



## June 2016 Newsletter

My dear fellow District 31 members,  
Our June newsletter is the final formal communication that I have the honor of writing to you. Please accept my sincere gratitude to you, the members, for your putting your trust in me for the past three years as your Lieutenant Governor marketing, Lieutenant Governor Education and Training and this year as the first District Director of District 31. It has truly been an honor serving you.

My goal for this year was to bring harmony and service to the District. Together with our Program Quality Director, Stefano McGhee and our Club Growth Director Anna Kaufman as well a fantastic team of Division and Area Directors, I believe we were successful in achieving this goal.

I congratulate the new leadership team that will take over the reigns of the District on July 1, 2016:

Stefano McGhee, DTM, District Director-elect  
Anna Kaufman, DTM, Program Quality Director-elect  
Stacey Shipman, DTM, Club Growth Director-elect

**A BIG congratulations to our contest winners !**

### International Speech

1st Chivon Obiri-Mainoo (Tri-County Talkers Club, No. 2685)  
2nd Michael Moore (AccelOrators Advanced Toastmasters Club, No. 6174)  
3rd Mark Bucceri (Forr Speaking Toastmasters Club, No. 04518896)

### Table Topics

1st Sodany Sor (NAAAP Boston Toastmasters Club, No. 03630961)  
2nd Maura Pfeifer (Red Phoenix Toastmasters Club, No. 4832729)  
3rd Philip Harris (MFS Toastmasters Club, No. 5735)

Good luck to Chivon as she represents our District at the International Conference in Washington D.C. this August.

[See you at the International Conference, August 16 - 20th in Washington, DC](#)

Are you working on your 2015-2016 Triple Crown?



It's not too late - earn your CC, CL, and an advanced award by June 30, 2016 and receive this fantastic trophy.

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Information from our Program Quality Director, Stefano McGhee, DTM, PDG

## The Traveling Gavel

[The Traveling Gavel has changed hands five times this year.](#) It has traveled from Hanover Toastmasters to Toast Wizards, Tuesday Toastmasters at MIT, Clean Harbors and FM Global Norwood Toastmasters. Toastmasters are out and about meeting their fellow Toastmasters and having a great time doing. Keep up the great work. Congratulations to all of these clubs for keeping it fun!

## Distinguished Club Status

I am sure you all know what it takes to become Distinguished by now. There is less than 30 days left to get it all done. Make sure you submit every award as early as you can to ensure that your members, your club, and your District gets the credit they deserve for the hard work of your members. Waiting until the last few days of the month can be dangerous as the nearly 15,000 clubs in the world are all submitting their awards at the same time. Don't take a chance. Submit today! Have a speech-a-thon at your club or plan a dinner out with speeches at a restaurant but get those speeches done and be proud of a job well done.

## Call for Area Directors

The District Leadership Team is looking for a few more Area Directors to serve the District in the 2016 - 2017 Toastmaster Year. The Area Director role is a great way to see what other clubs are doing in the District as well as refining your own leadership skills. Area Directors frequently work with District leaders and are the forefront of improving the operation of our District. The role is a step on the way to the award of Distinguished Toastmaster. Most roles that are still open are in downtown Boston, Metro West, or the Cape, but if you are interested, contact [stefano@district31.org](mailto:stefano@district31.org) to setup an interview. It is the role I personally enjoyed the most out of my Toastmaster experience.

## District Administration Manager

The District Leadership team is looking for an Administration Manager. The Administration works directly for the District Director. The Administration Manager will be expected to take notes at Executive Committee meetings and District Conferences. The Administration Manager will also work with the Logistics Manager to plan, budget, and execute Executive Committee meetings, as well as arrange other events over the course of the Toastmaster Year. Finally, the role will be leading the effort to secure proxy votes from Club Presidents to ensure the District is well represented at the International Convention in August. The role will interact with District Executives regularly and will be highly visible in that area.

Interested? Let me know at [stefano@district31.org](mailto:stefano@district31.org)

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Information from our Club Growth Director, Anna Kaufman, DTM

## Contests

Want to try something new? We've run humorous and evaluation contests at the fall conference in our district for many years. If you'd like to switch it up – we're suggesting the Tall Tales contest! Take this one minute survey if you'd like your voice heard: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPTQ7L5>

## French club

Voulez-vous parlez avec moi? Local Toastmaster Helen Hunter-Rush wants to start a French-speaking Toastmasters club! Are you interested or know someone with conversational French skills? Contact her at [helen@speechmatters.co](mailto:helen@speechmatters.co). Meeting date and time to be determined. Location is confirmed at C'est La Vie Bistro, 30 Main St, Northborough, MA 01532.

## Club officers: elect, submit, and train!

Now is the time to choose your club's leaders for the coming Toastmasters year. Elect your officers and submit the roster through Club Central. Get your incoming club officers trained! We'll have five TLI venues – Toastmasters Leadership Institutes – throughout the district in July and August. Watch the [district31.org](http://district31.org) [website](#) for details as they're available.

## Advanced Toastmasters Leadership Institute

We are still listening! We heard your requests for new content at the TLIs and we are having a pilot TLI for those that have seen it all and done it all. We will only have one as we would like to see how well received it is and what kind of content is requested. Any club officer (new or old) is welcome to attend, but this TLI will focus on advanced topics for our veteran officers. Interested in suggesting topics? Let me know at [stefano@district31.org](mailto:stefano@district31.org). I would love to hear them.

## Your time to shine...

Do you know your officer role inside and out? Are you a passionate planner? Ever seen a keynote speaker and thought, "I could do that"? Here's your chance – reach out to [anna@district31.org](mailto:anna@district31.org) to volunteer to be any and all of the below!

- TLI presenter
- Conference co-chair
- Breakout session speaker
- Other role that you've seen!

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Introduce your friends to Toastmasters!

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Rick Winer, DTM, District 31 Director

Stefano McGhee, DTM, PDG, Program Quality Director

Anna Kaufman, DTM, Club Growth Director

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