

## Toastmasters District 91 Newsletter - December 2023

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Season's Greetings and welcome to our December newsletter, dear District 91 Member. In this edition:

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# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

District Director  
Diane Richardson

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone who is a member of District 91 Toastmasters. I also extend these greetings to members of your family, and friends. We're fast approaching the halfway point of our Toastmasters year. It seems incredible how quickly it has gone. Experience tells me that the second half of our year seems to pass even more quickly than the first half. It is now time to consider what progress you have made towards meeting your personal goals for this Toastmasters year, and what changes you may need to achieve them. This applies to everyone: our individual members, our clubs, areas, divisions and indeed our district, as we all "Stroll to Smedley".

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# On the twelfth day of Christmas

Program Quality Director  
Steve Year

'On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love.....' OK, OK: I will save you the Christmas songs, but I did warn you in my video message of last month that I do love a bit of Christmas and at the time of writing I am but days away from getting my Christmas cushions out of the cupboard and my finger hovering over my Christmas play list on Spotify.



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# Celebration Season

Club Growth Director  
Mo Dawodu

Fellow leaders,

Congratulations to our Division Directors, District contest winners and all those who have made the contest season a success. The Bristol District Conference in May 2024 will be exciting with competitive District Contests to look forward to.

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# All we want for Christmas is you

Your District 91 club membership has lapsed and we would love to welcome you back on board very soon.

# District Leadership

District Leadership Committee Chair & IPDD  
Rupa Datta

## Your District Needs you!

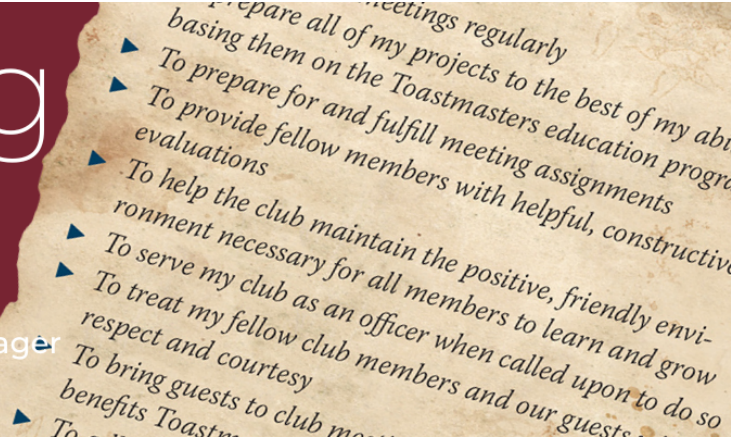
Our amazing organisation is helping you learn and practice communication and leadership skills. As you progress on your journey, you may have already taken on Club leadership roles, supported contests and training events. Now is the time to think about the next step in your Toastmasters development.

The application process for Program Year 2024/25 District Leadership elective roles (District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director and Division Director) is now open.

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# Heeding the Call

District Administration Manager  
Janet Alkema

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- ▶ To prepare all of my projects to the best of my ability
  - ▶ To prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments
  - ▶ To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations
  - ▶ To help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow
  - ▶ To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so
  - ▶ To treat my fellow club members and our guests with respect and courtesy
  - ▶ To bring guests to club meetings
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So why did I say "yes" to taking the District Administration Manager role?

It's a question I have asked myself several times these past couple of weeks! Why did I accept the DAM role? (Just as well this is not audio as that last might have been bleeped out!!)

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# Newsletter Options



Our goal is to make our communication with you reflect your wants and needs. Our success stories are proving to be hot favourites. We want to offer you more of these and from January we'll be inviting our Division Directors to provide more such news from our divisions every month. You'll be signed up to articles from your home **Division** by default, but you are welcome also to sign up to receive articles from any other of our divisions you choose.

We also publish a "**Leaders' Letter**" every month, which is sent to all club and district officers. Maybe you're aspiring to become an officer, or you're taking a well earned break from being one and would like to be included in this mailing? You are welcome to sign up to receive our Leaders' Letter too.

You can change your options at any time and we will be giving you more choice over the content you receive in the coming months.



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# A Cantankerous Christmas Carol

The Laughing Toastmaster  
Sonia Aste



How's your Christmas looking? If it's full of sparkle and joy, please stop reading this and go sing Mariah Carey's, 🎵 All I want for Xmas is youuuuu ... 🎵

If, on the other hand, you're muttering, 🎵 All I want for Xmas is youuuuu ... to shut up already with that festive cheer! 🎵 this article is for you! I aim to provide top, tinselly tips, so that die-hard Scrooges (like me)

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## Spotlight on London Victorians

Division B Director  
Luca Graziani



**D91 Conference 2024**  
**3 - 5 May Bristol**  
#wearedistrict91

tinyurl.com/bristol24VIP



Watch on YouTube

# We are **A**mazing

Division A Director  
Andy Righi

It has been only 10 days since our Toastmasters District D91 experienced the exhilarating Div A Autumn Conference in Southampton. This full-day event brought the Toastmasters community together for a day of speeches, learning, and laughter, showcasing the talent and camaraderie that defines our vibrant community.

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President, TJXpressions  
Victoria Evans

Meeting Theme: **Numerous Speech & Table Topics Contest**

Venue Teams This meeting is also available online



Amber Red



TJXpressions hosted the Table Topics and Humorous speech contests for Area 61 last month. This is the first time that we have organised a contest to be held at our premises which was really exciting. We proposed the idea to the committee a few months ago and off the back of this we had a small enthusiastic team from TJXpressions alongside representatives from the Area council planning the contest.

Whilst this was the first time that TJX would be holding a contest, it was also the first time for the TJX representatives *organising* a contest so this was all new to us!

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## District 91 Diary Dates

- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Focus on Pathways – Pathways Orientation ([Register](#))
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Canva Workshop ([Register](#))

## Now Playing

This month we're featuring **Brian Skelton** of **Excalibur Speakers** who appeared on the [Life in Practice Podcast](#) hosted by **Suzana Kalcic** of **Kings Speakers**.



Thanks to all who contributed to this short-running series. It is making way for regular news from our divisions.

Yuletide greetings to you and yours from **Tim Patmore**, Newsletter Editor and **Nikita Parks**, Public Relations Manager



District 91

1 level per member

10+ net members gained

100% Pathways enrollment

70<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary



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