's contributions to that achievement. The achievements are measured across membership building and retention, club extensions, distinguished club program, education and training, leadership commitment and support, and public relations. The time frame will be July 1st to April 30th. The District Director determines the recipient based on these criteria.

Area Director of the Year award – presented at the annual conference. The Area Director of the Year is based on the Area performance and the individuals' contributions to that achievement. The achievements are measured across membership building and retention, club extensions, distinguished club program, education and training, leadership commitment and support, and public relations. The time frame will be July 1st to April 30th. The District Director determines the recipient based on these criteria.

Al Ferguson Memorial award – This award is presented to any club that achieves 10 out of the 10 Distinguished Club Plan awards. This will be automatically determined by the District based on the reports from Toastmasters International.

Shirley Kelly Memorial award – presented at the annual conference. This award is presented to a member who exemplifies the mission and values of a Toastmaster and empowers fellow Toastmasters to be successful by sharing the spotlight. Nominees must be a DTM, served on the District Executive, have been a Toastmaster for at least 5 years, and served the District in various capacities. Nominations can be made by any member; however, recipients must be nominated by at least two Toastmasters. A Selection Committee comprised of a representative from each province/state will select the recipient. The Selection Committee is chaired by a Division Director.

The Darlene Dunn Outstanding Mentor Award – presented at the annual conference. This award recognizes a member who has exhibited the heart and soul of what Toastmasters mentorship: “Encouraging success of others before self”. Any member may nominate a mentor. All nominations must include a 200--500-word essay, focusing on 4 points: the commitment of your mentor, how mentor helped you achieve your Toastmaster goals, what you gained from the protégé/mentor relationship, and why you would recommend this mentor to others. The nominated mentor must have completed the Mentor Path in the Pathways.

Communication and Leadership Award – presented at the annual conference. The Communication and Leadership Award is presented by the District to a non-Toastmaster in the community who is an outstanding communicator or leader, and who best exemplifies Toastmasters values. The District Director selects the recipient with input from the Senior Leadership Team.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARDS

Excellence in Education Award - awarded to any club that has achieved any of the first four (4) education points in the Distinguished Club Program for the past three (3) years.

Excellence in Leadership Award – awarded to any club that has achieved points 5 and 6 of the Distinguished Club Program and has had at least four (4) officers trained in each TLI period for the past three (3) years.

Trailblazer Award – this award presented at the annual conference (and in the fall for those who achieve it after the annual conference and before the end of the District year) goes to individual members who achieve any 4 levels in Pathways during one Toastmaster year. The 4 levels do not have to be in the same path. First - time recipients receive a binder in which to store their certificates. Repeat recipients receive a certificate and a small gift. Only one Trailblazer award can be earned in one year.

Distinguished by April 30th award – this award is presented at the annual conference to any club that has achieved 5 or 6 points in the Distinguished Club Plan by April 30th and has the requisite number of members to qualify for Distinguished. This award will be automatically determined by the District based on the reports from Toastmasters International.

Select Distinguished by April 30th award – this award is presented at the annual conference to any club that has achieved 7 or 8 points in the Distinguished Club Plan by April 30th and has the requisite number of members to qualify for Distinguished. This award will be automatically determined by the District based on the reports from Toastmasters International.

President’s Distinguished by April 30th award – this award is presented at the annual conference to any club that has achieved 9 or 10 points in the Distinguished Club Plan by April 30th and has the requisite number of members to qualify for Distinguished. This award will be automatically determined by the District based on the reports from Toastmasters International.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Smedley award – this award is presented to any club that recruits 5 or more new, dual or reinstated members in the August 1st to September 30th period. Membership must be shown to start in August or September to qualify. The club will receive a District certificate and a "Smedley Award" ribbon from Toastmasters International to display on its club banner. In addition to the ribbon, qualifying clubs earn a special discount code for 10-percent off their next club order through Toastmasters International. The addition of transfer and charter members does not count toward "Smedley Award" credit. This award is automatically calculated by Toastmasters International.

Talk Up Toastmasters award – this award is presented to any club that recruits 5 or more new, dual or reinstated members in the February 1st to March 31st period. Membership must be shown to start in February or March to qualify. The club will receive a District certificate and a "Talk Up Toastmasters" ribbon from Toastmasters International to display on its club banner. In addition to the ribbon, qualifying clubs earn a special discount code for 10-percent off their next club order through Toastmasters International. The addition of transfer and charter members does not count toward "Talk Up Toastmasters" credit. This award is automatically calculated by Toastmasters International.

Terry Chinnery award – this award is presented at the annual conference to the club with the greatest percentage increase in members from the previous April. This award is automatically calculated by the District based on reports from Toastmasters International.

Beat the Clock award – this award is presented to any club that recruits 5 or more new, dual or reinstated members in the May 1st to June 30th period. Membership must be shown to start in May or June to qualify. The club will receive a District certificate and a "Beat the Clock" ribbon from Toastmasters International to display on its club banner. In addition to the ribbon, qualifying clubs earn a special discount code for 10-percent off their next club order through Toastmasters International. The addition of transfer and charter members does not count toward "Beat the Clock" award credit. This award is automatically calculated by Toastmasters International.

Ted Nichols award – this award is presented at the annual conference to the club with the greatest membership retention. The base membership on July 1 is the starting point and is compared to the membership after the April renewals with new members being taken into account. A club must have a minimum membership number of 20 to qualify. This award is automatically calculated by the District based on reports from Toastmasters International.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARDS

MultiMedia Omnipresence award - this award is presented at the annual conference to the club judged to use all aspects of public relations to the best advantage of their club. Included could be: newspaper, newsletters, website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Clubs (usually the President or Vice President of Public Relations) submit a portfolio of 8-10 samples of their public relations efforts to the District Public Relations Manager covering the time frame July 1st to April 15th. Deadline for submission: April 16th . The Public Relations Manager and a team comprised of Vice Presidents of Public Relations review and decide on the winner.