



DISTRICT 91 UK SOUTH

# NEWSLETTER

## E-Newsletter #10, April 2018

### Welcome Fellow Toastmasters

Dear Nigel

Things are really hotting up - both weather-wise and Toastmasters-wise. The divisional contests have just finished, it's less than two weeks to the District 91 Spring Conference and we have Dan Rex, the CEO of Toastmasters International, visiting the district. More details below!

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As usual, this newsletter represents a round-up of the website and social media posts issued over the last month. 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 level news to share.



### Diary Dates

We have less than two weeks to wait for the **District 91 Spring Conference** at the [Coppid Beech Hotel](#) (on the **5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May**). The full programme and all logistical details can be found on [our website](#) or the new [conference website](#). Get your tickets [here](#)! You can also join a pre-conference [business breakfast](#) on Artificial Intelligence and Technology.

We are honoured that **Dan Rex**, the CEO of Toastmasters International, is visiting a number of clubs in the preceding week to his keynote address at our conference. See Dan's schedule on [our website](#) and contact the clubs directly if you wish to see Dan.

As well as visiting clubs, Dan will present at our open [corporate event](#) at Northern Trust on the **9<sup>th</sup> May**. We also have a free workshop at Google on **25<sup>th</sup> April** on [Supporting & Mentoring Successful New Clubs](#). We will resume our webinars after the conference and Dan's visit.

Our D91 *Path to Toastmasters* challenge will run until **30<sup>th</sup> April**. Enrol five new members and receive £30 off your next Toastmaster supplies order. Congratulations to those 34 clubs who achieved the *Talk up Toastmasters* award, your next Toastmaster International challenge is *Beat the Clock!* (**1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June**).

I have extended the deadline for the [PR & Comms Awards](#). Division and Area Directors [email me](#) entries no later than **25<sup>th</sup> April**.

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## DLT Dispatches



This month's [DLT Dispatches](#), is packed with lots of useful information from our DLT Trio.

- **Pedro Casillas** (District Director) reports on preparation for the DEC and District Council, and an update on [GDPR](#).
- **Andy Hammond** (PQD) shares updates on the conference, Pathways and DCP. Did you know that our district is 4<sup>th</sup> in the world (out of 107 districts) for Distinguished clubs! An amazing achievement.
- **Florian Bay** (CGD) provides handy tips on growing your club and introduces the *Path to Toastmasters Challenge* and his 'new club' workshop.

This month we also have a report from our D91 Finance Director, **Beauty Zindi**, on the new Toastmasters [Concur Finance System](#).

Each year, the three core DLT roles (and divisional and area roles) are elected. Other roles are bestowed by the District Director. One such role is the **District 91 PR Manager** - this is both an enjoyable and highly rewarding role. Contact me, [Nigel Oseland](#), if you would like to learn more about the role and either lead or be part of the PR team.

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## In the News



Each month, one of our toastmasters writes an article which is then published externally in papers, journals and websites. We are always looking for new ideas for articles, so please contact [me](#) if you would like to write an article for District 91.

Over the last month, articles by **Heidi Ashley-Hacker**, of Riverside Communicators, and **Karen O'Donnell**, of D71, received external press coverage. Bret Freeman and Eddie Darroch's articles are also in the news again.

See our [press clippings page](#) for a full list of published articles.

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## Meet a Leader



Each month I interview a leader within the district, someone who has gone the extra mile. I have interviewed contest winners, Division Directors and the District Leadership Team (DLT).

In this month's [Meet a Leader](#) feature I catch up with **Andy O'Sullivan**. Andy is the D91 *Chief Judge* and was last year's joint *Toastmaster of the Year*.

Next month I will be catching up with the winner of the D91 International Speech Contest!

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## Awards & Recognition



The results are in from the [divisional contests](#). Congratulations to the following who now go on to the D91 finals at the Spring Conference.

International Speech Contest winners:

- Hilary Benoit
- Brian Guo
- David Jackson
- Daniel Magill
- Mopani Mkandawire
- Fabio de Sio
- Eric Skates

Evaluation Contests winners:

- Jean Gamester
- Alfredo Iorio
- David Jackson
- Chinkata Okpara
- Eric Skates
- Dan Stoddart
- Amanda Zwarts

This month we have one new D91 Distinguished Toastmasters - congratulations to:

- **Fahad Alturkait**, London Victorians

Also congratulations to this month's Triple Crown members:

- **Fahad Alturkait**
- **Andy Hessey**
- **Martin Mansell**
- **Jakub Pawlowski**
- **Barbara Saph**

This month the following clubs chartered - welcome to the family:

- **Immunocore Toastmasters**, J22
- **Manor House Speakers**, L47

A special thanks to those that are already President's Distinguished clubs:

- **Berkeley Square Speakers**
- **City Limits Speakers**
- **Cardiff Toastmasters**
- **Covent Garden Speakers**
- **Early Bird Speakers**
- **Guildford Speakers**
- **LBS Public Speaking Club**
- **Maidenhead Speakers Club**
- **MLP London Bridge Speakers**
- **Oxford Orators Club**

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

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## Resources & Links



Check out our website for [useful resources](#) and tools. This month take a look at the following:

- [District Council meeting documents](#)
- [District Executive Committee documents](#)
- [Toastmasters dashboard](#)
- [Putting you club on Google Maps](#)

As mentioned previously, I have set up a D91 [Speakers' Bureau](#) and there are now ten of us. If you are interested then check [our website](#) to see if you qualify to join.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nigel".

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