



# Newsletter

April 2023

Greetings!

Welcome to the District 91 Newsletter!

Spring is here and we are already on British Summer Time. It's an exciting time to be a District 91 Member. The Division Contests are taking place and we are seeing which contestants will represent their Divisions in the hotly contested D91 District Finals in May! *[Scroll down to get the latest D91 Conference news!](#)*

What this newsletter contains, so you can get to the right content more quickly:

- Our District Director, Rupa, takes a walk between May Conference venues
- Program Quality Director, Diane Richardson: Distinguished Clubs, Awards
- Club Growth Wisdom, from Debbie Williams, our Club Growth Director
- D91 District Conference is Inspiring Futures! Friday 12 to Sunday 14 May
- Do you know what the 1-21-100 incentive is? It helps drive excellence!
- Worcester Speakers, with an epic 100th meeting Speechathon event
- Woking Speakers, attracting 18 guests to their Open House in March
- Laughing Toastmaster, Sonia with a very funny piece on British weather
- D91 Calendar: a packed diary of contests and other events ++ this month
- Join us. Help us get to 5000 Members – new roles available in Vacancies
- April 2023 Toastmasters Magazine - and hot off the press - is Out Now!

Aside from this newsletter, another way to stay in touch is: [Join the District 91 Slack Channel](#) - a place to connect and collaborate together with other leaders in our district including the District Leadership team. You can follow channels that interest you from general information to recognition, contests, and events.

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## April message from our District Director, Rupa



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## News from Diane and Debbie

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### April 2023: Distinguished Clubs, Educational Awards and Contests

Congratulations to the 47 clubs who have already renewed 20 or more members until September and have 5 or more Distinguished Club Points (DCP points) already. These 47 clubs are the first of many to gain Distinguished Club status. Another 16 clubs are close already to achieved distinguished status, they need just one or two more members to renew or one additional educational award. [Read More...](#)



Diane Richardson  
Program Quality Director

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### April 2023: Club Growth Wisdom

First things first: thank you! As Club Growth Director, I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for your dedication and commitment to growing membership numbers so far this Toastmasters year. I trust this has made a difference to your clubs. Your passion for learning, improving



your communication skills, and supporting one another is truly inspiring, and it's what makes District 91 such a special community. [Read More...](#)

Debbie Williams  
Club Growth Director

## D91 Inspiring Futures Conference 2023



Keith Robinson is a member of the City of London Toastmasters Club. At the Division C Conference on April 2nd, Keith let us know he has the D91 Conference in his diary! Will we see you in the heart of Division C at our D91 Conference venues? The Barbican Centre and the University of Law, Moorgate.

[GET YOUR CONFERENCE TICKET](#)

**HAVE YOU GUESSED THE SATURDAY  
EVENING VENUE?**



## EARLY BIRD TICKETS £58

If you've been keeping up with news about the D91 Conference weekend, you might have placed a guess already about the location of our semi-formal drinks reception, Hall of Fame and dinner event on Saturday evening! Traditionally a Gala Dinner event, this year we've found a venue to put a twist on that tradition.

### The Fable *A fantasy filled bar & restaurant in the heart of London.*

**Tickets include arrival drinks and a 3-course meal** at our magical and exclusive venue. Drop in straight from the conference or freshen up before the Hall of Fame starts at 7pm!

*Get your early bird ticket now!* Take the opportunity to connect and share stories of the past and plans for your inspired future as part of the D91 Conference weekend. **Early bird tickets end on April 15th!**

#### **Saturday 13th May**

5.30pm: Drinks Reception

7pm: Hall of Fame

Followed by a 3-course meal

11pm: Last carriages

Dress code: semi-formal

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## **District 91 Member: What is the 1-21-100 Incentive?**





"What is the 1-21-100 incentive?" I hear you ask. Well, it's an important incentive for us at District 91. It comprises three key criteria that for the clubs that achieve them will mean that they are on the road to accomplishing excellence in both club and educational quality and in member growth. We think of it like a Trifecta running event as you need a balance of skills and to be good at all three events to triumph. [See More...](#)

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## An Extra Special Special Meeting: Worcester Speakers Speechathon



Our meetings at Worcester Speakers are on the first and third Mondays of the month, but every couple of months we end up with a fifth Monday in the month, which we call our "Bonus" Mondays. Sometimes we add an extra 'event' on those Bonus Mondays, which we tend to make into one of the 'non-standard' meeting, like Open Houses, Bring-a-Friend events, or Speechathons. [See More...](#)

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## Woking Speakers Open House Event

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Woking Speakers Club held our Open House event on the evening of 23rd March 2023. We had 18 guests who attended this year making it one of the most successful Open House events for the club. Milica Bennett VP-Public Relations and Seema Viswanath VP-Membership led the organisation of the event; they were ably supported by Bob Nisbet, Sergeant-at-Arms. [See More...](#)

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## Sonia our Laughing Toastmaster on British Weather



What's another name for the Four Seasons? A day in the UK! Ha, ha! I have to laugh! Until a sunny spring day turns to winter in Siberia. Then it's not so funny. Not when I'm wearing a cotton dress and get to Toastmasters feeling like I've just trekked through the Himalayas. Then it's not funny at all. [Read More...](#)

## D91 Events in This Month of April

Events (still 4 Division contests to attend!)

- 04 April - Area 18 Contest Scotland House, Horsferry Road, London
- 15 April - Div J International Speech and Evaluation Contests
- 16 April - Division B Contest Final and Keynote Guest speaker
- 16 April - Division A Conference - come and be AMAZED!
- 17 April - Dr Martens Toastmasters Demo Meeting
- 17 April - Table Topics Workshop w Diana Robertson - Bayes Toastmasters
- 19 April - Synechron/Toastmasters Demonstration Meeting
- 21 April - Division L International Speech and Evaluation Contest
- 23 April - Pathways - Any Questions
- 24 April - Area H15 - Area Director Election



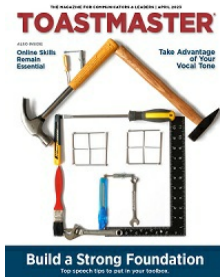
Save the Date



## Help us Reach 5000 - D91 Current Vacancies

Do you want to grow your talents while supporting a club, area, division or even district? Then explore our vacancies! Various previous experience and time commitments needed. Vacancies currently available to serve alongside Amy in Admin or Chris in the PR team. Click on the link to see what's available!

Choose an Exciting Role



The April issue of the [Toastmaster magazine](#) is full of news, advice and inspiration including news on the upcoming International Convention in the Bahamas.

- Building your foundations of public speaking
- Cut out Jargon: use more inclusive language
- Post Covid: Why Online Skills are here to stay
- How to use your Voice for the most impact
- How to breathe life into presentation slides

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