



## E-Newsletter #2, August 2017

### Welcome Fellow Toastmasters

Hello and welcome to our second e-newsletter. Apologies for my tardiness but it has been a busy month with holidays and the *International Convention*. This newsletter provides a quick summary of the news and events across our district. The information is 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 level news to share.



### Diary Dates

We have just over one month to go before the end of the **Smedley Award**. This is a membership building contest in which your club will be rewarded for attracting five new members, and of course our DLT will be eternally grateful for your efforts. Follow this [link](#) to find out more about the award from **Florian Bay**.

The Toastmasters event of the year, *The International Convention*, recently ended. To find out more about the convention and our District Leadership Team (DLT) Trio's experience see Florian's [write-up](#).

August is also the time of the year when the area's Club Officer Training (COT) should be completed; club officers see our [calendar](#) for COTs near you if you still need to attend one. Area Directors note that COT reports should be submitted by **31 August** (to count towards a Distinguished credit). We also have a District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting scheduled for **17 September**.

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### DLT Dispatches

Our District Leadership Team (DLT) have spent the last week at the *International Convention* receiving leadership training, attending the elections, annual business meeting and, of course, enjoying the *World Champion of Public Speaking* contest.

Follow the [link](#) for more updates from our DLT Trio. This month, Pedro tells us about how he voted for the district, Andy gives a progress report on COTs and Florian encourages us to grow membership.

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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. This month my PR oppo in District 71, **Laura Bruce**, wrote a paper on "how to best share information for success"; see her article published in *Business Crowd*.

The papers previously produced by **Andrew Bennett, Paul Carroll and Christopher Hirsch** also received more external coverage this month. See our [press clippings](#) page for more details. Also, Andrew Bennett was interviewed by Exposure Ninja about "use these killer public speaking tips to captivate and persuade audiences"; click [here](#) to hear Andrew's podcast.

Pharmacist turned coach **Glen Savage**, of Riverside Communicators in Twickenham, made it into this month's *Toastmaster* magazine. Well done Glen and keep up the good work.

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### Meet a Leader



This month I catch up with our District Director, **Pedro Casillas**, and find out how he joined Toastmasters, what drives him and his interests outside of Toastmasters. Read more on our [website](#).

After a couple of teleconference calls, I eventually met Pedro at our DLT away day. Never mind his Toastmasters knowledge, I was impressed with his vast musical knowledge and was glad to hear that we have a similar taste in music, especially as he was in charge of the music system.

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### Awards & Recognition



Over the last couple of months, the following District 91 members have achieved their DTM:

- **Alison Morris**, of Thame Speakers (and Div J Director)
- **Wole Ososami**, of The Speakers of Croydon
- **Catherine Cannon**, of County Communicators (Chichester)

Congratulations also to Alison and Wole on achieving a Triple Crown.

The following club was chartered:

- Reading **Verizon Toastmasters** (Area 46)

Well done to the new DTMs and club. You can find out more about members' awards on the [District Dashboard](#).

You will have seen in Florian's report above that, **Simon Bucknall** came second in the *World Champion of Public Speaking* contest. An absolutely amazing achievement for Simon and the district. See Simon's winning speech [here](#).

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### Resources & Links



Pedro has compiled a catalogue of useful tools and information for Area and Division Directors on [OneNote](#).

**Beauty Zindi**, our D91 Finance Manager, is busy preparing our annual budget and streamlining our expenses processes. For example, Beauty has created a new [Expenses Reimbursement Voucher](#).

As part of her High Performance Leadership (HPL) project, **Mell Sheppard** is compiling videos of all the past speech winners. See her new D91 [website page](#) for details.

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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 share items on our social media platforms. Enjoy the rest of the Bank Holiday.

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