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Q1 Award Winners – Congratulations to our Q1 Award winners.

Club of the Quarter – Quincy Toastmasters

Mentor of the Quarter – Angela Nuss, DTM, Network Voice Toastmasters

Area Director of the Quarter – Jonathan Shapiro, Area 53

Division Director of the Quarter – Michael Mateo, DTM

Club Member of the Quarter – Andrew Reis - Quincy Toastmasters

Club Officer of the Quarter - Mark Rinker, SAA, Network Voice Toastmasters

Nominations for Q2 are underway, please nominate members here

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScI1IUmLmrPv3a53B2da4aYXj6K0ghsl6hKxZ4Xe0jA1lK7VQ/viewform>

Community Challenge

The District 31 Community Challenge is a District initiative to encourage district members to experience what the district has to offer, and at the same time, help our district community. The challenge is to see how many points you can achieve by participating in different community activities. Those who accumulate the points each quarter will be eligible to win D31 Swag! Check out the community challenge activities you can participate in by clicking on this form. The winner of each quarter will not only get swag, but will get a free ticket to CLCON25!!!

Congratulations to our Q1 Winners

1 st Place – Jonathan Shapiro

2 nd Place – Lewis Staples

3 rd Place – David Lintz, DTM





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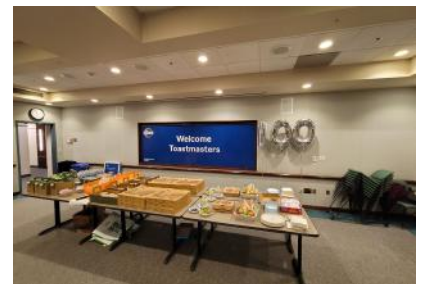
100 Year Celebration

Toastmasters International officially turned 100 Years old on October 22, 2024. The District held a 100 Year Expo event on October 26. We had workshops hosted by our advanced clubs in the morning and then a Table Topics Throwdown in the afternoon.

Congratulations to our Table Topics Throwdown winner and runner ups.

- 1 st place** – Kristen Culver, DTM
- 2 nd place** – Antoinette Rodney-Celeste
- 3 rd place** – Ruth Levitsky

A big thank you to the advanced clubs for running the workshops and Toastmasters In Motion for hosting us.





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Advanced Clubs

If you are interested in joining an advanced club check them out. Here is the upcoming schedule for all these clubs in District 31 for the month of November.

Seven Hills Advanced Toastmasters – Tuesday, November 5, 5:30-7 PM

AccelOrators Advanced Toastmasters Club – Thursday, November 7, 7-9 PM

Advanced Orators Toastmasters Club – Monday, November 11, 7-9 PM

Advanced Articulators of Andover - Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 7-8 PM

Advanced Access Toastmasters Club - Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6:50-9 PM

For more information about Advanced Clubs click here <https://district31.org/clubs/advanced/>





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CLCON 25

THE POWER OF YOU
Persisted Imagination

CLCON 25
May 2nd, 3rd, 4th
The Westin Waltham

50% Off
Till Nov 15th

Early Bird Discount
75 Tickets Only !!!

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TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

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Our Keynote Speaker: Craig Valentine MBA

- World Champion of Public Speaking, has traveled the world and trained thousands of presenters on developing World Class Speaking skills.
- Founder of the Speak and Prosper Course and co-founder of the World Champions Edge Program.
- <https://craigvalentine.com/>





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CALL FOR SPEAKERS FOR EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

- District 31 (D31) Toastmasters is inviting speakers to present at District 31 Communication and Leadership Conference (CLCON) 25, the district's annual conference held May 2nd, May 3rd, May 4th 2025. Our theme is **"The Power of You - Persisted Imagination"** to identify and bring out the immense power each one of us has to achieve the dreams and goals that we set. As one of our educational session presenters, you will be a key contributor to the success of our conference.
- The proposal should be submitted at [this link](#) before December 31st 2024.

CLCON 25 Logo Contest

- Call to bring your artistic talents to District 31 by designing this year's district conference, CLCON 2025 T-Shirt logo. Design due October 31st
- Enter your design in the T-Shirt logo design contest. If you win, your logo will be featured on the CLCON T-Shirt and other conference branded items given out during the conference, and you'll win Toastmasters swag!

Below are the guidelines for the contest

Please send your design to conferencechair@district31.org by October 31st

- Please include CLCON 2025, "The Power Of You – Persisted Imagination" in your design.
- Your design can be any size and shape. You can draw it in any color.
- Final design on the T-Shirt will be white
- T-Shirt will be Toastmasters blue color.

CLCON 25 Sponsorships

We are targeting to raise \$15,000 via Sponsorship

- Please help us with hot leads





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Winter Club Officer Training: Save The Dates

<https://district31.org/cot-second-round-training-2024-2025/>

- **In-Person**

- November 2nd Kick Off: 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- December 14th: Holiday Party: 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- January 18th: Happy New Year: 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- February 8th: Final: 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

- **Online Session**

- November 4th: 7pm to 9 pm: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvd--spj8sE9Wiafvb3BXNkNRQKliaadYf#/registration>
- November 13th: 12pm to 1pm: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEudeuvrDMpGNXY_UVB9ur94GkcDKVW5ggo#/registration
- December 3rd: 7pm to 9 pm : https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvdeivpzgpHN0Sk_CZlv2fnU0cBLlCUIkg
- December 12th: 2pm to 1pm : <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkcOquqDkjEtHS4phKBXdKQ-ZHS9nN3nat>
- January 6th: 12pm to 1pm : <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluf-uqqz4pEtw69VYFfd4tZ5OglChBseh4>
- January 22nd: 7pm to 9 pm : https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsd-qopj8pGtlCVK4V4gl0TUhn6U_URts-
- February 7th: 12pm to 1pm : https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvf-yppzsjHta9yJLESGWEjd_cl31c6sc1
- February 13th: 7pm to 9 pm : https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tdOqppjwuG9Rg_T9GMlq-9pOySOBF5Vtx





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Program Quality Incentives

- **Distinguished by December**
- First 60 clubs that achieve the distinguished status by December 31st will enter into a raffle to win 1 of 10 \$50 gift certificates.
- To be eligible, clubs need to submit the Club Success Plan by October 15th by emailing them to pqd@district31.org

Pathways - Level Up

We're giving away a \$25 gift certificate. For each quarter of the program year, awards will be given to the FIVE clubs with the most individual members who complete at least one Level (highest percentage of members used as a tiebreaker if needed). Winning clubs must have at least 8 paid members and be a club in good standing with Toastmasters International. Percentages are calculated based on membership on the first day of the quarter.





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Speech Contest

- **Due Dates**
- Please mark your calendars with the due dates for speech contests. The exact contest type in addition to the International Speech contest will be announced in the September edition of the Newsletter.
- February 14th will be the last day for the Club Contest.
- Between February 15th to March 15th the Area Contest will be scheduled.
- Between March 16th to March 31st the Division Contest will be scheduled.

Speech Contest Rulebook:

- Please review the updated Speech Contest Rulebook, and organize a successful speech contest.
- Please do not assume rules, always review this book while answering questions regarding speech contests.
- <https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/2024-2025-speech-contest-rulebook>



**SPEECH CONTEST
RULEBOOK**
JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025





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Club Anniversaries

Milestone Anniversaries

- 1st Anniversary BMS Toastmasters at CMX **Chartered 11/15/2023**
- 10th Anniversary Toastmasters General **Chartered 11/3/2014**

Anniversaries

- 11th Anniversary New Life Toastmasters Club **Chartered 11/12/2013**
- 14th Anniversary EnergyTalks **Chartered 11/15/2010**
- 33rd Anniversary Clipper City Club **Chartered 11/1/1991**
- 43rd Anniversary Boston West Toastmasters Club **Chartered 11/1/1981**





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New Clubs



Two new clubs chartered in District 31 this October! Please welcome to the district.

- Toast in Common - Waltham, MA - **Chartered 10/1//2024**
- Wilson Toastmasters - Oxford, MA - **Chartered 10/15/2024**

Congratulations to our two new clubs!





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Membership Incentives

Quarterly Awards

During the District 31 Quarterly Awards on October 22, 2024, winners of the 50 for 5 and Early renewal incentives were announced. Keep reading to find out more!

50 for 5

50 FOR 5

- Clubs with a base less than 20 members
- Add 5 new, dual, or reinstated members within a quarter
- Earn a \$50 Toastmasters International store gift certificate

Is your club having difficulty getting the membership base above 20 members? It's the perfect time to grow your club's membership and get rewarded for your membership building initiatives. Follow up with those Find-a-Club inquiries; invite friends, colleagues or relatives to meetings; demonstrate the value and fun of your meetings; and soon you'll watch how soon guests want to become members!

Reward your club and new members with some new items from the Toastmasters International store:

- For clubs with a base less than 20 members
- Adding five new, dual, or reinstated members within a quarter will earn a \$50 Toastmasters International Store gift certificate.





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Quarter 1 Winners (July - September)

Congratulations to the Quarter 1 winners of the 50 for 5 incentive!

- Westford Expressions Club
Added 6 Members, Base: 18, Current: 24
- Ocean State Club
Added 5 Members, Base: 17, Current: 22
- Speak Up Cambridge
Added 5 Members, Base: 14, Current: 19

Quarter 1 Honorable Mention

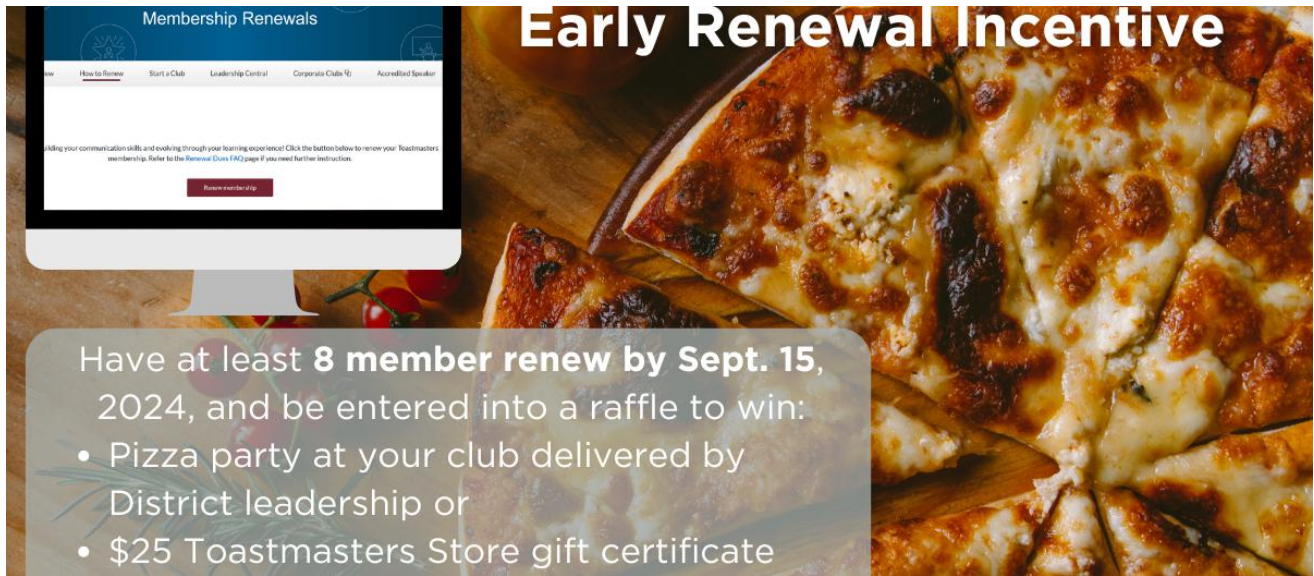
There were also several clubs that didn't qualify for the incentive but added at least 5 members to their clubs during the quarter. Great job on recruiting new members!

- Shrewsbury Toastmasters: **Added 9 Members**
- Somerville Toastmasters: **Added 9 Members**
- Boston Toastmasters: **Added 7 Members**
- Framingham / Natick Toastmasters: **Added 6 Members**
- CVS Health Marketing Toastmasters: **Added 5 Members**



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Early Renewal Pizza Party



Early Renewal Incentive

Have at least **8 member renew by Sept. 15, 2024**, and be entered into a raffle to win:

- Pizza party at your club delivered by District leadership or
- \$25 Toastmasters Store gift certificate

If your club had at least 8 paid memberships for the Oct - March term by Sept.15, you were entered into a raffle to win a pizza party or \$25 gift certificate.

59 clubs qualified for the incentive. 10 clubs were randomly selected in a raffle. Winners were announced during the Quarter 1 award ceremony.





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The winners were:

1. Alcott Toastmasters
2. Boston Seaport Toastmasters
3. Copley Square Toastmasters
4. Hanscom Toastmasters Club
5. Mill City Toastmasters
6. Northshore Toastmasters Club
7. Outermost Toast
8. Quincy Toastmasters Club
9. Shrewsbury Toastmasters
10. Tri-County Talkers Toastmasters Club

Congratulations to all of the winning clubs, and thank you to all of the clubs that encouraged their members to pay their dues early!

If choosing a pizza party, club officers provide a member count that will attend the party, propose a date and a district leader will deliver a pizza to your club and party with you. **Officers, please look out for an email to coordinate your pizza party or delivery of Toastmasters gift certificate.**





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Open House Reimbursement



Autumn is time for the new—the beginning of the school and Toastmasters year! This is a great time to run an open house to add new members to your club by helping them meet their (new) goals. The District is here to support you in running an unforgettable open house.

1. Run an open house.
2. Submit an agenda.
3. Submit labeled receipts for refreshments, or media purchased specifically for the Open House.
4. District 31 will reimburse the club up to \$50.

All submissions should be emailed to fabfour@district31.org. Happy Open House'ing!





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Start a Club Initiative



Know a company or community that could benefit from a Toastmasters club? Has someone been asking about how to form one? We're here to support them and you can **earn up to \$100 of Toastmasters International store gift certificates** by referring them. Here's how it works:

1. Refer a contact at a company or in a community that wants to start a Toastmasters club to **Christian at cgd@district31.org**.
2. If the contact leads to the district doing a demo meeting, you earn a **\$25 Toastmasters International store gift certificate**.
3. You have the first option to sponsor and mentor the new club.
4. If the club charters, you will earn an additional **\$75 Toastmasters International store gift certificate**.

That is \$100 worth of total gift certificates. Think of all the great Toastmasters Swag you could win for yourself or your clubs. Start referring those new club contacts today.





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Plus One Pledge



To celebrate our centennial year in true Toastmasters fashion, share the benefit of the Toastmasters club experience! Join Toastmasters around the world pledging to bring a guest to a meeting by the end of December. Make the commitment now, and you'll get a few check-ins with reminders to invite a friend, family member, coworker, or acquaintance.

First Name *

Last Name *

Email Address *

I pledge to bring at least one guest with me to a club meeting by December 31, 2024.





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Plus one Pledge Cont.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/events/centennial/CentennialPledge>

You may remember the District 31 initiative to *Bring a Friend* to your club's meeting. Toastmasters International has launched a similar initiative for its centennial year called the Plus one Pledge. Join Toastmasters around the world in pledging to bring a guest to a meeting by the end of December. Sign up on the Toastmasters International webpage, and you'll get a few check-ins with reminders to invite a friend, family member, coworker, or acquaintance. PLUS, if you bring five new guests who join the club, you'll win the Smedley Award AND a \$50 Toastmasters Store gift certificate from the District 31 "5 for 50" initiative.

District Open Houses



District open houses are coming back this year! We are planning In-person open houses around the district:

- The District facilitates and advertises
- Clubs run, guest visit or joint participating clubs

Clubs will team up and work with the district to put on a great meeting for guest that will inquire about attending your club meetings in the future.

If your club is **interested in participating** in an open house, or if you **have a venue that we can use to host an open house**, please contact Christian at cgd@district31.org





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The Club Growth Team



The club growth team leads the district effort to bring new clubs to the district and help existing clubs gain and retain members by running fun and engaging meetings.

Join the Club Growth Leadership Team

The club growth team is looking for someone that likes using the phone to communicate with members or guests in your Toastmasters club or at work and would like to help others become more comfortable on the phone:

Phone Out-Reach Chair

Works with the District Marketing Chair with focus on phone outreach.

Contacts prospective corporations that should have a club by phone.

Assists with training district phone training

Candidate Background: Experience in phone sales, manages a phone sales team, and/or likes talking to people.

If you would like to join the team, please **contact Christian at cgd@district31.org**.



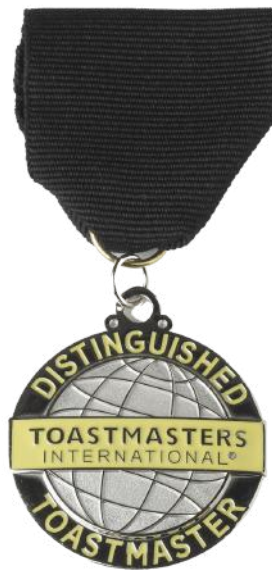


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Earn your DTM

Become a Club Sponsor, Mentor, or Coach

If you're not interested in being a chair, there is also the opportunity to become a **club sponsor, mentor, or coach** and earn **Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) credit**.



The DTM Toolkit

If you'd like to learn more about earning a DTM, keep a lookout for DTM posts showcasing David Lintz's DTM toolkit on the [district homepage](#) under News and Highlights and on District 31 social media—click on the icons in the footer to visit D31 social media sites. The first posts of several are posted:






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The DTM Toolkit Series #1:
Who Wants to Become a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM)?

- Have you been a Toastmaster for a while now?
- Have you set earning a DTM as one of your Toastmasters goals, but are not sure how to get started on a DTM project?
- If this describes you, check out the DTM Toolkit by clicking on the link in the description or scanning the QR code below




- Inside you will find:
 - **Questionnaires** filled out by the Pathways DTMs describing their projects, and how they selected and executed them, along with their contact information
 - **The DTM Project Manual** put out by Toastmasters International
 - **Suggested projects** that would benefit our District
 - **Interviews** with the Pathways DTMs
 - **Club officer training sessions** on selecting and executing DTM projects and on conducting Lessons Learned sessions

For more information, scan the QR code or contact David Lintz dlintz@verizon.net



Embarking on the next step in your Toastmasters journey is only a click away


The DTM Toolkit Series #2:
Survey Responses from District 31 DTMs



- Do you have questions about selecting and executing a DTM project?
- See surveys filled out by District 31 DTMs describing their projects.

Check out the DTM Toolkit

For more information, scan the QR code or contact David Lintz dlintz@verizon.net



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To view the toolkit in its entirety check out the [DTM toolkit](#) for ideas and resources to get started.





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Help with Demo Meetings



When clubs express interest in chartering, District 31 members help to put on an introductory demonstration meeting. This is not only a good opportunity to help a new club become successful, it is also an opportunity to do a meeting with a club that you might be considering sponsoring or mentoring in the future.

Please contact Christian at cgd@district31.org if you are interested in any of these positions

Club Outreach Co-Chairs

Club officers may have seen an email last month from Club Outreach Co-Chairs Jeanne Cox, Ginny Layton-Leal, and Peter Swan. The club Outreach Co-Chairs periodically reach out to clubs to:

1. Provide you with information about current district events and deadlines.
2. Ask if your club needs district support.
3. Provide feedback to the district on clubs in need of support
4. Work together with district leaders (Fab Four, Area and Division Directors) to provide support

When you see a future email from them, please let them know if your club needs support, or has feedback for the district. .





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Calling for club social media sites



If your club has a social media site that you'd like to feature on District 31 sites, please send the URL to fabfour@district31.org with the clubs of Your Club Name Social Media Link.

This month check out Quincy Toastmaster's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/QT MUS/>



Coffee With Caryl



Pour yourself a cup and get a taste of Coffee with Caryl at caryl31.wordpress.com.

Every week, Caryl explores a new topic or profile, shares best practices and invaluable tips for increasing guests, retaining members, strengthening leadership teams and running high quality meetings. Learn about triumphs (and failures), and fresh perspectives on personal development.

To subscribe and receive notification of the weekly post on Thursdays at 8 am:

From your computer (not a phone!) ...

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If you know anybody who would benefit from a personal note about the blog, send an email with subject “Caryl’s Blog” and include the name and email in the body to prm@district31.org.





District 31 Newsletter

October Review, CLCON, Resources, Club and Member Features

October 2024



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You were added to this list because you are a member of District 31 Toastmasters. You'll receive reminders of events (TLIs and conferences), deadlines (dues, officer elections) and other general news about the District. Please consider staying a member of this list to ensure you get timely updates.

