

District 31 Newsletter



May 4, 2013

2013 District 31 Spring Conference

The Conference will be held on Saturday, May 11th 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. 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 an Education Session in the afternoon at the Spring Conference.

District 31 Business Meeting

Your club has a voice in all major District 31 decisions. Both the President and Vice President Education have a vote to represent the club. Either or both club votes can be carried by another club member (in good standing) at the District 31 Business Meeting. For proxy information, follow the Conference tab on district31.org. The Business Meeting takes place as part of the Spring Conference. The full Conference costs \$60 but the Business Meeting can be attended for free. The Business Meeting will be from 10:30 am to Noon.

Election of New Club Officers

May is the month to elect new club officers. Need help with the election process? Refer to page 58 in the Club Leadership Handbook at www.toastmasters.org/clh. Submit a list of the newly elected club officers to Toastmasters International within 10 days of the election, but no later than June 30th.

Is Your Club Distinguished?

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 more information about these valuable programs, please contact LGET@district31.org or LGM@district31.org.

And the Mission is...

After many years, the mission statements of Toastmasters, the Districts and Clubs have changed. Check out the details in the February Leader Letter or at [Mission Statements](#).

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

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