



District 31

Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island



May 1, 2014

2014 Spring Conference on May 17th at the Holiday Inn Mansfield

Are you already registered? If not, register now at [Registration](#). The conference website is up and running with all the details at [Conference](#).

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 your Club Leadership Handbook or 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.

Special Recognition

The highest educational award in Toastmasters is the **Distinguished Toastmaster Award**. We honor John Keizer, DTM and Barry Regan, DTM who received the award in April.

Congratulations to our new District 31 **Triple Crown Award** recipients – Dale Adams, Kristine Anderson, Wayne Braverman, Yaroslava Cassell, Jackie Hwang, John Keiser, Richard Mullen, Jonas Palencia, Ed Rilkoff, Lori Whitmore!

Welcome to our **New Club**, Curious Toastmasters Club #3815330 in Boston!

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 10:35 am to 12:15 pm, May 17th.

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.

Membership Building Initiatives

Does your club need more membership? Request a Membership Building Kit from lget@district31.org. Are you planning an Open House? The District offers a one-time reimbursement of up to \$50.00. Mail your club's reimbursement request with original receipt(s) to the District Governor within 15 days of the open house but by no later than June 1st. Find out more at district31.org/membership-building/.

District Leadership Opportunities

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer at the Spring Conference on May 17th, please contact lget@district31.org. Contact dq@district31.org for information on area governorship in 2014-2015.

The District 31 Trio
Y.S. Kim, Doug Sheadel, Rick Winer