



District 31

Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island



October 1, 2014

Dues Renewals

The semiannual dues are due today - October 1st. Your membership dues may not be as urgent as your electric, gas or oil bill, but your communication/leadership skills may be even more valuable in the long run. Make sure your membership dues are in the hands of your club Treasurer this week. Clubs, make sure you get at least 8 members today and the rest as soon as practical.

2014 Fall Contests

Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests are already under way. Please attend your Area and Division Contests and then District Contests on November 1st to support your local contestants. Check the District [calendar](#) for detailed contest information.

District 31 Fall Conference

The Fall Conference will take place on November 1, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA. The event is now open for [registration](#). The bookstore will be open and well-stocked for your purchase of Toastmasters educational materials. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer at the Fall Conference, please contact [Volunteer Coordinator](#). We hope to see you and your guest(s) in Mansfield!

Marketing and Club Building

Welcome to our newest clubs, TechSandBox Toastmasters Club in Milford and Tufts Health Plan Medford Toastmasters Club in Medford! Four additional clubs under development in October.

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the members of the District 31 for achieving a President's Distinguished District! The 2013-2014 Trio of Y.S. Kim, Doug Sheadel and Rick Winer proudly represented our district on the world stage in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in front of 2,800 audience on August 21st! Many thanks for your support!

Congratulations to the following Distinguished Toastmasters Award recipients since the Spring Conference: David Biggers, Jay Jorgenson, Y.S. Kim, Jack Leung, Ellen McCurdy, Scott Myers, Edward Puglielli, and Deb Skeath!

Congratulations to the following Triple Crown Award winners: Scott Green, Fred Jao, Jay Jorgenson, Y.S. Kim, Byron Mattingly, Dan Stanton, Rick Winer!

Valuable Information for all District 31 Clubs

- Your club has a voice in District decisions at the semi-annual Business Meeting. Submit the **Club Proxy** form to authorize your two club votes.
- The enhanced [Membership Building Kit](#) is still available to any club who asks for it.
- The Open House program was expanded to include both a Fall and Spring club event. District 31 will support Club Open Houses with a one-time \$50 reimbursement (between Jan 1 through Mar 31, 2015). Your club may use it for food, materials, or meeting place. Remember to submit your reimbursement request within 15 days of the expense date.

Doug Sheadel,
District Governor