



# September 2016 Newsletter

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Information from our District Director, Stefano McGhee

## First Ever District31 Online Town Hall

Join us on September 15, 2016 at 8PM for a Virtual Town Hall where we will take questions and answers about how our District is doing and what leadership can do to help you be more successful in your own clubs. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-fall-virtual-town-hall-tickets-27428124258>.

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Information from our Program Quality Director, Anna Kaufman

## Let the contests begin!

Begin planning your contest now so you can have a fun, fair, and fulfilling contest! We are conducting the Humorous and Evaluation contests this fall. Clubs need to complete their contest any time before September 17 - find resources and tools on [district31.org](http://district31.org). Watch the district calendar for area and division contest details.

Contest Deadlines:

Club: September 17

Area: October 1

Division: October 15

Join in the fall fun...

October 28 and 29, join us for the [District 31 Fall Conference](#), full of educational sessions, keynote speakers, the culmination of both Humorous and Evaluation contests, as well as great food and a chance to network with other Toastmasters.

### Triple Crown: A new trophy!

Continuing in 2016-2017 by popular demand, we have a brand new trophy for members who achieve a Competent Communicator, Competent Leader, and any advanced award within this Toastmasters year. Start working toward yours today!



### ***Educational Highlight:***

## High Performance Leadership Manual

“The world needs strong, competent leaders now more than ever before. Progress can happen only when someone assumes a leadership role – when someone decides there is a problem, a need or an injustice, and takes actions to solve the problem, fulfill the need or correct the injustice....”

**Most likely you have situations you would like to change.** You probably see or experience problems within your workplace, community, place of worship, Toastmasters club, or other organizations that need attention; still, you feel powerless to make a difference.

**But you can create a change!** You can influence events by influencing people and by providing leadership in just about any area you choose.

It simply takes some knowledge and understanding of leadership principles and techniques... **which is what [the High Performance Leadership manual] provides."**

(High Performance Leadership Manual, Toastmasters International, p. 7 & 8)

Any Toastmaster can do a High Performance Leadership (HPL) project at any time -- there are no prerequisites and counts as credit towards the Advanced Leader Silver award. More importantly, the HPL manual outlines a tried and true framework that supports your development and success.

Chances are you currently have or want to have a workplace, community, or Toastmasters role or project. Why not apply the HPL principles to support your success and develop yourself as a leader in the process?

Email the District 31 HPL Committee at [d31hpl@gmail.com](mailto:d31hpl@gmail.com) right now to take your leadership to the next level!

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Information from our Club Growth Director, Stacey Shipman

### **Did you hear about the dues increase?**

**International dues is increasing from \$36 to \$45 every six months starting with this next dues renewal period.** While dues isn't due until October 1, please consider having these conversations NOW with your members to ensure there are no surprises. If you need support or want to talk about this increase please contact me. More information about the dues increase can be found on the International website: <https://www.toastmasters.org/Footer/FAQ/Dues%20Increase>

Note: Club dues are not affected by this. You may continue to set your club dues rate, if any.)

### **Are you hosting an open house this Fall?**

An open house is a great way to promote your Toastmasters club and bring in new members. To support your efforts, District 31 will provide a \$50 reimbursement for food, materials, advertising. (Note: MA clubs- use the tax exempt form **as tax is not reimbursable**). Please submit your reimbursement request within 15 days of the expense to Stefano McGhee, District 31 Director ([stefano@district31.org](mailto:stefano@district31.org))

(Clubs may apply for the \$50 reimbursement two times per Toastmasters year: once between July - December and once between January - June.)

### **District 31 Voices**

[Gavel Club Speaker's](#) founder, [Kathy Lynch](#) (DTM) and her students recently organized and held a community debate successfully at the Westford J.V. Fletcher Library. Toastmaster Will Lee assisted with the event.

The debate's resolution was "Homework Should Be Abolished." Ms. Lynch and her energetic students studied and followed the "Debate Handbook: A Guide to Competitive Speaking" from Toastmasters International. The event's judges, who were also members of the Gavel Club Speakers, voted unanimously in favor of the side advocating the abolition of homework.

The debate was a special event hosted by Gavel Club Speakers – a junior Toastmasters club for teens and tweens that meets weekly at the public library in Westford. The meetings are run in a traditional Toastmasters format. Their special-event debate is featured on [Westford Community Access Television](#) and [YouTube](#). To jump directly to the debate clip, fast forward to 4:54. For more information about the club, please visit [GavelClubSpeakers.org](http://GavelClubSpeakers.org).



Do you or your club members have a Toastmasters story to share? You could see your name in print! Email Stacey Shipman, Club Growth Director to share your Toastmasters related story or good news! [stacey@district31.org](mailto:stacey@district31.org).

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Information from our Public Relations Manager, Anthony Alexander

#### International Speech Contest Results

Although she did not make it into the finals, Chivon Obiri-Mainoo represented District 31 in exemplary fashion! Congratulations on a fantastic speech and I am sure that you will be making a return soon! The below are the final rankings from the International Speech Contest:

3rd Place - Josephine Lee of Founders District

2nd Place - Aaron Beverly of District 18

1st Place/Champion - Darren Tay Wen Jie of District 80

All of the finalists had wonderful speeches, some with Calvin Klein modeling and others with extremely long titles but all with great substance and moving messages. If you would like to see all 10 speeches the World Championship DVD is currently available on [www.toastmastersondemand.com](http://www.toastmastersondemand.com) OR....a possible watch party!

District 31 is looking to co-host another watch party of the 2016 World Championship of Public Speaking contest but we need your help to figure out where. A survey will be made in an attempt to determine a central location for another watch party soon. Once available, there will be a communication sent to all District members across multiple web streams. Members, please make sure that you are frequently visiting the District pages for news and updates!

#### Toastmasters Magazine

This month's "Meet My Mentor" article of the Toastmasters magazine features District 31's Jacob (Jay) Liam, ACG, ALB and Jiakne (Jack) Li, ACB, CL. The article introduces both Jay and Jack walking a similar path in and out of New Life Toastmasters. It also describes how Jay goes above and beyond in his mentorship responsibilities and in his role as a leader his clubs and district. For the full story, make sure that you catch them in the September Issue of Toastmasters magazine which will coming out this month.

This month's article, once available and previous issues are also available online at:  
<http://www.toastmasters.org/Magazine/Issues>

#### Social Media

As another way to help connect our district come together I have created a new series on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram called:

**#Toastrashers**

To show how easy it is to take that first step into Toastmasters and showcase how awesome and accommodating our open clubs are, instead of formally sending an e mail and putting myself on the agenda I am going to crash the party. You will not know when I will be showing up, you will not know what club I will be going too (unless you visit the district social media accounts minutes before I arrive \*wink wink\*). Let's

have fun this year!

My first crashed club: Saturday Brunch Bunch - 8/27/2016



Highlights: We had a member do their first Icebreakers, snacks were amazing and the club spirit was fantastic. You could tell that this club is a family and really cares about developing your leadership and public speaking skills. The role "Listener" was a point of highlight as it really forces the members to actively pay attention throughout the 2 hour meeting! Thanks for letting me crash!

Our District to date now has 208 Chartered clubs and growing ("That's you Shipman!") A lot of these clubs are open clubs and if you want to crash a club like me, make sure you share with #toastcrashers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram!

Reminder of our other Social media campaign tags! Don't miss out on some awesome prizes

#D31TripleCrown

#GaveIGrab

#Youre onfire

#Toasttrotter (If you crash a club, make sure to add this hashtag for credit)

#TLIcertified (for winter session TLI as well)

Stay connected!

Facebook: District 31 Toastmasters

Twitter: @D31Toastmasters

Instagram: district31tm

LinkedIn: District 31 Toastmasters (Group)

Flickr: District 31 Toastmasters

Hopefully more to come :)

Additional Upcoming Events :

Four Secrets of Powerful Evaluations

Mon, September 19, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Sun Life Assurance Co-Canada, 1 Sun Life Executive Park, Wellesley Hills, MA  
02481, USA

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/four-secrets-of-powerful-evaluations-tickets-26977644862>

***Is there a member in your club going above and beyond for Toastmasters that you want to highlight?  
Need help securing local media for your club or area? Have you achieved your DTM and want to share  
your story?***

I am here to help assist in any way to help put the spotlight on all clubs in the district to both within  
Toastmasters and the community. Feel free to reach out to me at [anthony@district31.org](mailto:anthony@district31.org) for any questions or  
concerns you may have!

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### ***Monthly Educational Awards***

Competent Communicator - August 2016

Darlene M. Corbett, Wachusett Toastmasters #7677 (July 31<sup>st</sup>)

Prakhyat Singh, Articulators Club

Wayne B Peacock, FM Global Glossophobes Club



Jay N. Jorgenson, (2 Clubs) Advanced Articulators of Andover & Merrimack  
Toastmasters Club

Ken David Ottariano, Eastern Middlesex Club

Rene H. Roy, Twin City Club

Shawna Hansen, Dassault Systemes Boston Campus Toastmasters Club

Lisa Centola, Village Toastmasters Club

Rori T. Coakley, Village Toastmasters Club

Lorraine R. Whitmore, Advanced Access

Heather Li, Sales & Marketing Club

Richard S. Winer, Advanced Access

Richard Andrew Blair, Boston ONE Campus

Bob Williams, Clipper City Club

Huajuan Jane Zou, Isaac Davis Club

Jacob W. Lam, TYNGSBOROUGH TOASTMASTERS

Jason P. Pogorelec, TM at the FRB - Boston Club

George Manoogian, Tri-County Talkers Toastmasters Club

Hinwes Adam Joseph, Articulators Club

Allen G. Supynuk, (5 Clubs) District 31 Leaders Club; Toast with Friends; Sylvan  
Speakers Club; Renaissance Advanced TM Club; Advanced Toastmasters Of

MathWorks & Framingham / Natick Toastmasters

Jane Tryder, Eastern Middlesex Club

Thomas Pope Cheatham, JCCNS Toastmasters Club

Kelly A Whiffen, Minutemen Club

Lisa R. Nelson, Wonderful Westerly Toastmasters

Susan Lecht, Saturday Brunch Bunch Club

Jill L. Junkala, Twin City Club

Raquel Dias Miranda, Novartis Toastmasters @ Cambridge

Linda Lown-Klein, Achievers Toastmasters Club

Joe Pond, Framingham / Natick Toastmasters

Christopher Nielsen, Fall River Innovators

Johnathan Mejia, Voices of Victory Toastmasters Club

Competent Leader - August 2016

Jason P. Pogorelec, TM at the FRB - Boston Club

Shawna Hansen, Dassault Systemes Boston Campus Toastmasters Club

Lorraine R. Whitmore, Advanced Access

Alison L. Tozier, Sales & Marketing Club  
Richard Andrew Blair, Boston ONE Campus  
Jacob W. Lam, TYNGSBOROUGH TOASTMASTERS  
Steve Burnell, Sales & Marketing Club  
Allen G. Supynuk, District 31 Leaders Club; Advanced Toastmasters Of MathWorks &  
Framingham / Natick Toastmasters  
Scott G. Green, AccelOrators Advanced Toastmasters Club  
David Baer, FM Global Norwood Toastmasters Club  
William Wirthl, AbbVie Bioresearch Toastmasters  
Bryan Bentz, Speech Invaders Club  
Christopher Nielsen, Fall River Innovators  
Susan Lecht, Saturday Brunch Bunch Club  
Julian Castle Logan, Voices of Victory Toastmasters Club

**Advanced Communicator Bronze - August 2016**

Natalia Sedo, Alcott Club  
Kush Tripathi, Instant Messengers Toastmasters Club

**Advanced Leader Bronze - August 2016**

JC Leung, Tuesday Toastmasters at MIT Club  
Anna Kaufman, Sun Life Club  
Shawna Hansen, Dassault Systemes Boston Campus Toastmasters Club  
Brett C. Burdick, Boston Toastmasters  
Jacob W. Lam, TYNGSBOROUGH TOASTMASTERS  
Norman M. O'Grady, BNI Mass Toastmasters  
Ethan Peloquin, Speech Invaders Club  
Susan Lecht, Saturday Brunch Bunch Club

**Advanced Communicator Silver - August 2016**

Robert B. Levinson, GFI Toastmasters  
Richard S. Winer, Advanced Access  
Richard Andrew Blair, Boston ONE Campus  
Sowjanya Siromani Sake, EMC Hopkinton  
Scott G. Green, AccelOrators Advanced Toastmasters Club  
Donald B. Sorterup, Island Foghorns Toastmasters Club

Advanced Leader Silver - August 2016  
Scott G. Green, AccelOrators Advanced Toastmasters Club

**Advanced Communicator Gold- August 2016**  
Scott G. Green, AccelOrators Advanced Toastmasters Club  
Tejpal Garhwal, Achievers Toastmasters Club

**Distinguished Toastmaster - August 2016**  
Scott G. Green, AccelOrators Advanced Toastmasters Club

A BIG Congratulations to all of our award recipients for the month of August!  
Keep up the great work!

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***Introduce your friends to Toastmasters!***

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Stefano McGhee, DTM, PDG, District 31 Director  
Anna Kaufman, DTM, Program Quality Director  
Stacey Shipman, DTM, Club Growth Director  
Anthony Alexander, CC, Public Relations Manager

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