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Q4 Nominations

Do you see a Toastmaster that goes above and beyond.. Do they deserve a nomination for the following categories: Toastmaster (Non-Officer), Club Officer, Club, Club Mentor, Area Director, or Division Director. Nominations for Q3 are currently open. If you want to nominate someone, please use the link below.

[Nominate Here!!](#)

Newly Elected Leadership Team

On April 26, 2025, we held elections for our incoming team, including those of the Fab Four and Division Directors. Congratulations to the following for the 2025-2026 year.

District Director – Veera Raghavendra Sriram, DTM

Program Quality Director – Christian Austin

Club Growth Director – David Lintz, DTM

Public Relations Manager – Caryl Lattof, DTM

Division A Director – Sherri Raftery, DTM

Division B Director – Caroline Yang

Division C Director – Shaida Mohamed

Division D Director – Jennifer McGhee, DTM

Division E Director – Jonathan Shapiro

Division F Director – Michael Mateo, DTM

Division G Director – Lisa Hunt





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Pathfinder Award

Reminder we have the Pathfinder Award. I encourage everyone this year to earn one. The qualifications for a Pathfinder Award remain the same from the past few years. Members are eligible for the award if they earn completion awards for 5 out of the 7 possible Pathways awards in any Path or combination of Paths during the 2024-2025 Toastmasters program year.

Pathways award categories:

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Level 5
- Pathways Mentor Program
- Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM)





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Community Challenge

Want to earn a free ticket to CLCON25? If so participate in the Community Challenge for your chance of earning a free ticket to CLCON25. Earn points for doing things for the District and the top winner for each quarter wins a free ticket to CLCON25. The top three winners get a bag of free swag from the District via the Toastmasters International store. Check out the link for the list of possible items you can earn points towards.

[Community Challenge](#)

[Submit for Points Here](#)

Gamification Challenge

Are you up for some friendly competition/rivalry amongst your fellow clubs? Have you checked out our leader board of where clubs stand in the District. Check out our leader board on the front page of the website to see where your club stands.

Division	Area	Club Number	Club Name	DCP Point Ranking	Goals Met	Membership Needed
E	53	5073971	Shrewsbury Toastmasters	1	10	0
F	63	1576564	Toastmasters in Motion	1	10	0
F	64	675	Quincy Toastmasters Club	1	10	0
B	22	4031	Chelmsford Toastmasters Club	2	9	0
E	55	3993	Framingham / Natick Toastmasters	2	9	0
G	71	1427152	Rhode Island Active Toastmasters	2	9	0
A	14	3908	Northshore Toastmasters Club	3	8	0
C	31	1295807	Somerville Toastmasters	3	8	0
E	55	4735	Boston West Toastmasters Club	3	8	0
G	74	4641	Speech Invaders Club	3	8	0





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Officer List Submission

Reminder for clubs to hold officer elections for next year and to get that submitted to Toastmasters International as soon as possible. Getting the list in prior to June 30 will give your club 1 DCP (Distinguished Club Program) point for next year

Get Distinguished, Get Sundaes

We are currently in the home stretch of the year. There is still a month for clubs to get members and education awards in to be distinguished. If your club gets Distinguished you will get a sundae party on the behalf of the District plus more depending on how your club does. And if you need more motivation click [here](#)

Get Distinguished, Get Sundaes



President Distinguished:
Ribbon, Core Value Points (Club Officers), TI Gift Certificate, Sundae Party

Select Distiguated:
Ribbon, Core Value Points (Club Officers), Sundae Party

Select Distiguated:
Ribbon, Sundae Party





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Summer Club Offer Training

Peer Session

Toastmasters Club Officer Peer Training: Elevate Your Leadership, Empower Your Club! This dynamic training session is specifically designed for all Toastmasters club officers – both new and experienced – to enhance their leadership skills and optimize club operations. Led by seasoned past and current club officers, this peer-to-peer learning environment provides a unique opportunity to share best practices, troubleshoot common challenges, and gain practical insights from those who have successfully navigated their roles.

Through interactive discussions, collaborative problem-solving, and shared experiences, you'll discover effective strategies to strengthen your club, engage your members, and achieve excellence. Whether you're looking to master your specific officer role, improve team collaboration, or simply connect with fellow leaders, this training will equip you with the knowledge and confidence to make a tangible impact on your club's success.

Link: <https://district31.org/cot-first-round-training-2025-2026/>

Elective Session: Club Success Plan

Toastmasters Club Officer Training: Master the New Club Success Plan Requirement for DCP Eligibility!

This essential training session is designed for all Toastmasters club officers – both new and experienced – to understand and effectively implement the new Club Success Plan submission requirement for Distinguished Club Program (DCP) eligibility. Join us to gain crucial insights into this vital update, learn how to craft a comprehensive and impactful Club Success Plan, and discover strategies to ensure your club achieves its goals and earns recognition. This session will provide a unique opportunity to understand the details of this new requirement, clarify your role in its successful execution, and collaborate with fellow officers to ensure your club is on the path to excellence and distinction.





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**CALL FOR
AREA
DIRECTORS**

APPLY NOW

Call For Area Directors:

Are you ready to take your Toastmasters journey to the next level? Do you have a passion for leadership, a knack for coaching, and a desire to make a significant impact on clubs and members across District 31?

We are seeking **dynamic and intrinsically motivated leaders to serve as Area Directors for the 2025-2026 Toastmasters year!**





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As an Area Director, you'll be at the forefront of supporting our clubs, fostering their growth, and ensuring their success. This pivotal role offers unparalleled opportunities to:

- **Elevate Your Leadership:** Gain hands-on experience in strategic planning, team motivation, and direct mentorship.
- **Expand Your Network:** Connect deeply with club officers, District leaders, and a diverse group of members.
- **Coach for Success:** Guide clubs towards achieving their Distinguished Club Program (DCP) goals and help members realize their potential.
- **Refine Your Skills:** Enhance your communication, evaluation, and problem-solving abilities in real-world scenarios.
- **Earn DTM Credit:** Fulfill a key requirement for the prestigious Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award.
- **Directly Deliver Results:** You'll be instrumental in realizing our District motto for the year: "Deliver Results." We're looking for leaders who focus on key inputs and deliver them with the right quality and in a timely fashion, rising to the occasion despite setbacks and never settling.

Your dedication and insights are vital to our district's ongoing excellence. If you're ready to embrace this rewarding challenge and contribute to the vibrant future of District 31, we want to hear from you!





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Please express your interest and help us identify high-potential leaders by completing our Google Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQ7IVtcM8O0tbdgn1a9G2gSlr2J33Hdp8Lz9plAJdujoNFNw/viewform>

We look forward to partnering with you to achieve great things in District 31!



Celebrating Our Champions! District 31 Online Speech Contest Winners Announced!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the incredible results of our District 31 Online Speech Contest, held on Thursday, May 1st! The event was a resounding success, showcasing extraordinary talent, inspiring stories, and masterful delivery from our dedicated members.

Congratulations to all the contestants who stepped onto the virtual stage and shared their powerful messages. Your courage, commitment, and passion for public speaking truly shone through!

And now, without further ado, we celebrate our exceptional winners:

- **First Place: Will Carlson**
- **Second Place: Suzette Standing**
- **Third Place: Corrie Wojcik**

Please join us in extending a huge round of applause to these outstanding speakers for their remarkable achievements!





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The stage was set, the speeches were delivered, and the talent was undeniable! We are thrilled to announce the incredible results of our District 31 International Speech Contest, held on Saturday, May 4th, as a highlight of CLCON 25! It was an inspiring morning filled with powerful messages, captivating stories, and truly exceptional speaking prowess from our finalists. Each contestant delivered a performance that showcased the very best of District 31's communication excellence.

A heartfelt congratulations to every speaker who competed, from club level all the way to the District stage. Your dedication and courage are truly commendable!

And now, please join us in celebrating the extraordinary individuals who captivated our judges and audience:

- **First Place: Faye LaCasse**
- **Second Place: Rakhi Shastri**
- **Third Place: Cheri Carty**

Our First Place winner, **Faye LaCasse**, will now advance to the next level of competition, representing District 31 on the international stage. We wish them the very best of luck!

Thank you to our dedicated Chief Judge, contest officials, timers, sergeants-at-arms, and all the volunteers who made this event a resounding success. And a massive thank you to everyone who attended and cheered on our speakers!





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Crucial Club Action: Complete Officer Elections & Submit List by June 30th!

As the Toastmasters year draws to a close, it's time for a vital club activity: your annual officer elections! Electing and transitioning your new leadership team is fundamental to your club's continued success and momentum.

To ensure a smooth transition and to help our District provide timely support to your incoming leaders, please ensure your club completes its officer elections and submits the new officer list to Toastmasters International by June 30th. Why is this so important?

- **District Support:** Submitting your new officer list promptly allows the District leadership team to quickly identify and reach out to your incoming officers, providing them with essential resources, training information, and support for the upcoming year.
- **Earn a Valued DCP Point:** Don't forget that timely submission of your officer list by June 30th earns your club a crucial Distinguished Club Program (DCP) point – a fantastic step towards achieving your club's distinguished recognition!

Let's ensure a strong start to the 2025-2026 Toastmasters year by completing this important step on time. If you have any questions or need assistance with the election or submission process, please reach out to your Area Director or Division Director.





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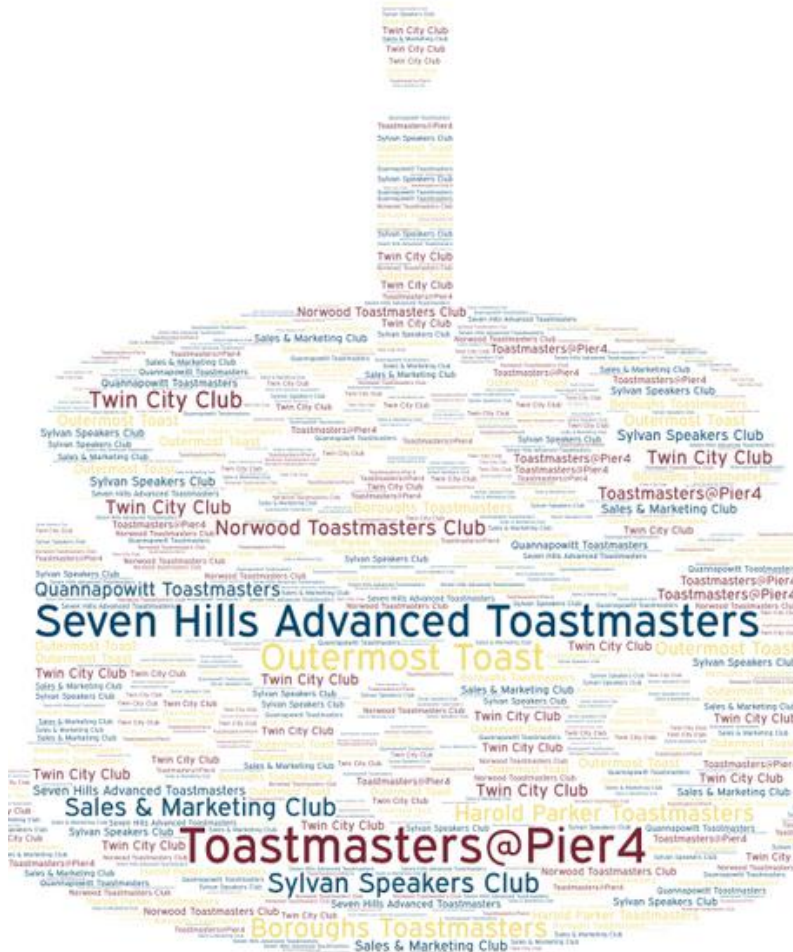
Club Anniversaries

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- 2nd Anniversary Toastmasters@Pier4 **Chartered** 05/09/2023
- 7th Anniversary Seven Hills Advanced Toastmasters **Chartered** 05/16/2018
- 7th Anniversary Boroughs Toastmasters **Chartered** 05/16/2018
- 16th Anniversary Outermost Toast **Chartered** 05/07/2009
- 23rd Anniversary Sylvan Speakers Club **Chartered** 05/24/2002
- 26th Anniversary Norwood Toastmasters Club **Chartered** 05/01/1999
- 31st Anniversary Sales & Marketing Club **Chartered** 05/01/1994
- 33rd Anniversary Twin City Club **Chartered** 05/01/1992

Milestone Anniversaries

- 15th Anniversary Harold Parker Toastmasters **Chartered** 05/04/2010
- 75th Anniversary Quannapowitt Toastmasters **Chartered** 05/01/1950





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50 for 5

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- 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! Followup with those find-a-club inquiries, invite friends, colleagues or relatives to meetings, demonstrate the value and fun of your meetings, and watch how your 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
- Add 5 new, dual, or reinstated members within a quarter will earn a \$50 Toastmasters International store gift certificate

The quarter 3 award ceremony was on April 29, 2025 and the **3rd Quarter winners were announced:**

- Toastmasters in Motion
- Crimson Toastmasters Club
- Norwood Toastmasters Club
- Tuesday Toastmasters at MIT Club





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An **honorable mention** to the following clubs that added 5 new members but already had 20 or more members:

- Framingham / Natick Toastmasters
- Quincy Toastmasters Club
- Boston Toastmasters
- Talk Of The Town Club
- Toast of the Town
- Rhode Island Active Toastmasters
- Somerville Toastmasters

Become the next club to win the 50 for 5 this quarter in your pursuit of becoming a distinguished club!

What can you do to help recruit new members? Try running an open house, see the [article in the January newsletter](#) on advertising tips and take advantage of the Open House Reimbursement incentive.





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Open House Reimbursement



Run an end of year open house to **gain those last few members needed to become a distinguished club**. Overcoming the anxiety of public speaking, improving presentation skills or gaining leadership experience is a need that people will always have regardless of the time of year; that is where your club is here to help...and the District is here to support your open house!

1. Run an open house
2. Save receipts and label refreshments, or media purchased specifically for the open house
3. Save an agenda from the event
4. Submit the receipts and agenda to the Fab Four fabfour@district31.org.
5. The Fab Four will issue a Concur account to apply for reimbursement
6. District 31 will reimburse the club up to \$50

Need some ideas on advertising your open house. [See the January newsletter article here.](#)

Please contact fabfour@district31.org for reimbursement. 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 charts, 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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District 31 Advanced Clubs

Advanced Club Speech-a-Thons

District 31

**ADVANCED CLUB
SPEECH
A-THONS**

- Complete a Pathways Speech
- Get an Advanced Evaluation
- Help Earn Your Club a Distinguished Club Point By Completing a Level!

Upcoming Events

1. Wed, May 28, 2025, 6-8 PM Virtual
2. Sat, May 31, 2025 11:15 AM-12:15 PM
Marlborough Library or Virtual
3. Mon, June 2, 2025, 7:30-8:30 PM
Arlington Robbins Library or Virtual

More Information/
Register

District 31 Advanced Clubs are running a series of hybrid speech-a-thons starting mid-May through the end of June. Speech-a-thons are meetings with only speeches and evaluations so that more speeches can be completed in a meeting. Want your club to **earn Distinguished Club Program (DCP) points to become Distinguished?** Run your own or sign up to participate! If you or your club member is close to

completing a Pathways level or two, consider holding a speech-a-thon in your club to complete speech projects or give those Pathways speeches at the upcoming Advanced Club speech-a-thons to move your club closer to distinguished. Check if you or your members are close to completing a pathways level, complete those levels at an upcoming club meeting before June 30th, or **complete the speeches at an upcoming Advanced Club speech-a-thon.**





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What are the benefits of doing this:

- Get an evaluation from a [District 31 Advanced Club](#) member.
- Give the speech that your weren't ready for of there wasn't enough time for in your club meeting. 🕒
- Have fun listening and learning from other's speeches and evaluations, as the meeting only focuses on speeches and evaluations.
- Check off Pathways educational levels to earn DCP points, moving your club toward Distinguished, while earning a level towards a pathfinder award.

Here is information about some upcoming Advanced Club speech-a-thons:

1. When: **Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 6-8 PM**

Format: **Virtual-Only**

Where: **Zoom**

2. When: **Saturday, May 31, 2025, 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM**

Format: **Hybrid (Following District Open House)**

Where: **Marlborough Public Library, 35 W Main Street, Marlborough, MA 01752**

OR Zoom

3. When: **Monday, June 2, 2025, 7:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

Format: **Hybrid (Following District Open House)**

Where: **Arlington Robbins Library, 700 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476**

OR Zoom.





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4. More **Coming Soon**

If you and your members would like to participate in an upcoming speech-a-thon, please add your contact and speech information and preferred date to the following sign-up sheet:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HVgoH_JnOJZK7ciFKpbP_j_wJ4zvACFDyBA9-tlc0OM/edit?usp=sharing

In addition to earning points, there is a minimum DCP membership requirement (see [Qualifying Requirement Section](#)). If you need more members, the District is holding District open houses and also has a \$50 open house incentive for your club to run an open house to increase membership (see *the article above*). Look out for emails inviting your club to participate in District open houses. Please contact fabfour@district31.org for more information about membership recruitment assistance.





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Join an Advanced Club Meeting



You may have joined District 31 on October 26th and the District 100 Year Expo and participated in the Advanced Club morning workshops, or perhaps you participated in the [5 in 15 Advanced club event](#) following CLCON 2025. The good news is that you can join a District 31 advanced club meetings to experience how an advanced club can help you **bring your speaking and leadership skills to the next level.**

Here is the upcoming schedule of the next meetings for all the District 31 Advanced Clubs in the month of June. Click on the club name to link to each club's home page for more information on how to join a meeting:

[AccelOrators Advanced Toastmasters Club](#) – Thursday, June 5, 7-9 PM

[Seven Hills Advanced Toastmasters](#) – Tuesday, June 3,, 5:30-7 PM

[Advanced Orators Toastmasters Club](#) – Monday, June 9, 7-9 PM

[Advanced Articulators of Andover](#) - Tuesday, June 10 , 7-8:30 PM

[Advanced Access Toastmasters Club](#) - Tuesday, June 17 , 7 -9 PM





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District 31 Advanced Clubs Cont.

Please visit the clubs websites to verify meeting times (they may change around the holidays) and to inquire about additional meetings during the month.

For more details about each of the advanced clubs and advanced clubs in general, check out the [District 31 advanced club website](#).

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 these Clubs run, guest visit or joint participating clubs

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

April 30th Chelmsford MA Open House





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**TOASTMASTERS
CHELMSFORD OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, April 30, 2025
7-8 PM

Join us to learn how Toastmasters can help you

- Gain Confidence
- Find Your Voice
- Improve Leadership
- Communicate Effectively

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Chelmsford Main Library
25 Boston Rd
Chelmsford, MA 01824



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**District 31 Toastmasters
Chelmsford Open House Agenda**
25 Boston Rd, Chelmsford, MA 01824
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – 7 pm to 8:20 pm EST

- Participating Clubs**
3Talkers Toastmasters, Accelerators Advanced, Advanced Articulators of Andover, Chelmsford Toastmasters, Lexington Toastmasters Lincoln, Laboratory Toastmasters, Metrowest Toastmasters, Mill City Toastmasters, Minutemen Toastmasters, New Life Toastmasters Club, Westford Expressions Club
- 7:00 – 7:03: **Introduction by the Toastmaster** – Christian Austin
7:03 – 7:04: **Timer Introduction** – Debbie McCarthy
7:04 – 7:06: **Word of the Day from the Grammarian** – Bill Precobb
7:06 – 7:08: **Humorist** – Dave McCarthy
7:08 – 7:10: **Tip from the Tipmaster** – Mick Miller
- 7:10 – 7:12: **Introduction of Speaker 1** – Christian Austin
7:12 – 7:19: **Speaker 1: "Dreams," (5-7 min), by Rick Winer, DTM**
7:19 – 7:21: **Introduction of Speaker 2** – Christian Austin
7:21 – 7:28: **Speaker 2: "Why Did I Join A Toastmasters Club?," (5-7 min) by Marina Lam, DTM**
7:28 – 7:38: **Table Topics by the TableTopics Master** – Vicki Wegweiser
- 7:38 – 7:39: **Transition to the General Evaluator** – Lori Whitmore, DTM
7:39-7:42: **Evaluation of Rick Winer's Speech** – Rudy King
7:42-7:45: **Evaluation of Marina Lam's Speech** – Gary Budiansky, DTM
7:45 – 7:46: **Timer's Report** – Debbie McCarthy
7:46 – 7:47: **Ah Counter/Grammarian/WotD Report** – Bill Precobb
7:47 – 7:51: **General Evaluation of the Meeting** – Lori Whitmore, DTM
- 7:53 – 7:54: **Transition to Toastmaster** – Christian Austin
7:54 – 7:56: **Questions from the Quizmaster** – Christian Austin
7:56 – 7:58: **Closing by the Toastmaster/International Director** – Christian Austin / Dr. Farzana Chohan, DTM
7:58 – 8:05: **Guest Introductions and Q+A** – All
8:05 – 8:20: **Networking and Refreshments**



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The second District open house of the year was held on the evening of April 30th at Chelmsford library, one of the events leading up to CLCON 2025. The open house meeting featured two District 31 speakers and a closing speech by international director Frazan Chohan and ran from **7 PM to 8 PM** for the main, followed by networking where clubs were able to chat with guests about their clubs, distribute club material, and enjoy pizza!

Prepared speeches were "Dreams" by Rick Winer, DTM, and "Why Did I Join A Toastmasters Club?" by Marina Lam, DTM, and Table Topics was lead by Vicki Wegweiser, with topics that both members and guest answered. The agenda was structured similar to a regular meeting, featuring an evaluation team lead by Lori Whitmore, DTM as General Evaluator, providing a thorough evaluation of the meeting as a whole, Debbie McCarthy as timer – with electronic stop light— and evaluators Rudy King and Gary Budiansky, DTM. See the full agenda and list of volunteers above.





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At the end of the meeting International Director, Dr. Farzana Chohan, DTM, arrived right from the airport for her appearance at CLCON 2025 to provide a closing speech to wrap up the meeting.

We thank all of the District clubs that attended for participating, and welcoming our guests to the meeting:

Based on the sources, the following Toastmasters clubs were listed as participating in the Chelmsford Open House:

- 3Talkers Toastmasters
- Accelerators Advanced
- Advanced Articulators of Andover
- Chelmsford Toastmasters
- Lexington Toastmasters
- Lincoln Laboratory Toastmasters
- Metrowest Toastmasters
- Mill City Toastmasters
- Minutemen Toastmasters
- New Life Toastmasters Club
- Westford Expressions Club





District 31 Newsletter

Review of April/May, Winners Announced, Club and Member Features

May 2025

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May 19th East Greenwich RI Open House

TOASTMASTERS
E. GREENWICH OPEN HOUSE

with Keynote by
Sarah Guernelli
WPRI 12 Reporter

Monday, May 19th
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
(6:15pm Networking)

Join us to learn how Toastmasters can help you

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New England Institute of Technology
1 New England Tech Boulevard
East Greenwich, RI 02818

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Welcome to our meeting!

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

RIAT Webpage: <https://riat.toastmastersclubs.org>

Time	Role / Agenda Item for May 19, 2025	Member
06:35PM	Sergeant of Arms Calls meeting to order, introduces President	Lance Ratkoski, PM2
06:37PM	President Opening remarks, welcome guests	Bethany Hashway, DTM
06:42PM	Toastmaster Provides introduction to the meeting, introduces Humorist	Michael Brady, P11
06:46PM	Humorist Adds a humorous story or joke	Jula Dromsky
	Toastmaster Introduces General Evaluator	Michael Brady, P11
	General Evaluator Explains role, introduces evaluation team (timer, grammarian, ah counter)	Joanne Eichinger
06:54PM	Timer explains role	Mary Morabit
06:56PM	Grammarian explains role, gives the word of the day	Lance Ratkoski, PM2
06:59PM	Ah Counter explains role	Kevin Bernardo
07:01PM	Toastmaster Introduces speakers	Michael Brady, P11
07:02PM	Keynote Speaker Sarah Guernelli - WPRI 12 Reporter	-
07:09PM	Speaker #1 Path / Project / Time: PATHWAYS - Presentation Mastery: (L2) Understanding Your Communication Style (5-7 min) Project Title: Understanding Communication Styles at Work	Crystal McGuirk
07:15PM	Speaker #2 Path / Project / Time: PATHWAYS - Presentation Mastery: (L2) Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring (5-7 min) Project Title: The quiet mentor	Manouka Leconte
07:22PM	VP of Ed calls for members to fill next meeting roles	Heidi Kranz, EH3
07:27PM	Break Break and intermission	-
	Toastmaster Introduces Table Topics Master	Michael Brady, P11

07:37PM	Table Topics explains role, introduces topics	Evelyne Pierre-Mike, LD2
	General Evaluator Introduces speech evaluators	Joanne Eichinger
07:52PM	Evaluator #1 evaluates speech #1	Kyle Burns
07:55PM	Evaluator #2 evaluates speech #2	Nicole Jones
	General Evaluator calls up evaluation team (timer, grammarian, ah counter) to give their report	Joanne Eichinger
07:58PM	Timer gives time report	Mary Morabit
08:02PM	Grammarian gives grammar report	Lance Ratkoski, PM2
08:06PM	Ah Counter gives ah counter report	Kevin Bernardo
08:10PM	General Evaluator provides feedback for the meeting as a whole	Joanne Eichinger
08:13PM	Toastmaster gives closing remarks	Michael Brady, P11
08:17PM	President	Bethany Hashway, DTM
08:21PM (end)	final remarks, acknowledges guests, closes the meeting	





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The Third District open house of the year was held on **May 19th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM** at New England Institute of Technology in E. Greenwich RI, **sponsored by Rhode Island Active Toastmasters (RIAT)**. There was time before the meeting a 10 minute break in the middle, and time at the end for participating clubs to **network with the approximate 10 guests and enjoy pizza**. Guest came with a variety of backgrounds from surrounding Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts towns.

The event featured a **keynote speech delivered by Sarah Guernelli**, an investigative consumer reporter from WPRI 12. She spoke about some of the investigations that she lead, additional ones in the future, and some of her speaking strategies when delivering her reports.

The meeting was run by Toastmaster Michael Brady, and prepared Pathways speeches were given by RIAT members Crystal McGuirk on "Understanding Communication Styles at Work," and "The quiet mentor". Table Topics master Evelyne Pierre-Mike gave topics on the meeting theme "Serenity," making sure the audience was on their game, calling on members to answer to questions, including visiting Toastmasters Sean DaSilva from Fall River Innovators, Lisa Hunt, incoming Division G director and Christian Austin, Club Growth Director.

The well prepared feedback team was lead by Joanne Eichinger as the General Evaluator, who also gave a thoughtful evaluation of the meeting as a whole. Please see the full agenda above for a list of the meeting participants that helped make the meeting a success.



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The District would like to thank RIAT for providing the facility and for allowing us to repurpose their regular meeting as an open house.

There was a great showing by local District clubs both attending and participating in the meeting. The following clubs were represented at the event;

- Fall River Innovators
- Foxboro Achieves
- Island Foghorns
- Ocean State Club
- Rhode Island Active Toastmasters
- FuN Club (Lisa Hunt, Incoming Division G Director)





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The Fourth District open house of the year was held on **May 31st from 10 to 11:00AM** at Marlborough Public Library, in Marlborough, MA.

The event featured a **keynote speech delivered by Sara Belisle**, the Marlborough Public Library Director.

TOASTMASTERS MARLBOROUGH OPEN HOUSE

with Keynote by
Sara Belisle
Marlborough Library Director

Saturday, May 31, 2025
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(9:45 AM Networking)

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Thank you to all of the open house participants, contributing to the open house meetings, Helping make them a success!

Upcoming District Open Houses

If you were not able to attend the previous District open houses, there are still several more coming up! Mark you calendars for an opportunity to network, recruit guests, enjoy food and refreshments and have fun 🎉

The next events are:

1. **Where:** Arlington Robbins Library, 700 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476

When: Monday, June 2, 2025, 6-7 PM (5:45 PM Networking)

[Website Link](#)

TOASTMASTERS
ARLINGTON OPEN HOUSE

with Keynote by **Stefano McGhee, DTM**
First Vice President Toastmasters

Monday, June 2, 2025
6-7 PM
(5:45 PM Networking)

Join us to learn how Toastmasters can help you

- Gain Confidence
- Find Your Voice
- Improve Leadership
- Communicate Effectively

Experience a Meeting
Learn About Local Clubs
Enjoy Refreshments
Network

Learn More

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Arlington, MA 02476

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2..**Where:** Sandwich Library, 142 Main St, Sandwich, MA 02563

When: Friday, June 20, 2025, 12-1 PM (11:30 PM Networking)

3. **Where:** Cambridge, MA. Location: TBD

When: Mid- June

We would also like to hold an event in the **north shore** and in the **western edge of the district towards Worcester**. If your club is **interested in participating** in any of the above open houses, 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 following FAQ answer many common questions:

District Open Houses FAQs

1. Will the district cover event expenses?

Yes, the district will cover all expenses for the event, including refreshments, supplies, decorations, etc. We just ask club members to help run the event.

2. When similar events have occurred in the past, what were the outcomes?

A couple of District open houses were run last year. The format differed, though. The district ran the event and requested volunteers from in the local area to participate in roles. There was no promotion of specific clubs. If members showed up from other clubs they had the opportunity to network with guests. There were no followup surveys with guests, so we do not have statistics on guests.

3. How many guests do you expect at the event? How many clubs generally participate?

We don't know, since this is the first time the district is using this format. Guests participation will depend on how well we advertise, the theme/speakers connecting with guests. Clubs will organize these aspects of the meeting, and the district will work with the clubs to facilitate implementation. Club participation will depend on how many clubs would like to help organize and run the event.

4. If this event is to attract more guests to multiple clubs, which clubs typically retain these guests as potential members? We are concerned about all clubs mutually benefiting from the collaboration.

That is a legitimate concern if there are multiple clubs trying to attract guests. Clubs will have an opportunity to provide guests with a mission statement or synopsis about the club. How that is built into the events will be up to the organizing clubs. Guests will be encouraged to visit multiple clubs to determine which one is the best fit for them. An analogous event was the district 100 Year event held at the end of October, where Advanced clubs collaborated in the morning to put on workshops. All clubs promoted themselves, and encouraged guests to visit each of their clubs.





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District Open Houses FAQs Cont.

5. How would I turn this into an upper-level Pathways project. Can you give more details on what specific projects you mean?

Please see the events section of this District 31 webpage for ideas:

<https://district31.org/2023-2024-public-relations-projects-jobs/>

6. Would this event happen at a specific time of day or day of the week?

We are surveying interested clubs to gather more information, including the month, time and day of the week.





Christian's Clubhouse

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:


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



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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

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**The DTM Toolkit Series #3:
Get an Early Start**



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Early access the DTM manual: Walk through the entire process of selecting and executing a DTM project

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**The DTM Toolkit Series #4:
Ideas For Your Project**



The DTM Project Spreadsheet contains a list of high priority District 31 projects
• Find an interesting project • Help the district

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**The DTM Toolkit Series #5:
DTM Video Interviews**



Learn from the experiences of others: One-on-one D31 DTM video interviews
• Selecting Projects • Executing Projects • Overcoming Obstacles

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**The DTM Toolkit Series #6:
DTM Project Video Snippets**



Table Topics length D31 DTM project snippets:
Preview first, and then watch the full length interview

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**The DTM Toolkit Series #7:
DTM Panel Discussions**



See what the DTMs in the one-on-one videos have to say when they get together for a panel discussion
• Selecting and executing DTM projects • Conducting Lessons Learned

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

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





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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. .

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 **name of your club** and **the Social Media Link**.

Check out the [current list of D31 club links](#).



Coffee With Caryl



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Review of April, Winners Announced, Club and Member Features

April 2025



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