



December 2, 2015



The end of 2015 is almost here, time to reflect on our accomplishments and our goals not completed so far. Let's take time to re-examine our goals and make new commitments to ourselves, not in the form of a New Year's resolution, but rather as a quest to be the best we can be. I challenge every member of the District to set a goal for him/her self (eg. earn a CC, CL or advanced award) hold yourself accountable to that goal and soar with confidence and pride. Remember you are the only person holding yourself back.

Reflections of November - we held a very successful fall conference on November 14th having the Immediate Past President of Toastmasters International, Mohammed Murad, as our guest and keynote speaker. He spoke of leadership and experiences he has had in Toastmasters. According to the surveys just about everyone had a good time and appreciated the efforts put into making the conference an event to remember.

For those of you that were unable to attend, the good news is that the next conference is scheduled for May 7, 2016. Put it in your calendar now so you too can say "I am glad I attended the District 31 conference."

Information from our Program Quality Director, Stefano McGhee
Toastmasters Leadership Institute Registration Now Open

Registration for the Winter TLIs are now open at www.district31.org. EMC, Schneider Electric and State Street have graciously opened their doors to host five TLIs around the District. The dates are below. The format will include a general session with refreshers on the Distinguished Club Plan, contests, and a few other items. More time will be dedicated to the three joint learning sessions for the President/Vice President Education, Vice Presidents Membership and Public Relations, and the three support officers. The goal is to provide a more collaborative learning environment to help us all get something new out of the mid year TLIs. While the sessions are developed for current club officers, all Toastmasters are welcome to attend each venue's event. Officers attending the Winter TLI get their club credit towards Distinguished club status. At least four officers must attend to get the club credit. A dual officer session will be available. While food will be served at each venue, please consider bringing your own if you have special dietary needs. Are you interested in facilitating a breakout session? Let me know at stefano@district31.org!

Register today at www.district31.org at the link in the upper right.

January 26, 2016 - Quincy, MA

January 30, 2016 - Foxborough, MA

February 2, 2016 - Hopkinton, MA

February 4, 2016 - Boston, MA

February 8, 2016 - Andover, MA

Information from our Club Growth Director, Anna Kaufman

Holiday event? December meeting? Turn guests into members -- and get featured throughout the district! Spotlight goes to the top 3 clubs to add the most members in October, November, and December. The top 10 clubs will receive Icebreaker ribbons and Icebreaker mints to start their new members off right.

While 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

There are still a small number of clubs that have not completed their dues commitment - Please make every effort to complete your membership dues payments.

The Next Round of Open Houses

District 31 will support Club Open Houses with a \$50 reimbursement (between Jan 1 through Mar 31, 2016). Clubs may use it for food, materials, advertising or be creative. Remember to submit your reimbursement request within 15 days of the expense date to Rick Winer, District 31 Director. (Clubs may apply for reimbursement two times per toastmasters year, once between July - Sept and from January - March)

On behalf of the District Trio, the 8 Division Directors and 36 Area Directors, we wish you and your family a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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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?

