



February 2017 Newsletter

Information from our District Director, Stefano McGhee

Second District 31 Online Town Hall

Join us on February 7, 2017 at 8PM for a Virtual Town Hall where we will take questions and answers about how our District is doing and what leadership can do to help you be more successful in your own clubs. Register

here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/february-2017-virtual-town-hall-tickets-31566041881>

Information from our Program Quality Director, Anna Kaufman

TLI Updates

Due to inclement weather, the Rhode Island TLI is in the process of being rescheduled. This TLI will happen in February and as soon as we have a date, we will make sure that a communication goes out as soon as possible to notify all club officers of the final TLI logistics.

As of now, DCP credit for club officer training should be updated in the District Performance Reports Dashboards on Toastmasters International's website. To check for your club's credit, click

here: <http://dashboards.toastmasters.org/Club.aspx?id=31>

If you are missing officer credit, email pqd@district31.org

The Traveling Gavel

Congratulations to Alcott Toastmaster's raiding party – Alyce Nelson (Chief Instigator!), Kevin Feeney, Dotty O'Donnell, and Jim Gonzalez! On Wednesday evening January 11, they attended and participated in the Sales and Marketing Toastmasters Club Meeting. This club, which meets at Constant Contact offices in Waltham, have had the Traveling Gavel only since November 2016. They were sad to see it go so soon, but happy they got to meet our great team! The Traveling Gavel now resides with Alcott Toastmasters in Concord, MA.

A special thank you to Steve Burnell and Mark O'Hara for working with Alyce to integrate members of Alcott Toastmasters into their meeting. The Sales & Marketing Toastmasters is an outstanding club. In addition to the Traveling Gavel (he he he) we went home with lots of great ideas for our own club and our speaker and evaluator received terrific and valuable feedback.



Let the contests begin!

Begin planning your contest now so you can have a fun, fair, and fulfilling contest! We are conducting the International and Table Topics contests this spring. Clubs can complete their contest any time before March 11 - find resources and tools on district31.org. Watch the district calendar for area and division contest details.

Contest Deadlines:

Club: March 11

Area: April 1

Division: April 22

Join in the spring fun...

May 12 and 13, join us for the [District 31 Spring 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. Register no later than Feb 28th before the price increases to full price!

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!



Information from our Club Growth Director, Stacey Shipman

New Year, New Club!

Congratulations to UniBank Toastmasters of Whitinsville, MA on officially becoming a chartered club! UniBank has most recently celebrated their charter ceremony after officially chartering on 10/31/2016! Please join us in celebrating the addition to the District 31 family!



To feature your club and it's members, please contact Stacey Shipman!

Upcoming Sample Meetings:

Friday February 3, 12pm - 1pm - Providence, RI

LifeSpan - Rhode Island (Corporate)
Coro East Building/Corporate Offices
167 Point Street, Providence, R

Wednesday February 8, 12pm - 1pm - Wilmington, MA

Epilepsy Foundation
335 Main St, Wilmington

Tuesday February 21, 12pm - 1pm, Boston, MA

Joslin Diabetes Center
One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215

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

#Toastrashers update

There is good news and there is bad news....The bad news is that there are no updates to Toastrashers for the month of January =(! The good news is that we are starting Toastrashers in 2017 very soon AND beyond possibly beyond just our own district! Stay tuned to social media to find out more!

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

#D31TripleCrown

#GavelGrab

#Youre onfire

#Toastr Trotter

#TLIcertified (Campaign ends March 1st!!)

Stay connected!

Facebook: [District 31 Toastmasters](#)

Twitter: [@D31 Toastmasters](#)

Instagram: [district31tm](#)

LinkedIn: [District 31 Toastmasters \(Group\)](#)

Flickr: [District 31 Toastmasters](#)

Youtube: [District 31 Toastmasters](#)

Hopefully more to come :)

Additional Upcoming Events:

Alcott Education Session: Club Success Plan / Distinguished Club Program

February 13th, 2017, 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Concord Free Public Library – Trustees' Room 129 Main Street, Concord, MA

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What Makes a Great Speech Great? Thoughts on the World Championship of Public Speaking

February 16th, 2017, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
MITRE Center, 202 Burlington Road, Bedford, MA

Please RSVP at our club website's Contact Us menu, MITRE security requires a valid ID <http://mitre.toastmastersclubs.org/>

Success Fest has also been rescheduled, new date is below!
March 29th, 2017, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Boyden Library, 10 Bird St, Foxborough, MA 02035, USA

Presenters (allotted 50 minutes each)

#1: Roxanna "Roxie" Billings "The Art of Effective Evaluation"

#2: Deb Siwik "Leadership Part 1: Characteristics of Effective Leaders"

#3: Jane Anderson "How to Conduct Productive Meetings"

Food will be provided. Donations will be accepted to defray costs.

Contact Bruce Pyne with questions: brucegpyne_1@juno.com

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 - January 2017
Zaneta Hunter, Citizens Bank Toastmasters Club
Debra C. Panetta, Rumney Marsh Toastmasters Club # 8431
Angela Edwards, Boston Seaport Toastmasters
Ranga Babu Parvataneni, Shrewsbury Toastmasters
Julie P Collinge, Street Talkers Toastmasters Club
Tshombe Rise, New Beginnings
Maureen Schnur, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters

Leah Greenberg, Network Voice Club
David J Mercier, Twin City Club
Robert C. Ristagno, Sun Life Club
Leslie Ann Githens, Bose Speakers Club
Sampath Rangarajan, Whaling City Club
Elaine G. Paula, Sun Life Club
Debra Starr, GFI Toastmasters
Christine Pulliam, Crimson Toastmasters Club
Jeff Roberio, New Beginnings
Yihua Hong, Epsilon Wakefield
Kathleen T. Adams, WPI Toastmasters
Carmen Aldinger, Boston West Toastmasters Club
Mai Nguyen, Isaac Davis Club
Joseph E. McGurn, Sales & Marketing Club
Randall A. White, Spirited Speakers
Shawna Hansen, Sylvan Speakers Club
Rohan H. Vakil, Dot Commentators
Nichelle June German-Starks, Citizens Bank Toastmasters Club
Joanne W. Young, Tri-County Talkers Toastmasters Club
Michelle Anne DeStefano, Clean Harbors Toastmasters
Sunit Jolly, Boston West Toastmasters Club

Competent Leader - January 2017
Jagdish P. Bakshi, Isaac Davis Club
Sze-Wen Kuo, MITRE Toastmasters Club
Jay N. Jorgenson, Merrimack Toastmasters Club
Karen E. Recore, Island Foghorns Toastmasters Club
Rex LeBeau, Island Foghorns Toastmasters Club
Maureen Schnur, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters
Richard S. Winer, Rumney Marsh Toastmasters Club # 8431
Allen G. Supynuk, District 31 Leaders Club
Virginia F. Layton-Leal, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters
Carmen Aldinger, Boston West Toastmasters Club
Randall A. White, Spirited Speakers

Advanced Communicator Bronze - January 2017

Anna Kaufman, Sun Life Club
Aruna Purohit, 3Talkers Club
Gail Holland Clarke, Ocean State Club
James Joseph Girouard, WPI Toastmasters

Advanced Leader Bronze - January 2017

Derek James Williams, Northshore Toastmasters Club
Karen E. Recore, Island Foghorns Toastmasters Club
Jason P. Pogorelec, TM at the FRB - Boston Club
Maureen Schnur, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters
Virginia F. Layton-Leal, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters
James T. Maxwell, Twin City Club

Advanced Communicator Silver - January 2017

Pious J. Kallarackal, Articulators Club
Judith G. Tischler, Achievers Toastmasters Club
Sara C. Adair, Boston Seaport Toastmasters
Joan Yu, Sylvan Speakers Club
Joan Zhong, Sylvan Speakers Club

Advanced Leader Silver - January 2017

None :-(

Advanced Communicator Gold- January 2017

Robert B. Levinson, Renaissance Advanced TM Club

Distinguished Toastmaster - January 2017

Robert B. Levinson, GFI Toastmasters

A BIG Congratulations to all of our award recipients for the month of August!
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, ACS, 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

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