

# District 31 Newsletter



March 24, 2013

## **April 1 Dues Renewal Deadline**

Member Dues are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that if your dues are paid late, you might not be eligible for speech contests, education awards, or club recognition in the DCP. Refer to page 34 in the Club Leadership Handbook at [www.toastmasters.org/CLH](http://www.toastmasters.org/CLH).

## **2013 International Speech and Table Topics Contests**

The club contest deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>. Even if your club elects not to hold a contest, it still has the right to send a qualified representative to the Area Contest. (For qualifications see contest rulebook. For Area contest details see the District Calendar or contact your Area Governor). For additional help with the planning and flow for the contests, the District has provided Contest Materials and a Contest Script for your support. It is all on the District website under the Contest tab.

## **2013 District 31 Spring Conference**

The Conference will be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Four Points by Sheraton, 1125 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, MA 02062. Please visit the Conference tab on District 31 website at [www.district31.org](http://www.district31.org). The District 31 International Speech and Table Topics Contests will take place at the Conference. Lance Miller, the 2005 World Champion of Public Speaking, will be the Keynote Speaker and will also present a Education Session in the afternoon at the Spring Conference.

## **Signs of Health at Your Club**

Do you qualify for the Distinguished Club Program (DCP)? The requirement of 20 members or a net gain of 5 members is not just a "numbers game". *It represents the critical mass for a healthy club.* Do you have a healthy education program at your club? Are all speeches manual projects? Are CC, CL and advanced awards submitted as they are earned? These are club habits that respect and support the individual member goals. Plus, they translate into DCP Credit for your club. Are you a small club (12 or fewer members) and want a club coach? If your club needs support or more information about Distinguished Club Program, please contact [LGET@district31.org](mailto:LGET@district31.org) or [LGM@district31.org](mailto:LGM@district31.org).

## **Election of New Club Officers**

Hold the election of new club officers at the first club meeting in May. Submit a list of the newly elected club officers to Toastmasters International within 10 days of the election, but no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. For details, refer to page 58 in the Club Leadership Handbook.

**Thank you for your contributions to the success of your club and to District 31.**

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