



Happy New Year!

What are your 2016 goals?

Now that 2015 is behind us, I am looking forward to 2016 and borrowing Tony Robbins acronym "CANI" which stands for Constant And Never-ending Improvement - Let's Go For It.

If self-improvement is one of your goals, your Toastmaster peers are here to support you.

We welcome the following clubs in 2015 and look forward to many more in 2016:

Red Phoenix Toastmasters Club, State Street Squawkers, Toast(ed) Bears, Aspen Tech Toastmasters.

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

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. Be informed that you cannot compete in a Toastmasters contest if you or your club are not in good standing.

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 (MA clubs- use the tax exempt form as tax is not reimbursable). Please 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)

CALL for 2016-2017 District Leadership Nominations

Are you interested in nominating yourself or someone else for a district leader position? If so, please complete the form below and submit it to your district director. If you are nominating someone besides yourself, you may submit more than one person's name for each position. To be nominated or elected, a member must meet the following requirements:

Be a member in good standing of a Toastmasters club in good standing.

Meet the qualifications of the position. Consent to being nominated & sign the Officer Agreement & Release Form

District Director: As the district's chief executive officer, direct the district in a way which fosters strong clubs; produces maximum growth in education completions, clubs and membership; and be consistent with the interests of members of Toastmasters International. Motivate the district to achieve Distinguished recognition. Achieve the mission of the district in a manner that motivates volunteer leaders and promotes a standard of excellence in all district activities. **Qualifications** At the time of taking office, the District Director must have served at least twelve consecutive months as a Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Lieutenant Governor or Division Governor or a combination thereof.

Program Quality Director: Under the guidance of the District Director, strive to have every club and each member reap the benefits of Toastmasters and to have every club become Distinguished. Provides direction and counsel to Division Directors, Area Directors, and club officers on the educational opportunities in Toastmasters. Design and conduct successful district training programs, conferences, and other district educational events. **Qualifications** At the time of taking office, the Program Quality Director must have served at least six consecutive months as a club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a Club Growth Director, Lieutenant Governor, Division Director or Governor, Area Director or Governor, or a combination thereof.

Club Growth Director: Under guidance of the District Director, make the benefits of Toastmasters membership available to greater numbers of people. Plan, develop, implement, and direct district marketing objectives. Develop and direct programs for new club development, club rescue efforts, club membership promotion, and membership retention. Achieve Distinguished District goals for membership and club growth. Promote standards of service to the member and to the club. **Qualifications** At the time of taking office, the Club Growth Director must have served at least six consecutive months as a club president and at least twelve consecutive months as a Lieutenant Governor, Division Governor, Area Governor, or a combination thereof.

Division Director: Achieve the mission of the district within the division, accomplishing district goals in membership building and retention, club extension, and educational accomplishments. Ensure that each club realizes its mission and fulfills its responsibilities to members. Achieve Distinguished Division Program goals and ensure that areas and clubs within the division achieve Distinguished recognition. Serve the division clubs by providing district support and resources through the Area Directors. **Qualifications** A Division Director must have served at least six consecutive months as a member of a district council (e.g., club president, vp education, area director, area governor, district secretary, district treasurer). Please send your letter of interest, resume and three letters of recommendation to the Nominations

Chair: Sherri Raftery, DTM, PDG
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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?

