



DISTRICT ONE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SPOTLIGHTING DISTRICT 1'S POWERFUL INITIATIVES & THE COMMUNITY THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR



Hello District 1 Family,

As we move into December, it is hard to believe we are almost halfway through our final year as District 1. What a powerful reminder to pause, reflect on our wins, and recommit to finishing this journey strong, by growing personally, supporting one another, and honoring the incredible history we've built. And with each step you take in your journey, we move closer to completing this final year with excellence, pride, and as a Distinguished District.

Over the past few months, we have witnessed leadership in action, resilience in our clubs, and the unmistakable heart of service that makes District 1 so special. From club visits and meaningful conversations to renewed strategies and strengthened connections, it is clear that our district is not just moving, we are rising!

One of our highlights was the Presidents Celebration, a day dedicated to honoring the leadership, dedication, and vision of our club presidents. It was filled with energy, connection, and purpose. Our presidents left empowered, motivated, and equipped with tools and clarity for their Road to Distinguished. That momentum continues, and their leadership is already making an impact across our district.

As we look ahead to the second half of the year, I invite each of you to fully embrace our district-wide movement to Finish Strong through intentional action:

- **Finish Strong by completing a Pathways level** — grow your skills, your confidence, and your voice.
- **Finish Strong by recruiting members** — welcome new voices, strengthen your club, and expand your Toastmasters family.
- **Finish Strong by showing up and leading** — inspire your club, support your officers, and step forward as a leader.

To help you and your club succeed, we are launching our Support Squad, a team ready to guide, coach, and provide the tools you need to achieve your goals. You'll read more about the Support Squad in this month's Club





Growth Corner. You are not alone in this, together, we will strengthen our clubs, our members, and our district.

As you continue to grow, strengthen your voice, and take bold steps toward your goals, each project you complete, each skill you master, and each leadership role you embrace enriches your personal and professional journey. And as you rise, your progress helps lift our entire district toward finishing the year Distinguished.

Now is the time to unite! Every action we take, every member we support, and every moment we step forward shows the world what District 1 is truly made of.

Let's Finish Strong, together, and finish Distinguished.

With pride, gratitude, and unwavering belief in you,



2025-26 District 1 Director
#OneVisionOneTeam

**“WE LEARN BEST IN
MOMENTS OF ENJOYMENT”**

- Ralph C Smedley



PROGRAM QUALITY

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR



I want to take this opportunity to recognize the dedication, enthusiasm, and steady commitment each of you brings to District 1 family. Each contribution you make, big, or small strengthens not only your own journey but also the heartbeat of our clubs, areas, divisions, and our entire district.

In Toastmasters, growth is intentional. It comes from showing up with curiosity, stretching outside your comfort zone, and supporting one another along the way. Whether you're stepping into leadership for the first time or guiding others with experience and wisdom, your impact reaches farther than you may realize.

Together, we have the power to elevate our district to new heights. When we combine our strengths, support one another, and stay committed to our shared mission, we become unstoppable. Every club strengthened, every member empowered, and every goal achieved moves us closer to becoming a Distinguished District—one that reflects the excellence, unity, and heart of every Toastmaster who shows up and gives their best. When we work together, greatness isn't just possible, it's inevitable.

Together, we're not just achieving goals, we're building a legacy of excellence, connection, and transformation.



PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENTS

Toastmasters World Headquarters has rolled out enhancements to the Pathways learning experience, and we want to share what this means for District 1 members.

In response to feedback from members and club officers like you, members will now be required to fulfill specific meeting roles, and education presentations at every level of Pathways.

These updates are designed to strengthen member growth and contribute to the overall success of your club. Club leaders are encouraged to use the Pathways Updates page to stay informed and guide members through these changes.

For in-depth training and guidance, join one of our three monthly Pathways training sessions and learn how to maximize the benefits of these updates for your club and members. Sign up on the District 1 website.

www.district1toastmasters.org

Check out the chart on the next page for a quick visual overview of the changes and how they roll out across each level!

PATHWAYS
with power!

District 1 events

PATHWAYS with Power! is here to supercharge your Toastmasters journey! Get ready for three dynamic workshops each month, designed to maximize your skills and boost your confidence. Whether you're a seasoned speaker or just starting out, these sessions will energize your Pathways experience and take your communication and leadership to the next level. Don't miss out—let's power up together!

UNDERSTANDING BASE CAMP
w/ Joyce Howard

Welcome to Base Camp!
This is your online platform for managing your Toastmasters Pathways journey. Whether you're new to Base Camp or looking for a refresher, this guide will help you understand its key features and how to use them effectively.

What is Base Camp?
Base Camp is the online learning management system used in the Pathways program. It's where you'll find all the resources, materials, and tools you need to complete your Pathways path. Base Camp helps you track your progress, manage your projects, and stay engaged throughout your learning journey.

Learn more the basics of Base Camp and the essential guide to mastering the foundational skills that will propel your club and members to the next level. Ideal for VPEs, Secretaries, Presidents and anyone interested in learning more about Pathways Base Camp.

Last Monday of Every Month at 7:00pm pst
Register Now: bit.ly/D1basecamp2026

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PATHWAYS BASICS
w/ Rodger Cota

What is Pathways?
Pathways is Toastmasters' innovative education program that provides a structured approach to developing communication and leadership skills. It's a dynamic, self-paced learning journey that aligns with your personal and professional goals, offering a range of projects and pathways to choose from.

How Does Pathways Work?
When you embark on your Pathways journey, you start by selecting a path that resonates with your goals. Each path is a unique learning experience, tailored to different aspects of personal and professional growth.

Learn more the basics of pathways and the essential guide to mastering the foundational skills that will propel you through every stage of your Toastmasters and Leadership journey

Second Thursday of Every Month at 6:30pm pst
Register Now: bit.ly/PathwaysBasics

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MAXIMIZE YOUR PATHWAYS EXPERIENCE
w/ Pauline Cheung & Erika Clengir

Welcome to Maximize Your Pathways Experience!
This approach reimagines the Pathways program to help you align it more closely with your personal goals and aspirations. This workshop will provide you with strategies to leverage Pathways in a way that maximizes your growth and success based on what you aim to achieve.

What is Maximize Your Pathways Experience?
Maximize Your Pathways Experience is a tailored approach to the Pathways educational program, designed to help you align your Toastmasters experience with your personal and professional goals. It emphasizes customizing your learning journey to better fit your individual objectives and aspirations.

Learn more about how Maximize Your Pathways Experience works to help you achieve your personal goals. Ideal for those who have a longterm goal (i.e. Writing a Book, Podcast, Entrepreneurship, or DTM).

Third Wednesday of Every Month at 6:30pm - 8:30pm pst



PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENTS BY LEVEL



Level One

Meeting Role

Table Topics Speaker*
Evaluator ☐
Timer OR Ah-Counter

**Table Topics Speaker must be completed before delivering an Ice Breaker speech.*

Education Series Presentation

None

Level Two

Meeting Role

Grammarian
Topicsmaster
Evaluator
Toastmaster, Timer OR
Ah-Counter

Education Series Presentation

None

Level Three

Meeting Role

Toastmaster
Evaluator
Topicsmaster, Table
Topics Speaker, OR
Mandatory Mentor**

***An introductory mentor is a member who unofficially supports new members by answering questions and guiding them based on their own experiences.*

Successful Club Series Presentation

One of the following: ☐

1. Creating the Best Club Climate,
2. Meeting Roles and Responsibilities ,
3. Keeping the Commitment ☐ Going Beyond Our Club

Level Four

Meeting Role

Toastmaster
General Evaluator ☐
Evaluator
Table Topic Speaker,
Topicsmaster, a
Specialized Role***, or a
repeat role listed above

****A specialized role is a role that is specific to your club or a unique situation. For example, your club may have an Online Zoom Producer*

Successful Club Series Presentation

One of the following: ☐

1. Finding New Members ☐ Closing the Sale ☐
2. How to Be a Distinguished Club
3. Toastmasters Educational Program

Better Speaker Series Presentation

One of the following: ☐

1. Beginning Your Speech ☐
2. Concluding Your Speech
3. Controlling Your Fear ☐
4. Impromptu Speaking ☐
5. Selecting Your Topic ☐
6. Know Your Audience ☐
7. Organizing Your Speech ☐
8. Creating an Introduction ☐
9. Preparation and Practice
10. Using Body Language

Level Five

Meeting Role

General Evaluator (twice)
Toastmaster (twice) ☐
Evaluator (twice)
Table Topic Speaker,
Topicsmaster, Ah Counter,
Timer, Grammian, Club
Mentor, a Specialized
Role***, or a repeat role
listed above

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Successful Club Series Presentation

One of the following: ☐

1. Moments of Truth
2. Evaluate to Motivate
3. Mentoring

Leadership Excellence Series Presentation

One of the following: ☐

1. Service and Leadership
2. The Leader as a Coach
3. Developing a Mission
4. Motivating People ☐
5. Building a Team ☐
6. Delegate to Empower ☐
7. Resolving Conflict ☐
8. Visionary Leader ☐
9. Values and Leadership ☐
10. Goal Setting and Planning
11. Giving Effective Feedback



Member Educational Achievements 7/1/25-11/30/25

*Congratulations to all our members on your outstanding educational achievements in Pathways!
Every accomplishment in Pathways lays the groundwork for your success and encourages others to follow.*

Level 1

Dynamic Leadership

Andrew Citron, DL1 (Toastmasters 90210)

Clarice Rachel, DL1 (Lakewood YMCA)

Effective Communication

Kseniia Schramm, EC1 (Infineon & Beyond)

Adewumi (Taiwo) Onibokun,, MS5 (Ethical Elite)

Engaging Humor

Tyler Kom, EH1 (Diagonal Toastmasters)

Marty Phillips, IP3 (Upper Crust)

Ismael Gutierrez, IP5 (South Gate Club)

Leadership Development

Eunice Downing-Jackson, EC5 (Ladera Toastmasters)

Motivational Strategies

Alexander Denk, DTM (Toastmasters 90210)

Barbara Woo, DTM (Improv & Humor)

Shannon Stewart, MS1 (Lakewood YMCA)

Larry Lee, DTM (Lunchtime Leaders)

Shelby Forlizzi, MS1 (Century City)

Persuasive Influence

Brady J Houlberg, DL5 (Long Beach Live Wires)

Urbano Torres, DTM (Lideres En Acción)

Miriam Ayala, PI1 (Atevete a Hablar)

Shirley Luo, PM5 (Bread of Life)

Silvia Cabellos, PI2 (Lakewood Toastmasters)

Paula Bawden, PM3 (Lunchtime Leaders)

Rochelle D Hall, DTM (Ethical Elite)

Presentation Mastery

Jordan Ferreira, PM1 (Toastmaster 90210)

Mark Lawrence Lopez, PM1 (West Hollywood)

Frankie Bellizia, MS5 (Long Beach Gavel)

Leo Meza, PM2 (South Bay Toastmasters)

Celine West, PM1 (Common Space)

Gillian C Rose, PM1 (Toastmasters 90210)

Louis Sohn, PM1 (Lunchtime Leaders)

Erika Faith A Vargas, PM1 (West Hollywood)

Hanshika Immandi, PM2 (Infineon & Beyond)

Sharon M. Kirkland, PM1 (Bridge Builders)

Visionary Communications

Murphy B Witherspoon (Ethical Elite)

Marty Phillips, IP3 (Upper Crust)

Ismael Gutierrez, IP5 (South Gate Club)

Erin Lightfoot, VC1 (Lunchtime Leaders)

Level 2

Dynamic Leadership

Robin D Cash, DTM (Real Berkshire)
Janell C Williams (Praisemasters)

Effective Communication

Trisha Somers, EC2 (Transformational Speakers)
Najah Najiy, EC5 (Black Talk!)

Engaging Humor

Marty Phillips, IP3 (Upper Crust)
Brian Sponnick, PM5 (Sundays by the Sea)
Mary Jo Reutter, DTM (Century City)
Ismael Gutierrez, IP5 (South Gate Club)
David Nop, EH3 (Long Beach Powermasters)
John Graham, DTM (RoToastados)

Innovative Planning

Jim Vaughan, DTM (C.I.T.I.E.S)
Ann D Guintivano, DTM (Game Changers)
Janice Tray, IP2 (Club 141)

Leadership Development

William F Larsen, LD2 (eToastmaters)
Laura J Johnson, SR5 (Upper Crust)

Motivational Strategies

Alexander Denk, DTM (Toastmasters 90210)
Ammar Muhammad, MS2 (West Hollywood)
Monika Anand, MS2 (KToast)

Persuasive Influence

Silvia Cabellos (Lakewood Toastmasters)
Bilquis Ahmed, DTM (Torrance Chamber of Commerce)
Paula Bawden, PM3 (Lunchtime Leaders)
Urbano Torres, DTM (Lideres En Acción)

Presentation Mastery

Jessica Sassoon, PM2 (Westwood Gateway)
Diana Lopez, PM2 (Atrevete A Hablar)
Dawn M Welch, PM2 (C.O.R.E)
Leo Meza, PM2 (South Bay Toastmasters)

Presentation Mastery

David Kitchen, DTM (Lakewood Toastmasters)
Linda Levy, VC5 (Century City)
Valerie Preston, SR5 (Faith Based Toastmasters)
Blessing Aghedo, PM2 (Speakers by the Sea)
Emily A Dixon, PM2 (First Class Communicators)
Nadzeya Adamovich, PM2 (Century City)
Louis Sohn, PM1 (Lunchtime Leaders)
Jayesh R Patel, PM2 (TechStyle Toastmasters)
Hanshika Immandi, PM2 (Infineon & Beyond)

Strategic Relationships

Brian Sponnick, PM5 (Sundays by the Sea)
Sherril J Thompson, PM4 (Herbalife)

Visionary Communications

Jeanna Kindle, DTM (Dynamic Orators)
Adriana Colback, EC4 (Century City)
Joy Brown, EC5 (Ladera Toastmasters)

Level 3

Dynamic Leadership

Nathalie Hale, DL3 (RoToastados)
Janell C Williams (Zoommasters)

Effective Communication

Sandra Solomn, VC5 (WriteOn!)
Najah Najiy, EC5 (Black Talk!)

Engaging Humor

Brian Sponnick, PM5 (Sundays by the Sea)
Ismael Gutierrez, IP5 (South Gate Club)
David Nop, EH3 (Long Beach Powermasters)
Lori A Perkins, VC4 (Aquarium of the Wavemakers)
John Graham, DTM (RoToastados)

Innovative Planning

Ann D Guintivano, DTM (Game Changers)



Motivational Strategies

Sandy Dunning, DTM (South Gate Club)
 Vivien Y Hao, MS3 (Lunchtime Leaders)
 Rodger Cota, DTM (The Officers Club of District One)
 Kim D. Dixon, DTM (Divapreneurs)

Persuasive Influence

Jewel L Alejos (Ladera Toastmasters)
 Charn Juan T Regan, PI3 (South Bay Toastmasters)
 Alex E Kim, PI3 (Power Hour at UCLA)
 Gail Rosenthal, DTM (Century City)
 Gary Freedman-Harvey, PI3 (Long Beach Gavel)

Presentation Mastery

Susan C Roth, DTM (Speakers by the Sea)
 Eleanor Brown, PM3 (WriteOn!)
 Joseph Kwon, PM4 (Lunchtime Leaders)
 Jonathan E Eckman, DTM (Long Beach Powermasters)
 Faraah Mullings-Brown, PM5 (Santa Monica Club 21)
 Lissa Lumutenga, PM4 (Fox Talkz)
 Rita Connor, PM3 (Beach Cities)
 Kim Van Tran, IP4 (Long Beach Gavel)
 Varoth Changthong, PM3 (Aerospace Toastmasters)
 Nadzeya Adamovich, PM3 (Century City)

Strategic Relationships

Michelle A King, SR3 (Carson Toastmasters)
 Brian Spornick, PM5 (Sundays by the Sea)

Team Collaboration

Janet C Cormier, DTM (Inglewood Community)
 Liam Whitney, DTM (Long Beach Gavel)

Visionary Communications

Joy Brown, EC5 (Ladera Toastmasters)
 Jocelyn V Williams, DTM (Parliamentarian)
 Ronald J Cheng, VC3 (Toastmasters 90210)
 Sue Fisher, EH4 (Speakers by the Sea)
 Constance Gaston, DTM (Herbalife)
 Celeste B Hassler, PM5 (Forks, Corks and TM)
 Carol Feeley, DTM (Bay Cities)
 Adriana Colback, EC4 (Century City)

Level 4

Dynamic Leadership

Brad C Stauffer (Century City)
 Janell C Williams (NACUAA)

Effective Communication

Najah Najiy, EC5 (Black Talk!)
 Adriana Colback, EC4 (Century City)

Engaging Humor

Frank Liou, IP5 (South Bay Toastmasters)

Innovative Planning

Alexis Rabaut, IP4 (Westwood Gateway)

Leadership Development

Anastazya Wada, PM5 (Professional Women)

Motivational Strategies

Gwynne Evans, DTM (Praisemasters)
 Pamela Garcia, MS4 (Celebrations of Life)

Persuasive Influence

Gail Rosenthal, DTM (Century City)
 Eden E App, PI4 (Bread of Life)

Motivational Strategies

Gail Rosenthal, DTM (Century City)
Eden E.Rapp, PI4 (Bread of Life)
Lilian C Alger, PI4 (Abriendo Caminos)

Presentation Mastery

Alejandro Alonzo, DTM (Lidered En Acción)
Michael Masuda, PM4 (Morning Motivators)
Lissa Lumutenga, PM4 (Fox Talkz)
Ken Thompson, PM4 (Bread of Life)
Xavier O Espejo, PM4 (Ktoast)
Faraah Mullings-Brown, PM5 (Santa Monica Club 21)
Alexander Denk, DTM (Toastmasters 90210)
Amy Dollins, PI5 (Herbalife)
Allyson Gideon, PM4 (Upper Crust)

Strategic Relationships

Brian Sponnick, PM5 (Sundays by the Sea)

Team Collaboration

Lydia J Martinez, DTM (The Officers Club of District One)
Liam Whitney, DTM (Long Beach Gavel)

Visionary Communications

Jocelyn V Williams, DTM (Parliamentarian)
David Kitchen, DTM (Lakewood Toastmasters)
Carol Otters, DTM (Lakewood Toastmasters)
Catherine Cheng, EH5 (Toastmasters 90210)
Joy Brown, EC5 (Ladera Toastmasters)

Level 5

Dynamic Leadership

Brad C Stauffer (Zoommasters)
Pey-Ru Chen, DL5 (Long Beach Powermasters)
Janell C Williams, DTM (C.I.T.I.E.S)

Effective Communication

Najah Najiy, EC5 (Black Talk!)
Larry Lee, DTM (The Officers Club of District)

Innovative Planning

Ismael Gutierrez, IP5 (South Gate Club)

Leadership Development

John Graham, DTM (RoToastados)
Robert Somadhi, LD5 (Long Beach Powermasters)

Persuasive Influence

Kenneth Preston, PI5 (Faith Based Toastmasters)
Murphy B Witherspoon, DTM (Ethical Elite)
Erika N Cilinger, PI5 (WriteOn!)

Presentation Mastery

Faraah Mullings-Brown, PM5 (Santa Monica Club 21)
Howard A Hamburger, PM5 (Common Space)
Brian Sponnick, PM5 (Sundays by the Sea)
Maggie J. Williams, PM4 (Speakers by the Sea)

Strategic Relationships

Shireese S Zuniga, SR5 (Divapreneurs)
Victoria Trabosh, DTM (Masters of Evaluation)

Team Collaboration

Michelle D King, DTM (Long Beach Powermasters)

Visionary Communications

Jeanna Kindle, DTM (Dynamic Orators)
Cassandra Davis, VC5 (Aquarium of the Pacific)
Sandra Solomon, VC5 (WriteOn!)
Dari Mackenzie, DTM (Toastmasters 90210)





CONGRATS TO
VICTORIA TRABOSH FOR
RECEIVING HER DTM!



Triple Crown Awards

The Triple Crown Award is a prestigious recognition that honors members who complete three specific educational achievements in a single Toastmasters year

Congrats to those who have achieved the prestigious honor from 7/1 - 11/30/2025!

ADRIANA
COLBACK, EC4

ALEXANDER
DENK, DTM

BRIAN
SPONNICK, PM5

FARAAH
MULLINGS-BROWN, PM5

ISMAEL
GUTIERREZ, IP5

JANELL C
WILLIAMS, DTM

JOHN
GRAHAM, DTM

JOY
BROWN, EC5

NAJAH
NAJIY, EC5



CONTEST SEASON IS APPROACHING! LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD



We invite you to join the excitement and energy of Contest Season! This is your chance to shine, grow your skills, and celebrate the power of your voice in the **Evaluation Contest** and the **International Speech Contest**. We encourage every club to host its own contest or designate a member to represent your club, it's a meaningful way to showcase talent, build camaraderie, and ensure your club has a voice in this season of growth and celebration!

Upcoming Area & Division Contest Dates:

Saturday, February 7, 2026
Area F2 and F3

Saturday, March 7, 2026
Area A2 and A4

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Division F

Saturday, February 14, 2026
Area F1 and F4

Friday, March 13, 2026
Area C3 and C4

Saturday, April 18, 2026
Division A

Friday, February 20, 2026
Area A1 and A3

Friday, March 20, 2026
Area B1 and Area B2

Friday, April 24, 2026
Division D

Saturday, February 21, 2026
Area C1 and C2

Friday, March 27, 2026
Area D1 and D4

Saturday, April 25, 2026
Division B

Friday, February 27, 2026
Area E1 and Area E4

Saturday, March 28, 2026
Area B3 and Area B4

Friday, May 1, 2026
Division C

Saturday, February 28, 2026
Area D2 and D3

Saturday, March 14, 2026
Area E2 and Area E3

Saturday, May 2, 2026
Division E

DISTRICT CONFERENCE
MAY 14-16, 2026
LOCATION: TBD

CLUB GROWTH

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR

Give the Gift of Toastmasters



Do you remember your very first Toastmasters meeting? How about the first time you answered a table topics question? Did you stand there, fidgeting with your clothes, your mind going blank and not knowing what to say? That was me, wondering, what did I just sign up for? Then I heard the claps, people smiled, and I realized this place feels different.

Did something similar happen to you? We found encouragement, laughter, and a group of people who cheer us on as we grow in confidence and skill. We found our voice and maybe even discovered leadership potential we didn't know we had.

Now imagine what would happen if we shared that same experience with someone else.

A coworker who wants to speak up more in meetings. A friend who's been searching for directions. Or someone who's been affected by the economy and could really use the support and positivity that Toastmasters offers.

Here's the fun part: you can make that happen! Invite them to your next meeting and introduce them to the learning, laughter, and connection that make Toastmasters so special. And what if you go one step further and sponsor their membership.

It's a simple act of generosity that can change someone's life forever.

When we help someone join, we strengthen our community. Each new member adds fresh energy, new ideas, and new voices to our shared vision.

Together, as one vision and one team, we can continue building a stronger, more connected District.

Let's grow together!





Join the Squad and help Clubs Shine & Grow!



In District 1, we believe in the power of One Vision, One Team, working together to help every club thrive. That's why we're excited to introduce the District 1 Support Squad! A new volunteer program designed to support growing clubs while helping YOU gain valuable experience and complete your Pathways projects.

What's the Support Squad?

It's a dedicated team of volunteers who step in to fill meeting roles and deliver speeches. By lending your time and talent, you'll help clubs present more professional, engaging meetings. In return, you'll get more stage time, more feedback, and more opportunities to grow.

Why Join?

- Gain additional speaking and leadership opportunities
- Complete Pathways projects faster
- Strengthen clubs and inspire members across District 1
- Be part of something bigger, where One Vision truly becomes One Team

Ready to make a difference?

Join the movement that's igniting growth across our District!

Want to be a volunteer? Contact club.growth@district1toastmasters.org

Together, we can help every club move forward, one meeting, one role, and one connection at a time.





BECOME A CLUB MENTOR

What's a Club Mentor?

As a Club Mentor, you'll work with a newly chartered club for 6 to 12 months, helping it build a strong foundation for long-term success. You'll advise officers, guide meeting quality, and support club culture—offering your Toastmasters experience every step of the way. It's one of the most rewarding ways to give back—and it counts toward your Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM)!



READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

<https://bit.ly/D1mentor>



BECOME A CLUB SPONSOR

What's a Club Sponsor?

As a Club Sponsor, you will help start a brand-new club - from first contact to chartering. You will guide the organization through planning, meetings, and chartering paperwork. In return, you will build leadership skills and receive credit towards your Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM)!



READY TO STEP UP?

<https://bit.ly/D1sponsor>



Turn Your Connections into a New Toastmasters Club

Where can you find leads?

- Your workplace
- Professional or Industry Associations
- Community Groups
- Hobby or Special Interest
- Faith based or cultural organizations

Working towards your DTM?

If your club lead charts, you can serve as a club Sponsor or Mentor and earn DTM credit while helping others grow!

Send your leads to
club.growth@dltm.org

INCENTIVES



Members who renewed their membership for one full year were automatically entered into the drawing. For every 50 renewals, 5 lucky members were selected to take home an exclusive Toastmasters T-shirt – a stylish way to show off your club pride and commitment to growth.

 ***Congratulations to Our Giveaway Winners!***

We had 178 members renew for 1 year!! We had 18 winners!!



We are grateful for every member who renewed, stayed engaged, and continues to invest in their communication and leadership journey. Your dedication keeps our district strong and your clubs thriving.

Thank you for being part of the Toastmasters experience – and stay tuned... more surprises are always on the horizon!



Smedley Campaign Award

Clubs who added five new, dual, or reinstated members with a join date between August 1 and September 30

Accomplished this goal will receive a Smedley Award ribbon, a special discount code from International for 10% off their next club order on the store, and \$25 District Bucks!

 **Congratulations to Our Smedley Winners!**

**Del Rey
Toastmasters Club**

Ethical Elite

Github

**Santa Monica
Club 21**

**Tommy
Talkers**

**West
Hollywood
Toastmasters**

**Westside
Toastmasters**

Club Quest: The Smedley Edition

*Are you playing the game? Each Task on the game board is filled with powerful club-building missions. Each task=one step closer to a Toastmasters treasure. Every cluster of task, in a specific color, completed earns your club a Prize.**

**The District will track your progress and update the winners. To receive credit for club events, they must be list on the District calendar.*



Thank you for your patience while we tally the winners!!

Winners will be announced in the next issue!

Need a Board?

Contact your Area or Division Directors for a Physical Copy!

CELEBRATIONS

Club Anniversaries July to November 2025

We honor the clubs that continue to inspire, empower, and uplift members year after year. Your commitment to excellence and growth is the heartbeat of our district.

Congratulations to our clubs celebrating their anniversary!

Thank you for creating spaces where voices grow stronger, leaders rise, and community thrives. Here's to your legacy — and to many more years of success and service ahead!



Santa Monica 21 Club
91 Years

Club 141
86 Years

South Bay Toastmasters
81 Years

eToastmasters
79 Years

westside Toastmasters
73 Years

Bay Cities Club
56 Years

Diagonal Toastmasters
45 Years

Common Space
Toastmasters Club
41 Years

Sand and Sea
Speakers Club
40 Years

Sundays by the Sea
Toastmasters
38 Years

Air LA Club
30 Years

Mattel Toastmasters
Club
33 Years

Transformational
Speakers
28 Years

Next Century
Toastmasters
28 Years

**Speakers by
the Sea
22 Years**

**Toast of the
Bay Club
21 Years**

**Cedars-Sinai
MCs Club
20 Years**

**Tinseltown
Toastmasters
18 Years**

**Ladera
Toastmasters
14 Years**

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**Improv &
Humor
12 Years**

**C.O.R.E
Club of
Recognition
and Excellence
12 Years**

**ToastiNG
Toastmasters
11 Years**



**Silicon Speech
10 Years**

**Skechers Elite
9 Years**

**Parliamentarian
Toastmasters
5 Years**

**Inglewood Community
Toastmasters 12 Years**

**Build a Legacy
4 Years**

**CYBERMASTERS
3 Years**

**Laserfiche
Toastmasters
2 Years**

**Masters of
Evaluation
4 Years**

**TechStyle
Toastmasters
3 Years**

**Bridge Builders
2 Years**

Presidents Luncheon Celebration

On November 1, we gathered for an unforgettable Presidents' Luncheon Celebration honoring the dedicated leaders who guide and elevate our clubs every day. This event brought together Club Presidents from across the district for an afternoon of connection, recognition, and renewed purpose.

From powerful conversations to shared best practices, the room was filled with energy, inspiration, and the spirit of collaboration. We celebrated the accomplishments of our clubs, acknowledged the commitment of our presidents, and reinforced our shared mission of empowering members to grow as communicators and leaders.

Thank you to every President who attended – your leadership shapes our district, strengthens our members, and keeps the Toastmasters experience thriving. Here's to continuing the year with clarity, confidence, and community!



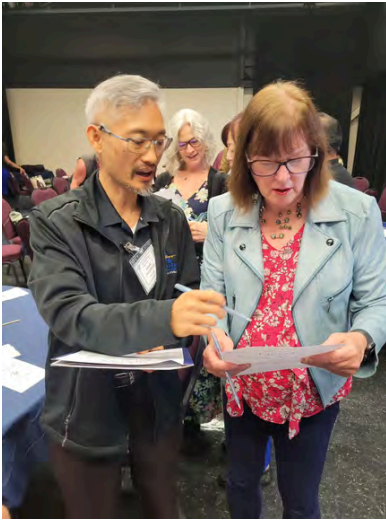
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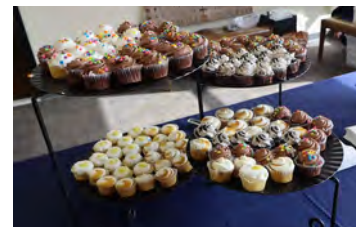
President BINGO					
I traveled alone to India	I sang karaoke at the Hollywood Bowl	I have a tattoo of a famous work of art	I was born 2 months early at 44 & 4	I studied to be a stand-up comedian	
I broke down the 3 largest rivers in the world	I worked in a Clear Channel commercial with Carlos Vela	I was locked in a car with a Hurricane Spider in Australia	I've run 7 marathons and 4 half marathons	I composed music on the piano at the age of 9	
I attended an event with MC Hammer	I take improv classes	I grew up listening to soul, funk, jazz, hip hop & R&B	I have collected empty perfume bottles for 30 yrs		
I am a retired truck driver	I am a certified Paralegal	I graduated in 1968 on the NYC Regents History Exam	I play the Accordion	I have been to 5 different continents	
I traveled with my spouse to Jamaica in a backpack	I won an art contest with my background design	I once ran a full marathon with only a day to prepare	I graduated high school at the age of 16	I have hosted a half dozen cocktail parties	



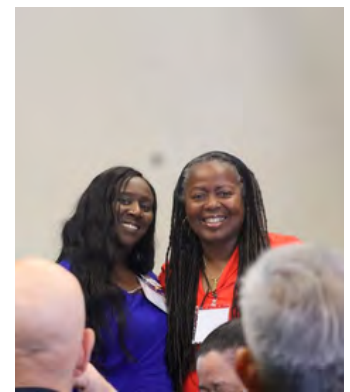
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