



DISTRICT 91 UK SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Welcome Fellow Toastmasters

Dear *Contact First Name*

"October is about trees revealing colours they've hidden all year" This quote from Jim Storm caught my eye as we step into the period where we introspect and focus on various aspects of our lives. Welcome to the October newsletter.

This month we have a treat from **Division B** sharing their member stories and the meaning **Toastmasters** brought into their lives.

Andy Hammond, our District91 Director, reminisces about his journey and the camaraderie within Toastmasters while **Florian Bay**, our Program Quality Director, invites you to volunteer and be a driving force towards achieving the District Vision

In **Meet a Leader** we get a chance to look at our Immediate Past District91 Director, **Pedro Casillas's** remarkable journey within Toastmasters.

Next month, look out for yet another action packed newsletter with all the exciting news from Division A as they lead the newsletter in November.

I hope you enjoy reading the experiences of various toastmasters and look forward to your feedback.

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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.



Diary Dates

Key events organised by Division B:

Wednesday 31st October: **Workshop on Handling Q&A** @ Riverside Communicators
Tuesday 6th November: **Workshop with Shola Kaye** @ London Victorians
Saturday 10th November: **Division B Conference and Contest** @ The Wesley Hotel, Euston
Monday 13th November: **Panel discussion "Will the market solve London's housing market needs and by when"** @ 104 Debaters
Thursday 22nd November: **Workshop on "How to write an award winning speech" by Freddie Daniels** @ Kings Speakers
Tuesday 27th November: **Area 8 Mega Meeting** @ London Victorians
Thursday 29th November: **Workshop on "Self-Leadership" by Glen Savage** @ London Olympians
Wednesday 23rd January: **Area 8 Mega Meeting** @ Phoenix Speakers
Monday 18th March: **Area 8 Mega Meeting** @ London Cardinals

District officers please note we have our next **virtual District Executive Committee (DEC)** meeting on Saturday 17th November.

DEADLINE: Area and Club officers please note that all club visits and COT reports are due to be submitted to Toastmasters Central by 30th November.

For more details [click here](#)

DLT Dispatches



Andy Hammond, our District Director, shares his thoughts about **Embracing New Challenges**

Florian Bay speaks about collaborative work to achieve District91 vision this year. He invites each of us to **Volunteer** to make this vision a reality.

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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 external publications promoting toastmasters.

Sudha Mani offers advice on what to do if presentation goes wrong and is published in a series of online publications

Richard Foster-Fletcher shares some insights on how to give feedback on a bad bit of work

Nigel Oseland, Helena Brewer and **Kay Heald** gets more coverage for their articles

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

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Meet a Leader



This month **Pedro Casillas**, our Immediate Past District Director, shares with us why he joined Toastmasters, what drives him, his plans for this year and his life outside Toastmasters. Read the full story on our **website**.

Meet a Toastmaster (Division B)

Gina Rocque-Drayton, Area B6 Director resonates the importance of volunteering by sharing how **Volunteering as Area Director** for the second time helped her as an individual

Ruth Ribeiro recounts her wonderful experience at the International Conference in an interesting note entitled **My Reflection on the 2018 International Convention in Chicago**



Megameetings is a new initiative within Area 8 of Division B to strengthen the relationships within the area. **Nuala McHugh** highlights this initiative within her area.

Paweł Uścisławski, Area52 Director uses the platform to promote the various clubs and encourages one to visit other areas in **[Area52: Don't be spooked](#)**

[Riverside Communicators celebrates their 20th anniversary](#) reports
Gulnaz Rana

Resources & Links

Check out our website for [useful resources](#) and tools.

- [Contest tips from Andy O'Sullivan, the D91 Chief Judge, on our contest and judging page.](#)
- [Performance Dashboard](#)
- [Marketing materials](#)

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Stay in Touch

Please share the newsletter with any fellow Toastmasters who you think may have not received it. Back copies of the E-Newsletter are on our website.

Kindly do not hesitate to share written articles with [me](#), both for the newsletter and for the non-toastmaster world. Do click on the icons below to follow us on our social media platforms and spread the Toastmasters message.

Warm regards

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