



# District 31 Spring Conference is just around the corner!

Our District 31 Spring conference is next weekend! That is the time to reconnect with other Toastmaster throughout the District, approve the District alignment and elect District leaders for the upcoming Toastmasters year. Also we will be holding our Table Topics Contest Friday evening and our International Speech Contest Saturday, these are events not to be missed as the winner of the International Speech contest will be going to the International Conference, August 16 -20th in Washington, DC representing District 31. I am excited to say that at this time we have almost 200 members registered for the conference - this will be a conference not to miss!

If you are a member of the District Council you have received an email that included the reports from the Nomination and Alignment Committees. Please make every effort to attend or send a proxy to the conference in order to have your voice heard. (and we know Toastmasters like to be heard)

I have held three conference calls to answer any questions you may have regarding the Business Meeting. During these calls I have had the opportunity to talk with many of you and hear your concerns regarding the alignment. Thank you for those that have called in - I appreciate your feedback and concerns.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Business Meeting,  
Richard Winer, DTM, District 31 Director

Spring Conference Registration Open

Spring Conference registration is open at [conference.district31.org](http://conference.district31.org). The price is just \$85 while costing the District over \$90. We will be having three breakout sessions that will allow you to take part in three educational sessions as well as two keynotes, an address by our International Director, as well as our contests and business meeting where next year's leaders will be elected. Festivities begin on Friday night with a keynote, contest and some social time before we start up again on Saturday. Don't miss out on the first ever District 31 Conference to span two days. [conference.district31.org](http://conference.district31.org). Corporate clubs! Look into getting the cost reimbursed by your company!

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### Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) Credit Complete

Our last TLI was about a month ago, but people are still talking about the great experience they had at the event. People rated the event highly and had shared many experiences of what challenges clubs experience and how other clubs overcome them. Survey information showed that people really enjoyed the session on Better Evaluations and we'll work to make sure that we keep that in the rotation. Survey respondents also noted that some officers are looking for an advanced session for long time members in Toastmasters and this is being investigated for use in the Summer TLIs. Respondents noted that we did integrate previous suggestions into this Winter's TLIs and the team was glad to see that recognized. We do not get better without your help!

Are you interested in hosting a TLI this summer? Contact me at [stefano@district31.org](mailto:stefano@district31.org) and we'll get the process started. If you can host 200 people, I am interested.

Are you interested in training at a TLI? I am looking for trainers that can make most of the trainings this summer as well as advanced trainers for our proposed Advanced TLI. Contact me if you are interested.

Thanks to the nearly 700 club officers that attended the TLIs over the past two months. We had a great time, had great discussion, and learned a lot from each other. I have entered credit for all of the attending members of these events. Check your club's status online at <http://dashboards.toastmasters.org> and enter your club number.

If the number is incorrect, let me know at [stefano@district31.org](mailto:stefano@district31.org) and I will look into it for you. Remember, I cannot correct the record forever. Please have a look and follow up this week and let me know if there is a discrepancy.

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Information from our Club Growth Director, Anna Kaufman

Extra Reason to Start a New Club

## Are you on track to DTM?

To achieve your Distinguished Toastmasters Award you are required to Sponsor, Mentor of Coach a Toastmasters Club.

Let us help you start a new club - you will not only be fulfilling a requirement, you will also be sharing your passion of Toastmasters with 20 new members.

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Could your company or community benefit from a Toastmasters club? Get one started with help from district leadership and fellow Toastmasters. Already have a club at work or home? Become part of a sample meeting team to start a new club elsewhere!

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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](mailto:anna@district31.org) to get matched with a club.

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### DUES WERE DUE APRIL 1, 2016

There are still a number of clubs that have not completed their dues obligation.

Club officers may submit Toastmasters dues renewals directly to Toastmasters International through Club Central. Remember to pay your dues to the club Treasurer. Be informed that you cannot compete in a Toastmasters contest if you or your club are

not in good standing.

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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

P.S. Are you working on your 2015-2016 Triple Crown?



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

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