



# October 2016 Newsletter

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Hello Fellow Toastmasters and welcome to a special Fall Conference edition of our monthly newsletter! With the conference starting less than 4 weeks away, we would like to take some time and focus on the many exciting events that are to come.

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First, for business:

**DUES ARE DUE TODAY!!!!**

As of October 1st (TODAY) dues are due! Please call your club Presidents/officers to ensure dues have been paid. Remember there is no longer a grace period!

This affects contests, clubs and members must be in good standing to participate in contests!

To avoid a lapse in benefits/membership, dues must be renewed NOW.

PLEASE CALL YOUR CLUBS. If you have trouble contacting them please reach out to your Division Director or Club Growth Director!

**Speaking of Contests!**

After today, we are now on to the Division Contests! This is the last step before our best Evaluators and Humorous speakers move on to compete at the fall conference.

Don't want to miss the action? Mark you calendars for the following contest dates, times & locations (In order by earliest to latest contest):

Division D Contest: October 5th @ 6 pm - 9:30 pm, 601 Congress St, Boston, MA

Division C Contest: October 6th @ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, MIT Tang Center, 70 Memorial Dr, Cambridge, MA

Division B Contest: October 8th @ 11 am - 4 pm, Chinese Bible Church 197 Littleton Rd, Chelmsford, MA

Division A Contest: October 12th @ 7 pm - 10 pm, Epsilon, 601 Edgewater Dr Suite 335, Wakefield, MA

Division H Contest: October 13th @ 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Sun Life Financial, 96 Worcester Street, Wellesley, MA

Division G Contest: October 13th @ 6 pm - 9 pm, Rhode Island State House, 82 Smith St, Providence, RI 02903

Division E Contest: October 14th @ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, AbbVie, 100 Research Dr, Worcester, MA 01605

Division F Contest: October 14th @ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Schneider Electric, 70 Mechanic St, Foxborough, MA 02035

Make sure to take pictures and tag the District on social media!

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### Fall Conference Announcements

First and foremost, our keynote speaker is....



Darren LaCroix, CSP

Darren, a former District 31 Toastmaster, was the 2001 World Champion of Public Speaking. As if becoming world champion wasn't enough, Darren has also recently obtained the Accredited Speaker (AS) designation from Toastmasters International at this year's International Convention in Washington, DC. Darren will be traveling all the way from Las Vegas to join us at our Fall Conference. It's been officially 15 years since he won the coveted International Speech Contest and he will be sharing his tips and advice on how to use humor as a tool for your speeches throughout the conference.

Darren will also be joining a panel discussion with other past International Speech semifinals Stuart Pink and Chivon Obiri-Mainoo conducted by the 2015 International Speech semi-finalist Wayne Braverman, ACG, ALB!



Our other breakout session presenters include:



Chuck Potter, ACB, CL  
PDG



Sherri Raftery, DTM,



Stacey Shipman, DTM, CGD



Allen Supynuk, DTM

And Kitty Huang, ACG, CL!!!

Lead, Learn, Laugh!

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.

Members who will be joining us: Help share the experience with our other members while at the conference by hashtagging #3Ldistict31 through social media while taking pictures and/or videos at the conference! We want to make sure that everyone at our conference is able to take the lead, learn something along the way and laugh while doing in the process!

For more information about the conference make sure to visit: [conference.district31.org](http://conference.district31.org)

Don't forget about the Triple Crown!

To achieve the triple crown, you must earn a Competent Communicator, Competent Leader, and any advanced award within this Toastmasters year. Start working toward yours today! The first wave of Triple Crowns will be awarded soon, so be on the look out for those who have already earned their 3 awards! Once you have your trophy, make sure to share a picture with us using #D31TripleCrown!



**District 31 Voices**

As many of you have seen in the latest issue of Toastmasters International magazine, one of our very own Toastmasters Cathy MacPherson was featured in the September issue's Member Moment! Hailing from the Lakesiders club, Cathy pointed out to Toastmasters International that Toastmasters, including competing in competitions, has helped in her success in public speaking and teaching the game of golf. For the full story check Cathy out here: <https://www.toastmasters.org/Resources/Member-Spotlight/cathy-macpherson>



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](mailto:stacey@district31.org).

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## Social Media Stories from your Public Relations Manager

### #Toastrashers

I've had so much fun with Toastrashers so far and it has become a huge hit! So much so, that other districts have started following District 31 on social media along with upped their ante on their own social media. This is exactly what I was hoping for, connecting our Toastmasters community closer together. So far, including my crash first crash from the previous newsletter, I have crashed 6 clubs! As we know every club is different and I have learned a lot of new things at each club but noticed that all of the clubs that I have crashed share one thing in common...a welcoming environment that encourages and fosters personal growth and care for their local community. Every club makes me even prouder to be a part of such a wonderful district and I can't wait to crash even more clubs. Here are a few of pictures from my September travels:



As always, you will not know when I will be showing up and you will not know what club I will be going too (unless you visit our social media minutes before your meeting (wink wink). Let's have fun this year!

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

#D31TripleCrown

#GavelGrab (Where is the Travelling Gavel anyway?)

#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

and....

YouTube: District 31 Toastmasters (channel)

Hopefully more to come :)

\*\*If you record your speeches and would like to share them with the district, please submit them to  
anthony@district31.org\*\*

***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](mailto:anthony@district31.org) for any questions or  
concerns you may have!

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### ***Monthly Educational Awards***

Competent Communicator - September 2016

Raymond A. Trainque, Twin City Club

Kimberly Yach, AbbVie Bioresearch Toastmasters

Anna M. Silva, East Bay Toastmasters Club

JC Leung, Tuesday Toastmasters at MIT Club

Sean Michael Hastings, The Thursday Toast: Oracle Direct Toastmasters

Anjuli Jain Figueroa, Toastmasters @ MIT Club

Allen G. Supynuk, Fresenius Broadcasters

Cherylle Garnes, Andover Club

Virginia F. Layton-Leal, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters

Pavel Milonov, Clean Harbors Toastmasters

Patrice Grant, Lake Williams Wordsmiths

David J. Vine, Citizens Bank Toastmasters Club

Competent Leader - September 2016

George Manoogian, Tri-County Talkers Toastmasters Club



Antonio J. Sousa, Phoenix Toastmasters Club  
Daniel E. Stanton, Keynote Speakers Toastmasters  
Leah Greenberg, Advanced Orators Club  
Anna Kaufman, Sun Life Club  
Scott E. Swenson, Talking Heads Toastmasters  
Shawn J. Hanegan, Boston ONE Campus  
Ana C. Mendez, Ocean State Speaking Network  
Sheldon L. Hampton, GFI Toastmasters  
Ganeshram Raman, GFI Toastmasters  
Anthony A. Alexander, BBH Beantown Articulators  
Christine Cooper Prymak, Toastmasters @ CVS  
Bill Kiluk, Mill City Toastmasters  
Diane L. Orf, Lake Williams Wordsmiths  
Misha Chakrabarti, Energy Talks  
Patrice Grant, Lake Williams Wordsmiths  
JC Leung, Tuesday Toastmasters at MIT Club  
Robert B. Levinson, Renaissance Advanced TM Club  
Margaret M Speranza, Lincoln Laboratory Toastmasters Club  
Jamie-Lea Konetchy, Toastmasters in Motion

**Advanced Communicator Bronze - September 2016**

Julian Castle Logan, Voices of Victory Toastmasters Club  
Shawn J. Hanegan, Boston ONE Campus  
Marie E. Bankuti, Alcott Club  
Anthony A. Alexander, BBH Beantown Articulators  
Misha Chakrabarti, Energy Talks

**Advanced Leader Bronze - September 2016**

Anthony A. Alexander, BBH Beantown Articulators  
J.D. Carrier, New Beginnings  
Christopher Nielsen, Fall River Innovators  
Sriram Veera Raghavendra, Minutemen Club  
Melissa Ann DeJesus, Toastmasters General

**Advanced Communicator Gold- September 2016**

Eric Tavares, Island Foghorns Toastmasters Club

**Distinguished Toastmaster - September 2016**

Eric Tavares, Island Foghorns Toastmasters Club

A BIG Congratulations to all of our award recipients for the month of September!  
Keep up the great work!

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***Introduce your friends to Toastmasters!***

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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