



District 31

Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island



August 1, 2015

My Dear Toastmaster Friends

Thank you for having confidence and trust in me by electing me as your first District 31 Director. I pledge to support District 31 with the highest levels of Toastmasters International's values which are: Integrity, Respect, Service and Excellence. District 31 has had an interesting past and I am looking forward to an extremely *Distinguished* future. Your support in Clubs, Areas, Divisions and the District are the cornerstone of the health of the District.

District 31 Leadership

I am so excited to be working with this year's elected and appointed leadership. Our Program Quality Director (formally LGET), Stefano McGhee, DTM, PDG brings with him a wealth of experience and is dedicated in supporting the District. Our Club Growth Director (formally LGM), Anna Kaufman, DTM is like the energizer bunny, always full of ideas and enthusiasm. Please reach out to her with any new club ideas at anna@district31.org.

You can find a list of all the other District leadership on the www.district31.org site under the "District Leaders" tab.

"Why did I join Toastmasters"

Ask yourself "Why did I join Toastmasters" and when you answer that question, quest the why and strive to achieve your goals. We are here to support you and in return we appreciate your support of others. Consider attending meetings other than your home club, you may learn something and bring it back to your club but more importantly you may bring the learning into your life. Toastmasters is a peer driven organization that is designed to inspire and help improve your life. GO FOR IT and enjoy your membership and involvement in Toastmasters.

International Convention

The Toastmasters International Convention is coming up fast, August 12th - 15th. A major part of the Convention is the Business Meeting. **Club Presidents** have you assigned your club proxy on "Club Central" yet? As your District Director it is my responsibility to represent you at the business meeting and vote on issues facing the organization as well as elect new International Officers and Directors. Have your voice heard.

Please have your club represented by submitting your proxy.

"Share YOUR Toastmasters Story"

Please write and share YOUR Toastmasters Story and submit it to your local papers, then send it to the Public Relations Manager at PRM@district31.org with the link to the newspaper with

your story and it will be posted on the District 31 Website, if your story is printed in your local paper you will receive a microphone trophy and District Recognition at the District 31 Conference.

The District membership is looking forward to reading all of your stories in our newspapers across Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island!

We all have a story to share on how we first learned about Toastmasters and local club experience, giving your first Ice Breaker Speech, learning about Leadership, the structure of Parliamentary Procedure, traveling around the district to visit other clubs, attending Club Officer Trainings - Toastmasters Leadership Institutes, enjoying District Conferences, and attending other Events! Please Share YOUR Toastmasters Story!

Coming SOON! "Celebrating a Decade in Toastmasters"! By Sherri Raftery, M.Ed, DTM, PDG, Acting PRM

DISTRICT 31 TRAINING

Monday - August 31, 2015 7:00 - 9:15PM

Sun Life in Wellesley

"Toastmasters Club Contests De-Mystified"

a.k.a "How to Run a Club Contest"

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

What are the various roles for a contest?

Where can you find contest materials?

Getting familiar with the contest materials

Know Thy Contest Rulebook

Script for the Contest Master

Tips and Training for each of the Speech Contest roles:

Contestant, Contest Chair, Chief Judge, Contest Master, Judge, Ballot Counter, and Timer

TRAINER: Lori Whitmore, DTM District 31 Logistics Manager

"Prison Club Volunteer Training"

Would you like to become a Prison Club Volunteer?

All volunteers must be current Toastmaster Members in Good Standing

Requirements to be eligible to volunteer in a prison are to complete District 31 Prison Club Training and complete Massachusetts Corrections Volunteer Training

Prison Club Volunteer Training with - William Bill Milhomme

Massachusetts Department of Corrections - Director of Volunteer Services

Both trainings will be held at Sun Life in Wellesley 7:00 - 9:15PM on Monday August 31, 2015

For either training please RSVP - Sherri Raftery at PRM@District31.org

Rick Winer, DTM

District 31 Director

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

