



District 31

Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island



May 1, 2015

Special Edition Highlighting the District 31 Spring Conference

The Spring Conference will be held at the Mansfield Holiday Inn on May 9, 2015, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Consider attending. More details at [Conference Website](#) including the flyer to share with your club. What do you want from the conference? Networking? Connecting with Leadership Team? Broader perspective of our wonderful organization? Inspiring contests? Informative breakout sessions? Mansfield is the place to be on May 9. See you there!

District 31 Business Meeting

Your club has a voice in all major District 31 decisions. Both the President and Vice President Education have a vote to represent the club. Either or both club votes can be carried by another club member (in good standing) at the District 31 Business Meeting. For proxy information, follow the [Conference Website](#) link. The Business Meeting takes place as part of the Spring Conference. The full Conference costs \$60 but you can attend the Business Meeting only for free. The Business Meeting will be from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm, May 9th in the main ballroom. Arrive in time to check in with Registration and also Credentials to collect your voting materials.

Is Your Club Distinguished?

Do you qualify for the Distinguished Club Program (DCP)? The requirement of 20 members or a net gain of 5 members is not just a "numbers game". *It represents the critical mass for a healthy club.* Do you have a healthy education program at your club? Are all speeches manual projects? Are CC, CL and advanced awards submitted as they are earned? These are club habits that respect and support individual member goals. These healthy habits are what DCP is all about!

Calling All 2015-2016 Leaders

District elections will be at the Business Meeting at the May 9 Spring Conference. Check out the [Delegate Package](#) that will be discussed by the delegates.

District 31 is looking for a great group of Area Directors. If interested, please let me know [Here](#).

Club Officer Elections are also in May. Now is the time to groom new club officers!

Refer to page 58 in your Club Leadership Handbook or at [Club Leader Handbook](#).

Submit the list of newly elected club officers via Club Central within 10 days of the election, but no later than June 30th.

Revitalized Education Program

We keep hearing about this program. Many of you have raised questions about what it is and when the program will change. Our ambassadors have some answers. Check out [REP Update](#). Or check out the table they will be hosting at the Conference. Stop by to discuss the program changes.

Growth Opportunities Abound

Considering launching a new club? Kicking off a Club Mentoring Program? Laying a plan for District Leadership? Please let me know how the District can support you at dq@district31.org. Keep your own communication and leadership goals in mind to end the 2014-2015 Toastmasters year strong.

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