



December 2016 Newsletter

Information from our District Director, Stefano McGhee

As we approach the halfway point of the Toastmaster year, I hope you are getting together with family, friends and fellow Toastmasters to enjoy each other's company. I recently attended holiday dinner meetings at Network Voice and Renaissance Toastmasters and was happy to see the groups enjoying being together. Many join Toastmasters to become better speakers and leaders, but we also come to find our fellow club and district members to be a second family that care about our well being. We have developed together and worked as a part of each other's success. I know I would not be where I am today without my Toastmaster friends and I am forever grateful. Make sure you say thanks to someone that has impacted your life positively this holiday season. Many of you have shaped who I have become as a leader. Thank you!

District Leader Nominations Open

District 31 2017-2018

Deadline to submit a nomination is December 15, 2016

Are you ready to take the next step as a leader and a communicator? If so, become a district officer. The opportunities for growth are endless. Be part of a committed, passionate team as you lead hundreds or even thousands of Toastmasters to greater success in the 2017-2018 year.

In order to be nominated you must:

- ♣ Be a member in good standing of a Toastmasters club in good standing
- ♣ Meet the qualifications of the position
- ♣ Consent to be nominated and sign the Officer Agreement and Release Form

For a full list of positions and qualifications [click here.](#)

Fill out the [Nominations form](#) and [Officer Agreement](#), letter of interest, resume and letters of recommendation (only one letter of recommendation required) and send to:

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Framingham, MA 01701
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rick@rabbiwiner.com

Remember, according to Protocol 9, District Campaigns and Elections, “District Executive Committee members shall not take any action to endorse or officially support any district officer candidate.”

Congratulations on stepping forward. We know you will have a great year!

Nomination form

<https://www.toastmasters.org/~media/2905FD52797C4EFEAFFBCD5B49C11A63.ashx>

Officers Agreement

<https://www.toastmasters.org/~media/5A2B48BB6B3D4E92B994CE666CB84DC8.ashx>

For a full list of positions and qualifications click here.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/~media/24562A9E8E1449E7A6900A6676476884.ashx>

Information from our Program Quality Director, Anna Kaufman

Winter Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) start this month! Register now!

There will be a total of 5 TLI sessions spread out between December and February across different areas of the district and continuing with the positive response from July, 2 of these sessions will include "advanced" topics. Dates, Locations and Times are shown below along with links to registration:

MAIN TLI: [Sat, December 10, 2016; Warren Convention Center, Ashland; 9am - 12pm](#)
([Breakfast at 8:30am; advanced topics](#))

MAKE-UP TLIs :

[Mon, December 12, 2016; Schneider, Andover; 6pm - 9pm \(light dinner at 5pm\)](#)

[Thu, January 26, 2017 — State Street, Boston; 6pm - 9pm \(light dinner at 5pm,
advanced topics included\)](#)

[Tue, January 31, 2017 — NEIT, Warwick, RI; 6pm - 9pm \(light dinner at 5pm\)](#)

[Thu, February 2, 2017 — BJ's, Westborough; 6pm - 9pm \(light dinner at 5pm\)](#)

It's the last chance this Toastmasters year for you to become #tlicertified! Make sure your officers attend one of these sessions to fulfill your club's Distinguished Club Program goal 9! Feel free to share invite non-officers, as well. All info is on this [Winter TLI page](#).

Special pricing of our 2017 Spring Conference featuring 1999 World Champion of Public Speaking, Craig Valentine ends December 31st! Register Today!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/district-31-spring-conference-may-12-13-2017-registration-28307883642>



Get involved in the conference planning! Be in charge as the Conference Chair, or do a breakout session. Email anna@district31.org to express interest.

Are you looking to facilitate your own Success Communication or Success Leadership presentation for the Advanced Communicator Gold award? Are you willing to come travel to Foxboro, MA to do it?

If the answer to both of those questions is yes, then you are in luck! Bruce Pyne, one of our very own Toastmasters is looking for presenters for a unique, multi-breakout session event focused solely on the Success Communication and Success Leadership modules.

This event is planned take place Tuesday, January 31st 2017 from 6:00 - 9:30pm at the Boyden Library in Foxboro, MA! If interested, contact Bruce directly at brucegpyne_1@juno.com!

Triple Crown: A new trophy!

Want to be awarded the Triple Crown on the big stage at the Spring Conference? Start Now! For members who achieve a Competent Communicator, Competent Leader, and any advanced award within this Toastmasters year.



Information from our Club Growth Director, Stacey Shipman

Upcoming Workshops:

Youth Leadership Programs:

Location: BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA

Fridays: December 2nd, 9th, 16th at 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

To show your support and/or receive ideas for your own YLP, contact coordinators Lyson Ludvic (lysonludvic@yahoo.com) or Guna Guruviah (mgunas@yahoo.com)

Location: Youth Builds, Inc., 66 Chafee St, Providence, RI

Thursdays: December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd at 10:20 AM - 12:05 PM

To show your support and/or receive ideas for your own YLP, contact Steve Carlson (scarlson71@cox.net)

Programs like the ones pictured are happening throughout the district constantly. Be sure to contact your Division Director or Stacey Shipman, Club Growth Director to find out how you can go beyond your club!

Are you hosting an open house?

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

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

Toastcrashers Update!

November flew by too quickly and I was only able to make it to 1 club :-(...fortunately it was on a Friday and was just as much fun as all of the other clubs that I had previously crashed! Toastcrashers @ MIT, thank you for having me, I loved learning so much from your club!



Although I am behind on crashed clubs, I am happy to say that my next crash will be my 10th crashed club! As always, be sure that your club information is up to date as that is what I will need to crash your club. Luckily, finding clubs has been made much easier on the District 31 website. Our District Trio, alongside our Webmaster have created a complete club map of all District 31 clubs, color coded by Division along with their Area and Club information.

Check it out here: <http://district31.org/2016district-31-club-locations-all-2016/> and if you are in the area (pun fully intended) be sure to visit a club outside of your own and introduce yourself! Also if you have social media, be sure to take a picture with your new friends like Ian Sheadel did in Ohio earlier this month using #toasttrotter!



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District 31 Meets District 10! "A quarter to the Holiday Pig." @district31tm #toastrotter #independentlyspeaking

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Traveling Gavel Update !!!!

As you may know, the District 31 Traveling Gavel is another fun tradition that we have to connect clubs together! Although teaming up with your fellow club members to raid a club and collect the gavel is exhilarating, it also allows club members to share ideas, best practices and overall Toastmaster spirit.

FM Global Norwood Toastmasters club held on to the Traveling Gavel for 170 days before Sales & Marketing Club of Waltham, MA finally claimed the gavel from them on November 10th, 2016 and was the first club of this Toastmasters year to take advantage of our #gavelgrab campaign!



For more information about Sales & Marketing Club, visit their [web-page here](#) or find them on [Facebook here!](#)

There are 6 more clubs left who can claim the gavel this year and take advantage of #gavelgrab before our Spring conference!

Reminder of our other Social media campaign tags! Don't miss out on some awesome prizes

#D31TripleCrown

#GavelGrab

#Youreonfire

#Toasttrotter (If you crash a club, make sure to add this hashtag for credit)

#TLIcertified (for winter session TLI as well)

Stay connected!

Facebook: District 31 Toastmasters

Twitter: @D31Toastmasters

Instagram: district31tm

LinkedIn: District 31 Toastmasters (Group)

Flickr: District 31 Toastmasters

YouTube: District 31 Toastmasters

Hopefully more to come :)

****With the launch of our YouTube page, we will be accepting videos from clubs and club members to feature their speeches, club introductions, events and more! If you would like to be featured on the District's YouTube, please submit content and/or links to content to prm@district31.org!****

HAPPY HOLIDAYS DISTRICT 31! I'm looking forward to see plenty of pictures of holiday themed meetings over the course of this month!

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 have!

Monthly Educational Awards

Competent Communicator - November 2016

Colleen P Healey, Toastmasters in Motion

Richard S. Winer, BNI Mass Toastmasters

Katherine Sullivan, Watertown Saturday Toastmasters

Nathan Charles Brackett, TTRizzo

Dee R Recore, Island Foghorns Toastmasters Club

Brenda J. Merken, Curious Toasters

Stephen D. Rogers, South Coast Toastmasters

Preston G. Kidd, New Beginnings

Antoine Price, Voices of Victory Toastmasters Club

Daniel Chaplin, Eclinicaltoast

Cynthia A Orejola, Eclinicaltoast
Frederick M. Donovan, Outermost Toast
Allen G. Supynuk, Toastmasters @ MathWorks
Michael F. Moore, MITRE Toastmasters Club
Fred D. Tighe, AccelOrators Advanced Toastmasters Club
Mevilton Dsouza, NAAAP Boston Toastmasters Club
Sara Goergner, SMILE Toastmasters
Tajan Braithuaite Renderos, Boston Seaport Toastmasters
Ayim Tettey Padmore, Rumney Marsh Toastmasters Club # 8431
Deborah Skeath, District 31 Leaders Club
Michael Lonetto, Novartis Toastmasters @ Cambridge
Bill Singer, Lexington Toastmasters
Gary Gengo, Westford Expressions Club
Clinton L. Thompson, GFI Toastmasters
Deborah Serret, Sisters Mastering Correct Communication
Juan Figueroa, Phoenix Toastmasters Club

Competent Leader - November 2016
Greg LeBlanc, Lake Williams Wordsmiths
Patricia Ann O'Malley, Wachusett Toastmasters #7677
Donna M. Normand, Atrion Avengers
Joseph B. Campo, Dassault Systemes Boston Campus Toastmasters Club
Kevin Michael Murphy, Toastmasters General
Nancy E. Oliveira, East Bay Toastmasters Club
Charles R. Woods, Achievers Toastmasters Club
Jayne Beker, Copley Square Toastmasters
Hannah C. Stanton, Keynote Speakers Toastmasters
Subrahmanyam V. Katralapalli, Ocean State Speaking Network
Sharyn L. Lindsay, Outermost Toast
Darlene Sabol, Atrion Avengers
Ulla Figwer, CA Technologies Toastmasters
Qinggang Yue, TYNGSBOROUGH TOASTMASTERS
Matthew William Mitchell, State Street Squawkers

Advanced Communicator Bronze - November 2016

Julia Katherine Lugina, Articulators Club

Paul F Caselle, Eastern Middlesex Club

Advanced Leader Bronze - November 2016

Daniel E. Stanton, Renaissance Advanced TM Club

Michael J. McCarthy, Back Bay Toastmasters

Advanced Communicator Silver - November 2016

Robert Larosa, Mighty Devoted Communicators

Kimberly Yach, AbbVie Bioresearch Toastmasters

Asheen A. Phansey, Dassault Systemes Boston Campus Toastmasters Club

Advanced Leader Silver - November 2016

Sushmita Sengupta, CA Technologies Toastmasters

Naresh C. Parmar, Epsilon Wakefield

Advanced Communicator Gold - November 2016

Adam Heisler, State Street Boston - Toastmasters

Distinguished Toastmaster - November 2016

Adam Heisler, State Street Boston - Toastmasters

A BIG Congratulations to all of our award recipients for the month of November!

Keep up the great work!

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, ACB, ALB, 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