



District 18 Program Quality Director Report 9/14/2025

We build new clubs and support all clubs in
achieving excellence.

Report Items:

Summer Club Officer Training

Winter Club Officer Training

Speech Contests

April 17-18, 2026 Spring Conference

Upcoming Events

Summer Club Officer Training

District 18 currently has 103 clubs in Good Standing.

As of September 1, 2025:

68 clubs in our District had 4 or more club officers trained

13 clubs in our District had all 7 club officers trained

TLI Dean Wesley Gibbs, DTM organized multiple trainings in our District with the help of a dedicated team.

Three Trainings were in person

- Division E hosted two trainings in Columbia, Maryland
- Division G hosted one training in Georgetown, Delaware
- Division D hosted one training in Martinsburg, West Virginia

Winter Club Officer Training

Toastmasters International allows Winter Training for club officers to be offered between November 1st to the last day in February of the Toastmasters year.

This second round Winter training will include opportunities to take midday online trainings on either Zoom or Teams.

Speech Contests

District 18 Speech contests for 2025-26 will be International Speech Contest and Table Topics.

- CLUB SELECTION/CONTESTS may be conducted online, in person or hybrid between December 1st 2025 to **February 12, 2026**.
- AREA CONTESTS will be conducted in person between **February 13, 2026 and March 13, 2026**.
- DIVISION CONTESTS will be conducted in person between **March 14, 2026 and March 29, 2026**.
- DISTRICT TABLE TOPICS CONTEST will be conducted in person on Friday, **April 17, 2026**, at the Spring Conference.
- DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST will be conducted in person on Saturday, **April 18, 2026** at the Spring Conference.

Speech Contests

District 18 Chief Judges Sue Wilson and Shehnaz Chaudhry will host Judges' Training for all those interested in participating in a speech contest.

A 90 minute Judges' Training will take place through Zoom on:

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 3:30pm

Other trainings will be announced on the District calendar

2026 Spring Conference

The Spring Conference will be held on Friday, April 17, 2026 and Saturday, April 18, 2026 at the Westin Baltimore-Washington Airport-BWI, 1110 Old Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090.

Our keynote speaker is Jenilee Taylor, DTM, the Toastmasters International Director for Region 6.

Naomi Savaro and Wesley Gibbs, DTM are the Conference Co-Chairs. Jim Bartlett, DTM is the Conference Education Chair.

Upcoming Events

Side Splitter Challenge dates are as follows;

Friday October 3, 2025 at the Green Turtle in Owings Mills MD

Friday October 10, 2025 at the Jazzercise Fitness Center in Pasadena MD.

Friday October 17, 2025 at the Frederick County Association of Realtors in Frederick MD

Friday October 24, 2025 at the Community Foundation of Eastern Shore in Salisbury MD

Saturday November 1, 2025 in Wilmington DE. Location TBD

District Allstars will be held Sunday November 16, 2025. Location TBD

Eligible speakers are past District 18 Governors/Directors and past District 18 district level Speech Contest winners (Humorous, International, Evaluation and Table Topics)