



August 2016 Newsletter

Information from our District Director, Stefano McGhee

2016 International Convention in August

The District Trio will be attending officer training and the Convention in mid August. We plan to bring back a lot of new information about the many programs that are changing as well as vote on International Leadership. The Trio cannot represent every club until each club President logs into Club Central and assigns their club's proxy to the District Director. Please log in TODAY and assign your clubs proxy to the District Director. Contact stefano@district31.org with questions or concerns. District 31 cannot be well represented unless clubs have their votes represented. Assign your proxies today for the International Convention.

Are you attending the International Convention? Let stefano@district31.org know and we can meet up!

First Ever District31 Online Town Hall

Keep your eyes open for an invitation to District 31's first ever online Town Hall. We will be looking for feedback on what we can do to help each of you achieve your goals. Bring your questions!

Information from our Club Growth Director, Anna Kaufman

Officer Training #TLICertified

Thanks to the 600+ officers and members that attended one of our five Toastmasters Leadership Institutes (TLIs) in July across the district. Credit toward

the Distinguished Club Program goal of four officers getting trained will be awarded by mid-August.

Let the contests begin!

Begin planning your contest now so you can have a fun, fair, and fulfilling contest! We are conducting the Humorous and Evaluation contests this fall. Clubs need to complete their contest any time before September 17 - find resources and tools on district31.org. Watch the district calendar for area and division contest details.

Join in the fall fun...

October 28 and 29, join us for the [District 31 Fall Conference](#), full of educational sessions, keynote speakers, the culmination of both Humorous and Evaluation contests, as well as great food and a chance to network with other Toastmasters.

Triple Crown: A new trophy!

Continuing in 2016-2017 by popular demand, we have a brand new trophy for members who achieve a Competent Communicator, Competent Leader, and any advanced award within this Toastmasters year. Start working toward yours today! Photo will be displayed [here](#) soon.

Information from our Club Growth Director, Stacey Shipman

Did you hear about the dues increase?

International dues is increasing from \$36 to \$45 every six months starting with this next dues renewal period. While dues isn't due until October 1, please consider having these conversations NOW with your members to ensure there are no surprises. If you need support or want to talk about this increase please contact me. More information about the dues increase can be found on the International website: <https://www.toastmasters.org/Footer/FAQ/Dues%20Increase>

Note: Club dues are not affected by this. You may continue to set your club dues rate, if any.)

Are you hosting an open house this Fall?

An open house is a great way to promote your Toastmasters club and bring in new members. To support your efforts, District 31 will provide a \$50 reimbursement for food, materials, advertising. (Note: MA clubs- use the tax exempt form **as tax is not reimbursable**). Please submit your reimbursement request within 15 days of the expense to Stefano McGhee, District 31 Director (stefano@district31.org)

(Clubs may apply for the \$50 reimbursement two times per Toastmasters year: once between July - December and once between January - June.)

District 31 Voices

On July 25, Daniel Stanton, Jesus Paez-Cortez, and Hannah Stanton of the Keynote Speakers Toastmasters club held their Toastmasters Youth Leadership graduation at Salem State University. 51 Students from the TRIO Upward Bound Program completed the four week 2 ½ hour youth leadership workshops working with Mona Savastano, Director TRIO Upward Bound Program at Salem State U.

They had an incredible evening with ~20 speeches including three senior speeches and an inspiring and heart-felt Keynote Speech from Dr. Jesus Paez-cortez.

See below for a picture of the 2016 Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program graduates.



The Youth Leadership Program is a wonderful way to bring the gift of Toastmasters to your community. Learn more here: <https://www.toastmasters.org/Membership/Community-Based-Programs>

Do you or your club members have a Toastmasters story to share? You could see your name in print! Email Stacey Shipman, Club Growth Director to share your Toastmasters related story or good news! stacey@district31.org.

Information from our Public Relations Manager, Anthony Alexander

International Speech Contest Semifinals

Just a reminder that our District 31 International Speech Contest semifinalist Chivon Obiri-Mainoo will be competing on August 18th, 2016 sometime in between 8:00 am -10:00 am in Washington DC. We want to wish her the best of luck in the contest as this is already a huge accomplishment to make it to this point. Our district leadership team will try to keep everyone up to date with any developments in the contest on social media! The District will be sponsoring a "Watch Party" for the speech contest finals. Keep an eye out for locations.

Social Media

I would like to first join Anna in thanking our club officers for not only for joining us during the Toastmasters Leadership Institutes (TLI) over the month of July, but for participating and having fun with our first social media challenge #tlIcertified. My hope is that this added a fun new way to network with your fellow officers across the district. Now here comes the fun part...you may have already noticed that I said our first social media challenge. I would now like to share our challenges that will be ongoing for the rest of the 2016-2017 Toastmasters' year in District 31. Please remember the following hashtags:

#D31TripleCrown

#GavelGrab

#Youre onfire

#Toasttrotter

#TLIcertified (for winter session TLI as well)

Each of these hashtags incorporates not only a different challenge, but also a different Toastmasters accomplishment and/or milestone, with an ultimate goal of showcasing activities and awards that Toastmasters in our district are achieving throughout the year to come. There are specific rules to each hashtag so allow me to explain:

#D31TripleCrown – We know that earning a triple crown is, for the most part, a personal challenge but which club inspires and motivates to achieve the most Triple Crowns? This challenge is to find that out. Whichever club has the most individual District 31 Triple Crown recipients, wins! Sounds simple, right? Here are the rules:

- 1) The club must be currently in good standing
- 2) The club must not have a net loss of members at the end of the 2016 – 2017 Toastmasters year
- 3) Each member of the club in which the Triple Crown was earned, must tag District 31 on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with #D31TripleCrown and a picture of and/or with their award.
- 4) If there is a tie, each club will receive the award

#GavelGrab – A familiar activity with a new age twist...The Traveling Gavel. The first 7 clubs to capture the District 31 Traveling Gavel in the current 2016-2017 Toastmaster year will receive a special gift, but they must follow the rules below:

- 1) Follow the existing D31 Traveling Gavel Protocol found on <http://www.district31.org/traveling-gavel>
- 2) The members who acquired the District 31 Traveling gavel must tag District 31 on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with #GavelGrab along with a picture of their capture

#Youreonfire – Personally, I have heard this quote at every District 31 training session, “If you reach all 10 of your DCP goals, then you’re on fire!” Let’s make this “a thing”! Any District 31 club who reaches a Perfect 10 President’s Distinguished Club status in 2016 – 2017 please email prm@district31.org with the title “We’re on fire”. Once confirmed, your club will receive recognition, a prize and I will personally do the hashtag for you and your club. Our district had 15 clubs in 2015 – 2016 that reached this milestone and 45 President’s Distinguished Clubs overall. This can not only be achieved, it can be exceeded!

#Toasttrotter – Do you attend meetings at multiple clubs in your District? When you travel for business or work, do you visit a Toastmasters club? Well, this challenge is for you! Club members who visit multiple clubs, gain multiple perspectives and contribute to multiple clubs are the reason why many clubs in Toastmaster thrive, and that should be recognized. The club member who visits the most clubs, will earn a special gift to honor their time and contributions to the clubs that they have visited. Rules are as follows:

- 1) Must be a member in good standing within a District 31 Toastmasters club
- 2) At each club visited you must tag District 31 Toastmasters & the visited club (if applicable, if not list the club name in full) on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with a picture of you attending the club meeting.
- 3) After visiting the club, email prm@district31.org and a club officer of the club visited with the title "Toasttrotter" to confirm you have visited the club
- 4) The individual to have completed the above and visit the most Toastmaster Clubs wins a special gift
 - a) If there is a tie, each member will receive the gift
 - b) Multiple club visits of the same non-home club counts as 1 visit.

*****District executive committee members are not eligible to win, in this contest but are highly encouraged to participate*****

This year is going to be a very fun year and I am excited to see all of our members engaged in everything that the District 31 clubs have to offer. Have fun and stay social.

District 31 Social Media Handles:

Facebook: District 31 Toastmasters

Twitter: @D31Toastmasters

Instagram: district31tm

LinkedIn: District 31 Toastmasters (Group)

Hopefully more to come :)

Is there a member in your club going above and beyond for Toastmasters that you want to highlight? Need help securing local media for your club or area? Have you achieved your DTM and want to share your story?

I am here to help assist in any way to help put the spotlight on all clubs in the district to both within Toastmasters and the community. Feel free to reach out to me at anthony@district31.org for any questions or concerns you may!

Competent Communication - July 2016

James P. Joyce, Sun Life Club

Chivon Obiri-Mainoo, Tri-County Talkers Toastmasters Club

Judith G. Tischler, Fox Vox Club

Charles R. Woods, Achievers Toastmasters Club

Allison A. Thistle, Paul Revere Toastmasters

Joseph B. Campo, Dassault Systemes Boston Campus Toastmasters Club

Owena Davis, Ocean State Speaking Network

Virginia Blanchard, Speakeasy

Allen G. Supynuk, Toastmasters @ MathWorks

Nicki Davis, GFI Toastmasters

S. Tim Ogawa, Copley Square Toastmasters

Suzanne Oparowski, Speakeasy

Pauliina Swartz, Clipper City Club

Jay N. Jorgenson, Clipper City Club

Susan L. Sudhalter, Twin City Club

Janos Perge, Providence Toastmasters Club

Joseph A. Ha, Paul Revere Toastmasters

Sash Ludwig, Toastmasters Club of Beverly MA

Grant A. Van Eck, Atrion Avengers

Laurence James Guild, New Life Toastmasters Club

Judith C. Goldberg, Minutemen Club

Alyce Nelson, Alcott Club

Pablo Flores, Free Spirits Toastmasters Club

Megan Heffernan, Wachusett Toastmasters #7677

Competent Leader - July 2016

Judith G. Tischler, Fox Vox Club
Allen G. Supynuk, Toastmasters @ MathWorks
Nicki Davis, GFI Toastmasters
Stacy Siegal, BBH Beantown Articulators
Stephen F Conway, Hanover Toastmasters
Maura M. Pfeifer, Red Phoenix Toastmasters Club
Ingrid D. Sawvelle, Philips Framingham Toastmasters
Cherylle Garnes, Andover Club
Ed Austras, Staples Club
Jennifer Marie McAweeney, Aviation Orators
Sara C Adair, Boston Seaport Toastmasters
Robert Scott Cockerline, New Beginnings

Advanced Communication Bronze - July 2016

Judith G. Tischler, Fox Vox Club
Mitko N. Botev, Central Club
Allen G. Supynuk, Toastmasters @ MathWorks
Michael F. Moore, MITRE/ESC Toastmasters Club

Advanced Leader Bronze - July 2016

Benjamin J Moser, Toastmasters in Motion
Maura M. Pfeifer, Red Phoenix Toastmasters Club
Ingrid D. Sawvelle, Philips Framingham Toastmasters
Sushmita Sengupta, District 31 Leaders Club

Advanced Communication Silver - July 2016

Sandra J. Eilers, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters
Sam P. Samson, Sales & Marketing Club
James Gonzalez, Alcott Club
Heather Lee Lam, WPI Toastmasters
Dawn M. George, AbbVie Bioresearch Toastmasters

Advanced Leader Silver - July 2016

Leah Greenberg, Advanced Orators Club
Robert B. Levinson, Lake Williams Wordsmiths
Linda J. Ramrath, Bose Speakers Club

JC Leung, Tuesday Toastmasters at MIT Club
Joseph Nunes, East Bay Toastmasters Club

Distinguished Toastmaster - July 2016

Leah Greenberg, Tri-County Talkers Toastmasters Club
Linda J. Ramrath, Bose Speakers Club
JC Leung, Tuesday Toastmasters at MIT Club

A BIG congratulations to all of our award recipients for the month of July!
Awesome way to kick start the 2016 - 2017 Toastmasters year!

Introduce your friends to Toastmasters!

Stefano McGhee , DTM, PDG, District 31 Director
Anna Kaufman , DTM, Program Quality Director
Stacey Shipman, DTM, Club Growth Director
Anthony Alexander, CC, Public Relations Manager

A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better. Jim Rohn

Toastmasters - Where Leaders Are Made