



# District 31

Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island



## Spring Conference Registration Open!



**Together as a Team we can achieve most anything. (and have fun doing it)**

The Toastmasters program is self driven with support from our fellow members. Now is the time to work on our Toastmaster goals. Is one of your goals to complete a Competent Communicator or Advanced Communication manual or to earn your Competent Leader Award? If you desire to achieve Distinguished Toastmaster Status one of the requirements is to Sponsor, Mentor or Coach a club. You can learn more about that from our Club Growth Director, Anna Kaufman, DTM.

**Whatever your goal is now is the time to put the "pedal to the metal" and *Go For It.***

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### **Information from our Program Quality Director, Stefano McGhee, DTM Contest Time is Here**

It is now time to start holding contests at the club level. If you are new to contests or need some refreshing, Toastmasters has tutorials here: <https://www.toastmasters.org/Leadership-Central/Speech-Contests/Speech-Contest-Tutorials>. Some materials are available from District31.org under the Speech Contests menu item. Finally, the speech contest deadlines are below:

#### **IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION**

**Speech Contest Deadlines**

**Club: Complete by March 26, 2016**

**Area: March 27 to April 9, 2016**

**Division: April 10 to April 23, 2016**

**District Contest: May 6 & 7, 2016**

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#### **Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) Credit Complete**

Thanks to the nearly 700 club officers that attended the TLIs over the past two months. We had a great time, had great discussion, and learned a lot from each other. I have entered credit for all of the attending members of these events. Check your club's status online at <http://dashboards.toastmasters.org> and entering your club number. If the number is incorrect, let me know at [stefano@district31.org](mailto:stefano@district31.org) and I will look into it for you. Remember, I cannot correct the record forever. Please have a look and follow up this week and let me know if there is a discrepancy.

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## Spring Conference Registration Open

Spring Conference registration is open at [district31.org](http://district31.org). The price is still just \$65 while costing the District over \$90. We will be having three breakout sessions that will allow you to take part in three educational sessions as well as two keynotes, an address by our International Director, as well as our contests and business meeting where next year's leaders will be elected. Festivities begin on Friday night with a keynote, contest and some social time before we start up again on Saturday. Don't miss out on the first ever District 31 Conference to span two days. [www.district31.org](http://www.district31.org).

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### Information from our Club Growth Director, Anna Kaufman, DTM

#### Time for Dues: Start Collecting Now!

Spring membership dues are due on April 1st - this is not an April Fool's joke! Club officers can submit payment for any member with a credit card online. *Note:* this works for \$36 dues to International, not for club dues.

Club officers: to submit renewals online, go to [www.toastmasters.org/clubcentral](http://www.toastmasters.org/clubcentral) and log in with your username and password. Select your club name and number. On the Conduct Club Business page, select "Pay dues." Click "In the future" and "Submit." Select the members you wish to pay for, provide payment details and process!

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#### Extra Reason to Start a New Club

Throughout the entire month of March, District 31 will be offering a gift to any new club that charters. In addition to the branded banner and stand we have already committed to providing, any club that charters between March 1 and March 31 will receive a Toastmasters portable lectern!

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Some clubs are adding new members regularly, others are struggling. **Help out a club by becoming a club coach** - your [task](#) is to offer guidance, support, and advice on the road to Distinguished. Clubs with 12 or fewer members are eligible. Successful completion fulfills one requirement toward Advanced Leader Silver! Contact [anna@district31.org](mailto:anna@district31.org) to get matched with a club.

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#### DUES ARE DUE APRIL 1, 2016

Club officers may submit Toastmasters dues renewals directly to Toastmasters International through Club Central. Remember to pay your dues to the club Treasurer.

Be informed that you cannot compete in a Toastmasters contest if you or your club are not in good standing

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#### The Next Round of Club Open Houses

District 31 will support Club Open Houses with a \$50 reimbursement (between Jan 1 through Mar 31, 2016). Clubs may use it for food, materials, advertising or be creative (MA clubs- use the tax exempt form as tax is not reimbursable). Please submit your reimbursement request within 15 days of the expense to Rick Winer, District 31 Director. (Clubs may apply for reimbursement two times per toastmasters year, once between July - Sept and from January - March)

#### Introduce your friends to Toastmasters!

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Rick Winer, DTM, District 31 Director

Stefano McGhee, DTM, PDG, Program Quality Director

Anna Kaufman, DTM, Club Growth Director



Are you working on your 2015-2016 Triple Crown?