



# District 31

Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island



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## The District 31 Incoming 2015-2016 Leaders



Were you at the Spring Conference and District Council Meeting? If so, you took part in the election of our 2015-2016 District Officers. As of July 1, District 31 will be led by District Director Richard Winer. He will be supported by Stefano McGhee - Program Quality Director, Anna Kaufman - Club Growth Director and a team of other district leaders. Congratulations to the New Team!

### Got New Club Officers?

May and June are the months to elect new club officers. Refer to page 58 in your Club Leadership Handbook or go to [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org). Submit your list of newly elected club officers to WHQ using Club Central within 10 days of the election, but no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. Try to find ways to transfer experience between the outgoing and incoming officers. Start now to build a fun and healthy club in the coming year.

### Closing the Year Strong - The Clock is Ticking...

The Toastmasters year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to be rallying your members to attain those last few goals for your Distinguished Club Program. The points represent club habits that create a healthy club environment. They also provide recognition for your club. Don't forget that the club must meet the membership goal of 20 members or a net growth of 5 to qualify for the Distinguished Club Program. **71** clubs have currently achieved Distinguished or better this year! Your club can too!

### Triple Crown Award equals Personal Achievement

The Triple Crown Award represents a lot of work – a CC Award + CL Award + an Advanced Award within the same Toastmasters year (from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>). Are you one of the 87 members who have already earned this prestigious award? Maybe you can finish yours by June 30<sup>th</sup>? Your awards will also support club goals.



### Valuable Information for all District 31 Clubs

- The greatest challenge many clubs face is low membership. Finish collecting all April renewal payments. Promote your club - Find new members. If you've had an Open House, then great! The District wants to help. Make sure your reimbursement request arrives by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Submit the **Club Proxy** form to allow your club to be represented at the International Convention.
- **Club Officer Training (TLI)** for your incoming officers is ready for registration. Find the link on the D31 website or [HERE](#). There will be five venues: Framingham, July 8<sup>th</sup>, Wellesley, July 13<sup>th</sup>, East Greenwich, RI, Jul 18<sup>th</sup>, Burlington, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and one session being developed – stand by.
- **Area Director** appointments are nearly complete. Are you ready for District Leadership? Contact Rick Winer ([lget@district31.org](mailto:lget@district31.org)). AD/DD training is on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sun Life, Wellesley.
- **Fall Contests** will include the Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests. Club contests start in September. The updated Contest Rulebook is currently available from WHQ.

***Thank you for serving with me during the 2014 – 2015 Toastmasters year. Together, we have supported our clubs through another year of fun and growth. My sincerest thanks!***

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District 31 Governor