



# District 31

Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island



## November 1, 2015

**Can you believe that it's already November and that the conference is just a few days away on November 14th**

### Contests

2015 Fall Humorous Speech Contests and Evaluation Contests at the club, area and division levels are now complete. We have all heard many fantastic speeches and I for one am looking forward to the District Speech and Evaluation Contests. Please support the contestants at the District Contests that will be held as part of the Conference.

### District 31 Fall Conference

The Fall Conference will take place on November 14, 2015 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center.

We have a very special Keynote speaker - Mohammed Murad, DTM, immediate past Toastmasters International President. Let's show our support to Mohammed as he is flying in all the way from Dubai to attend our conference. I am sure we will all learn from his keynote and other opportunities to connect during the conference.

The bookstore will be open and well-stocked for your purchase of Toastmasters educational materials. We hope to see you and your guest(s) at the conference!

### IMPORTANT - Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education

Your club has a voice in District decisions at the semi-annual Business Meeting. If you are not able to attend the business meeting, please submit the Club Proxy form to authorize your two club votes.

### DUES

There are still a small number of clubs that have not completed their dues commitment - Please make every effort to complete your membership dues payments.

### The Next Round of 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. Remember to submit your reimbursement request within 15 days of the expense date to Rick Winer, District 31 Director. (Clubs may apply for reimbursement two times per toastmasters year, once between July - Sept and from January - March)

*Wishing our members a Happy Thanksgiving*

Rick Winer, DTM

District 31 Director

Stefano McGhee, DTM, PDG, Program Quality Director

Anna Kaufman, DTM, Club Growth Director



PS Are you working on your 2015-2016 Triple Crown?