



DISTRICT 91 UK SOUTH

# NEWSLETTER

## E-Newsletter #4, October 2017

### Welcome Fellow Toastmasters

Hello DLT

It's just two weeks before the District 91 Conference and we have all been busy attending the divisional contests. I am attempting to send out regular posts during the month and use this newsletter as a summary. So, the information is all replicated on our website with more detail; just follow the [<Read More>](#) links. Also please do contact me, [Nigel](#) your District PR Manager, if you have any district news to share.

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### Diary Dates

**DEADLINE:** Area and club officers please note that all club visits and COT reports are due to be submitted to Toastmasters Central by the **30<sup>th</sup> November**.

The news of the month is undoubtedly that our [District 91 Conference](#) is just two weeks away. "*Let your speaking fly*" with the Gatwick Conference scheduled for take-off on Saturday **4<sup>th</sup> November**. The conference agenda is available on our [website](#), so book your tickets and accommodation now to avoid missing out on this magnificent high-flying event. As well as the keynote address from Aletta Rochat, DTM and Regional 11 Advisor, there are workshops, a gala dinner and the *Humorous Speech Contest* and *Table Topics Contest*.

District officers please note we have our next District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting scheduled for the evening before the conference on Friday **3<sup>rd</sup> November** in Gatwick. The D91 Council Meeting will take place on the Saturday - Club Presidents and VPEs not attending please ensure you have submitted your [proxy vote forms](#).

The district is organising a series of free webinars every other Sunday evening. Check out our [website](#) or [calendar](#) for details.

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### DLT Dispatches



As usual, our District Leadership Team (DLT) has been busy working on your behalf. This month, **Pedro Casillas** (District Director) updates us on the various district meetings and proxy votes, **Andy Hammond** (PQD) tells us about the club visits and Pathways, and **Florian Bay** (CGD) tells us about new clubs and *Open House Meetings*. Follow the [link](#) for the full update from our DLT Trio.

Florian has also produced another of his informative videos. In this month's [Florian's Vlog](#), he shares the Demo Box with us. It will be available from next month to those setting up new clubs and organising *Demonstration Meetings* or those intending to host an *Open House*.

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## In the News

Each month, one of our toastmasters writes an article which is then published externally in several business journals and websites. Contact [Nigel](#) if you would like to write an article for us, become widely published and share the benefits of Toastmasters.

This month **Sue Fish**, of Canterbury Communicators and one of our previous District PR Managers, shares her invaluable tips on successful [business networking](#).

**Andrew Bennett**, **Steve Campion** and others have received further press coverage of their earlier articles.

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## Meet a Leader

This month I catch up with our Cub Growth Director, **Florian Bay**, and find out how he joined Toastmasters, what drives him and his interests outside of Toastmasters. Read the full story on Florian on our [website](#).

Florian is a true Franco-Brit - whilst he is French to the core he has fully immersed himself in his adopted homeland of *Dear Old Blighty*, including our culture, food and customs. Florian is the person most passionate about Toastmasters that I know, and he dedicates much of his time and effort to growing our organisation and motivating its members.

Next month I hope to catch up with **Beauty Zindi**, our Finance Manager.

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## Awards & Recognition

This month we have one D91 member who has achieved her DTM. Our congratulations go to:

- **Meg Heyworth**, Worthing Speaker's Club (Div H, Area 32)

and the following club chartered:

- **Bloomberg London Toastmasters** (Div K, Area 58)

You can find out more about members' awards on the [D91 Dashboard](#).

Well done to all those who competed in the divisional contests and congratulations to those going through to the D91 contests. Read more about the winners [here](#).

And finally congratulations to those amazing 17 clubs that achieved the *Smedley Award*, the DLT thank you sincerely for your effort and dedication. London Public Speakers and Central London Toastmasters each gained an incredible 15 members. See the full list of successful clubs [here](#).

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## Resources & Links

**We need your help!** We are always striving to improve our internal communications. Please fill out our [2 minute survey](#) on the D91 e-newsletter and general comms.

**Prepare for Pathways!** Andy Hammond has set up some new pages in our [website](#) which explain more about Pathways including the timeline for roll-out and an invite to become a Pathways Guide.

Club officers can find the agenda for the DEC meeting [here](#) and the District Council Meeting [here](#).

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## Stay in Touch

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I hope you have found this e-newsletter useful. Please email any newsletter contributions to me or click on the icons below to follow us on our social media platforms. Enjoy the remainder of the contest and conference season.

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District 91 PR Manager

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