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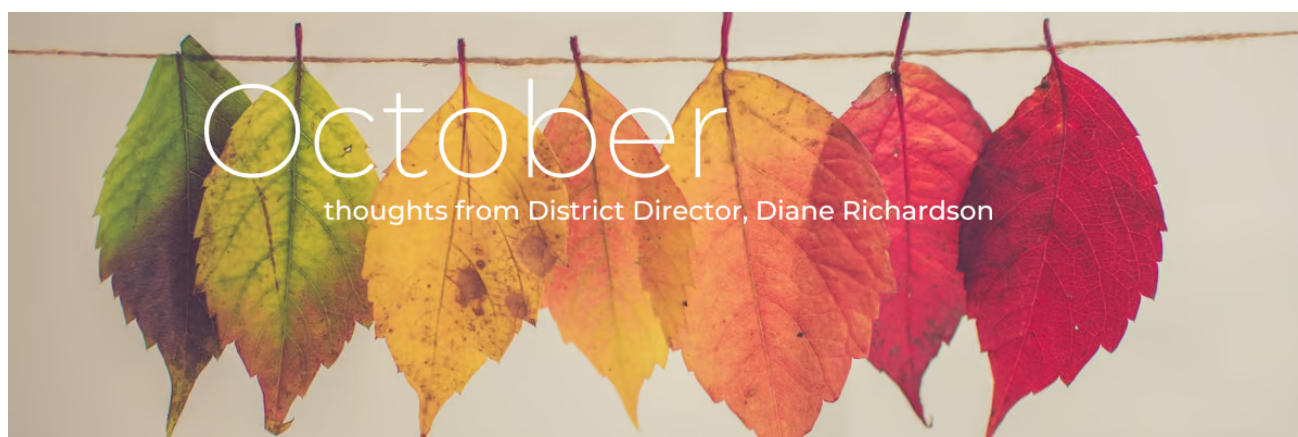
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Welcome to our October newsletter, dear Member. In this edition:

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Dear Member,

We are now a quarter through our Toastmasters' year, and let us congratulate ourselves for the achievements our clubs have made so far this year. I am delighted that many of our clubs have been successful in recruiting new members and in registering Pathways education awards.

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By the time you will be reading this article, we will be well into contest season as clubs around our District are taking part in the Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests. Contests offer us an important variation to our club agenda – one of the runners up in the International Speech Contest recently reflected that the only way to really improve is to compete and to stand alongside other contestants to learn from them and to strive to do better.

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On Wednesday 22 October 1924 the first Toastmasters club meeting was held at the YMCA in Santa Ana California. This rest is history and a long history as we approach the 100th anniversary Toastmasters International now with 250,000+ members in 148 countries.

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P.S. Are you interested in becoming a Club Coach, Club Sponsor or Club Mentor? [Find out more and express your interest.](#)



Thanks Toastmasters

I'm delighted to be able to announce the return of our "**Thanks Toastmasters**" membership building campaign after I underpinned our district website and made coding improvements....

Choose a Start-up Mentality

I invite you to perceive our district differently: not as a well established 100 years old institution, but as a new start-up that has just got going....

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P.S. Find out about more [exciting vacancies in our PR and Admin teams](#)



Hello Member,

Val here, your District Finance Manager. I am excited to finally be able to let you get to know me a little bit more.

I call 3 countries my home (Belarus, Lithuania, UK), I speak 4 languages (Russian, English, French and Italian) and have countless interests. I am a former swimmer who dreamt to be an actress but ended up being a marketing professional and sustainability project manager.

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P.S. Some of you have asked about VAT being added to Toastmasters' joining fees. I am clarifying the situation with both Toastmasters and a British Accountant, as we have received conflicting information about when and to what it should be applied. When we know more, we will inform all clubs by email.

Mind the Mind

Join the Conversation. It's Mental!

The 10th of October brings Mental Health Awareness Day, and boy do we need it! Just last week a friend of mine called shouting, 'Meta (aka Facebook) is an evil plan to RULE THE WORLD by Mark Zuckerberg!!' I'm thinking ... Meta? Everyone knows it's X (aka Twitter) by Elon Musk!



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Crafting compelling content to promote your Toastmasters club

I am the Division K Director, a member of Toastmasters for nine years and a professional copywriter. Below are my tips to creating compelling content to promote your Toastmasters club, help attract potential members and engage your current members.



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From Toastmasters to the Bar

Thanks Toastmasters, for giving me confidence in my public speaking!

Before joining Toastmasters, I had set my sights on becoming a solicitor, specialising in office work. Whilst the Bar was mentioned as a potential route whilst I was at University, I never really felt it was for me. In fact, only one other person from my cohort had committed to this path.



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Time to Give a Little Love to Our D91 Online Clubs

"Online Clubs are not proper Toastmasters clubs." I would be quite rich if I had £1 for every time I have heard or seen that in the last few years. I beg to differ, they are 'proper Toastmasters Clubs and in fact they are vitally important to keep our organisation alive and thriving.

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District 91 Diary Dates

In view of our District Council decision, please check as they may be subject to change and all will allow online attendance even if not indicated on the calendar.

- Wednesday 11th October - Area **D14** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests
- Saturday 14th October - Area **H32** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Register](#)
- Sunday 15th October - Area **H37** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests
- Monday 16th October - Area **L16** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Register](#)
- Tuesday 17th October - Conquer Concur [Register](#)
- Saturday 21st October - Area **B52** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Join](#)
- Saturday 21st October - Area **J10** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Join](#)
- Saturday 21st October - Area **H55** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests
- Monday 23rd October - Area **L56** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Join](#)
- Tuesday 24th October - Area **H15** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests
- Tuesday 24th October - Area **L47** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests
- Saturday 28th October - Area **B18** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Register](#)
- Monday 30th October - Area **C2** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Register](#)
- Wednesday 1st November - Area **B6** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Join](#)
- Thursday 2nd November - Area **B8** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Register](#)
- Saturday 4th November - Division **J** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests
- Sunday 5th November - Division **H** Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests [Join](#)

Now Playing

Do you have music or a podcast that touches, moves or inspires you? Let us know and it may appear here soon!

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This month we're featuring the **William Hagerup** of **104 London Debaters** and [The Debating Toastcast](#) - A podcast about all things debating.



District 91

1 level per member

10+ net members gained

100% Pathways enrollment

10th

Anniversary



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