



March 2017 Newsletter

Information from our District Director, Stefano McGhee

Second District 31 Online Town Hall was a success! Thank you to everyone who participated and joined our 2nd District Town Hall! It is always a great experience being able to meet with our fellow district members and share experiences of our time in Toastmasters! We would also like to thank everyone who submitted questions to be asked during our Town Hall as well! For those who did not have a chance to join the Town Hall, a recording of this Town Hall will be posted on the District's YouTube page later this month!

Pathways Resources

As the new Pathways program is rolling out to all districts throughout the course of this year, we would like to keep our members as up to date as possible in regards to the program itself along with its anticipated rollout time frame. All of this information can be found on Toastmasters International's website under the [Pathways Overview](#)! Be sure to periodically review our district's page for updates as well here: [The Toastmasters Pathways Learning Experience!](#)

Information from our Program Quality Director, Anna Kaufman

TLI Updates

All TLI sessions have been conducted! 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

Resource for New Members !

Are you new to Toastmasters and want to know how to get started? Are you a club officer and looking for a solid piece of material to include in your new members packets? Or do you need something to create a new membership packet? Well, thanks to fellow Toastmaster, Ilene Wolfman, DTM, we have the perfect tool to help new members! ***The Handbook for New Members***, covers many of the frequently asked questions of new members who have joined Toastmasters from "How to select a speech topic" to "What is a Distinguished Toastmaster?" It even covers some of the hard hitting questions such as "Why is there so much applauding?"

The handbook can be obtained by clicking this link: [The Handbook for New Members](#)! Thank you Ilene for your hard work and helping out your fellow Toastmasters with such an amazing handbook!

Contests season is in full swing!

The deadline for club contests comes to a close this week. Please be sure to submit the winners and their alternates to your Area Directors as as possible! Watch the district calendar for area and division contest details, many have already been scheduled!

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. The conference is now at full price!

Triple Crown: A new trophy!

We are now at the final leg of the Toastmasters year and the close of this year's fantastic Triple Crown Trophy! Again, members who achieve a Competent Communicator, Competent Leader, and any advanced award within this Toastmasters year. There is plenty of time to complete yours today!

This year's Triple Crown eligible Toastmasters !

(in no particular order)

Ana C. Mendez

Hannah C. Stanton

Shae L. McWilliams

Cherylle Garnes

Sandra J. Eilers

Allen G. Supynuk

Jason P. Pogorelec

Daniel E. Stanton

Jeannette Cobbs

Shawna Hansen

Meera Atreyam

Virginia F. Layton-Leal

Anna Kaufman

Maureen Schnur

Leah Greenberg

Richard S. Winer

Judith G. Tischler

Karen E. Recore

Joseph B. Campo

Qinggang Yue

Kimberly Yach

Shawn J. Hanegan

JC Leung

Christopher Nielsen

Susan Lecht

Jacob W. Lam

Richard Andrew Blair



Information from our Club Growth Director, Stacey Shipman

Continuing to create new clubs with Continuum!

Congratulations to Continuum Toastmasters Club of Boston, MA on officially becoming a chartered club! Continuum has most recently celebrated their charter ceremony after officially chartering on 11/08/2016! Please join us in celebrating the addition to the District 31 family!



To feature your club and its members, please contact Stacey Shipman!

Beat the Base!

WANT A FREE TICKET TO THE SPRING CONFERENCE?

Introducing “Beat the Base”!

Between March 1, 2017 and May 1, 2017 if your club is one of the first 10 clubs to “beat the base” you’ll get 2 free tickets to the Spring Conference, May 12/13 at the Sheraton in Framingham!

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS...

The Base is the number of members your club started with on July 1, 2016.

If that number was...

- Fewer than 20...your club must “beat the base” by at least 3.
- 20 to 40, then your club must “beat the base” by at least 5.
- Greater than 40, then your club must “beat the base” by at least 7.

Here is an example.

If on July 1, 2016 your club had 20 members on the roster, then by May 1, 2017 your club must have at least 25 paid and active members.

WHAT YOU WIN...

Grand Prize: 2 Complimentary Spring Conference Tickets - Value \$200

The first 10 clubs to “beat the base” will receive **2 complimentary conference tickets** to distribute to club members. How you distribute is up to you. (an example: maybe you award to the folks who bring in the most guests/members during the Beat the Base incentive. Maybe you award to the new members.)

Runners Up: Full Package of Advanced Manuals - Value \$95

All clubs that “Beat the Base” after the first ten, will receive a package of Advanced Manuals valued at \$95.

Hall of Fame Recognition

In addition, all clubs who “Beat the Base” will be called on stage and congratulated during the Hall of Fame session at the Spring Conference.

THE RULES

Your membership numbers must be reflected on the Toastmasters International website by 11:59p on May 1, 2017.

Note: Submissions made on May 1 will not qualify. You’ll want to submit to International by April 23, 2017 to avoid delay.

Questions about Beat the Base? Contact Stacey Shipman, Club Growth Director, stacey@district31.org

Upcoming Sample Meetings:

Tuesday, March 14, 12pm - 1pm - Cambridge, MA

Takeda

300 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA

Thursday, March 16, 12pm - 1pm - Hudson, MA

Intel

75 Reed Rd, Hudson, MA

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

#TLIcertified update

With all TLI sessions completed, the TLIcertified campaign is nearing a close! Club Officers: Please make sure to post a picture of you attending a TLI and/or with TLI session material with the hashtag:#TLIcertified to be eligible for credit! Club with officers who have obtained Goal 9 of their Distinguished Club Program and post at least one photo from TLI will be eligible for a special gift! The deadline is 3/31/2017 (deadline was extended due to the RI TLI reschedule) to post something so please don't miss out!

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

#D31TripleCrown

#GavelGrab

#Youre onfire

#Toasttrotter

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 :)

Additional Upcoming Events:

Alcott Education Session: Exploring Club Officer Roles / Become a Part of the Leadership Team

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

Concord Free Public Library – Trustees' Room 129 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742

Developing Your Leadership Skill

March 13, 2017, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Sun Life Assurance Co-Canada - 1 Sun Life Executive Park, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

Success Fest!

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 - February 2017

Christopher Barry, Dell EMC Hopkinton

Hannah C. Stanton, Keynote Speakers Toastmasters

Vanessa R. Roney, Village Toastmasters Club

Margaret M Speranza, Lincoln Laboratory Toastmasters Club

Sherri Raftery, Rumney Marsh Toastmasters Club # 8431

Owen Murdoch Church, Boston Toastmasters

Sandra J. Eilers, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters

William Smitherman, IDS Toastmasters Club

Sheila Berman, Copley Square Toastmasters

Kyle Anthony Jepson, Toastspot

Azeez Abolarin, Keynote Speakers Toastmasters

Sean Kevin Patrick, Geek Speak

Hilda Wong-Doo, Winchester Toastmasters

Evelyn Collado, Citizens Bank Toastmasters Club

Arlette C. Mpom, Professional Witty Communicators

Susan L. Sudhalter, Twin City Club

Naricha Nari Savanorke-Joyce, Boston Toastmasters

John Raposa, Saturday Brunch Bunch Club

Laura Rachel Fritz, Sales & Marketing Club

Competent Leader - February 2017

Joseph E. McGurn, Sales & Marketing Club

Janice K. Rejto, Lincoln Laboratory Toastmasters Club

Preston G. Kidd, New Beginnings

Sandra J. Eilers, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters

Crista L. Schindler, Copley Square Toastmasters

Deborah A. Siwik, Toast with Friends

Jane E. Coutre, Alcott Club

Kevin Feeney, Alcott Club

Advanced Communicator Bronze - February 2017

Christine M. Hight, Outermost Toast (1/21/2017)*
Peter Haley, Copley Square Toastmasters
Noj Zachariah, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters
Jason P. Pogorelec, Boston Advanced Toastmasters
Dee R Recore, Speak Easy Warwick
Kathy Elkind, Westford Expressions Club
John M. McLoughlin, Andover Club
Craig Cormier, Speech Invaders Club
Rob Zanardelli, Speech Invaders Club

Advanced Leader Bronze - February 2017

Craig Steven Shippee, New Beginnings
Ernest Schreiber, Synergists Toastmasters Club
Sandra J. Eilers, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters
Cherylle Garnes, Andover Club
Shae L. McWilliams, Rhode Island Active Toastmasters
Hannah C. Stanton, Keynote Speakers Toastmasters
Nancy E. Oliveira, East Bay Toastmasters Club
Ana C. Mendez, Ocean State Speaking Network

Advanced Communicator Silver - February 2017

Allen G. Supynuk, Toastmasters @ MathWorks
Ethan Peloquin, Speech Invaders Club
Anne Marroni, Eastern Middlesex Club

Advanced Leader Silver - February 2017

Ilene Wolfman, Toast with Friends

Advanced Communicator Gold - February 2017

Steve Carlson, Rhode Island Active Toastmasters
Betty Walker, Somerville Toastmasters
Joseph Nunes, East Bay Toastmasters Club

Distinguished Toastmaster - February 2017

Joseph Nunes, East Bay Toastmasters Club

Ilene Wolfman, Toast with Friends

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

Toastmasters - Where Leaders Are Made