



[Spring Conference Registration Open!](#)

Can you believe it???

The 2015-2016 Toastmasters Year is fast coming to an end.

June 30, 2016 is just around the corner and now is the time to attend the District conference and business meeting, elect new District leaders as well as approve the District alignment. If you are a member of the District Council you have received an email that included the reports from the Nomination and Alignment Committees. Please make every effort to attend or send a proxy to the conference in order to have your voice heard. (and we know Toastmasters like to be heard)

I have set-up three conference calls to answer any questions you may have regarding the Business Meeting, Nomination report or Alignment.

The dates and times for these calls are as follows:

Date:	Time:
April 13, 2016	7:00 to 8:00 pm
April 18, 2016	7:00 to 8:00 pm
April 27, 2016	7:00 to 8:00 pm

The conference call number is 712-432-1212

Meeting ID number is 940-613-195

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Business Meeting,
Richard Winer, DTM, District 31 Director

Spring Conference Registration Open

Spring Conference registration is open at conference.district31.org. The price is just \$75 while costing the District over \$90. We will be having three breakout sessions that will allow you to take part in three educational sessions as well as two keynotes, an address by our International Director, as well as our contests and business meeting where next year's leaders will be elected. Festivities begin on Friday night with a keynote, contest and some social time before we start up again on Saturday. Don't miss out on the first ever District 31 Conference to span two days. conference.district31.org. Corporate clubs! Look into getting the cost reimbursed by your company!

Information from our Program Quality Director, Stefano McGhee, DTM
Contest Time is Here

It is now time to participate in Area and Division contests. If you are new to contests or need some refreshing, Toastmasters has tutorials here: <https://www.toastmasters.org/Leadership-Central/Speech-Contests/Speech-Contest-Tutorials>. Some materials are available from District31.org under the Speech Contests menu item. Finally, the speech contest deadlines are below:

Club: Complete

Area: March 27 to April 9, 2016

Division: April 10 to April 23, 2016

District Contest: May 6 & 7, 2016

Contests are on the [District Calendar](#). Check it out and volunteer at one near you!

Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) Credit Complete

Our last TLI was about a month ago, but people are still talking about the great experience they had at the event. People rated the event highly and had shared many experiences of what challenges clubs experience and how other clubs overcome them. Survey information showed that people really enjoyed the session on Better Evaluations and we'll work to make sure that we keep that in the rotation. Survey respondents also noted that some officers are looking for an advanced session for

long time members in Toastmasters and this is being investigated for use in the Summer TLIs. Respondents noted that we did integrate previous suggestions into this Winter's TLIs and the team was glad to see that recognized. We do not get better without your help!

Are you interested in hosting a TLI this summer? Contact me at stefano@district31.org and we'll get the process started. If you can host 200 people, I am interested.

Thanks to the nearly 700 club officers that attended the TLIs over the past two months. We had a great time, had great discussion, and learned a lot from each other. I have entered credit for all of the attending members of these events. Check your club's status online at <http://dashboards.toastmasters.org> and enter your club number. If the number is incorrect, let me know at stefano@district31.org and I will look into it for you. Remember, I cannot correct the record forever. Please have a look and follow up this week and let me know if there is a discrepancy.

Information from our Club Growth Director, Anna Kaufman

Club officers: to submit renewals online, go to www.toastmasters.org/clubcentral and log in with your username and password. Select your club name and number. On the Conduct Club Business page, select "Pay dues." Click "In the future" and "Submit." Select the members you wish to pay for, provide payment details and process!

Extra Reason to Start a New Club

Are you on the track to DTM?

To achieve your Distinguished Toastmasters Award you are required to Sponsor, Mentor of Coach a Toastmasters Club.

Let us help you start a new club - you will not only be fulfilling a requirement, you will also be sharing your passion of toastmasters with 20 new members.

Some clubs are adding new members regularly, others are struggling. Help out a club by becoming a club coach -- your [task](#) is to offer guidance, support, and advice on the road to Distinguished. Clubs with 12 or fewer members are eligible. Successful completion fulfills one requirement toward Advanced Leader Silver! Contact anna@district31.org to get matched with a club.

DUES WERE DUE APRIL 1, 2016

There are still a number of clubs that have not completed their dues obligation.

Club officers may submit Toastmasters dues renewals directly to Toastmasters International through Club Central. Remember to pay your dues to the club Treasurer. Be informed that you cannot compete in a Toastmasters contest if you or your club are not in good standing.

Introduce your friends to Toastmasters !

Rick Winer, DTM, District 31 Director
Stefano McGhee, DTM, PDG, Program Quality Director
Anna Kaufman, DTM, Club Growth Director

P.S. Are you working on your 2015-2016 Triple Crown?



By leadership we mean the art of getting someone else to do something that you want done because he wants to do it." -- Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th US president

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