



District 91

Newsletter

August 2021

Welcome the second month of the Toastmasters year, full of warmth and enthusiasm!

It's a wonderful time to start moving towards your high-reaching goals and getting the most of this summer.

- Be inspired by the Hall of Fame winners and by the Division A
- Join the competition and win prizes for your club with our incentives programme
- Tune in the strategic message from the District Trio

Find advice on hybrid meetings, register for Toastmasters Convention and so much more!

Talents of Toastmasters

What a spectacular event it was - our Hall of Fame! But it can't be too much if we again clap and cheer our best of the best leaders and clubs!

Toastmaster of the Year - Harminder Dhillon, Kings Speakers.

Area Director of the Year - Amy Jones, Area H32.

Division Director of the Year - Diane Richardson, Division D.

District Director Award - Janet Alkema, Farnham Speakers.

Corporate Recognition Award - GSK House Toastmasters, Reading Verizon.

First Class Award - Harrovian Speakers, Data Science Speakers.

Club Commendation - Hamwic Speakers, Kings Speakers, Cardiff Toastmasters.

Many more individual Toastmasters and clubs received the awards.

Check if your club or a fellow member is among them!

[Glance over the Hall of
Fame](#)

Incentives

Early Payment



20+80 Challenge



Smedley Award



Would you agree that guests and new members are VIP (Very Important People) in Toastmasters? To support the growth of your club during these unprecedented times we prepared **three** incentive challenges that start in August!

Early Payment

Renew more than 12 club members by 31st August 2021. Membership renewals can be submitted in Club Central from 16th August.
£25 to the first 25 clubs.

Smedley Award

Add 5 new, dual, or reinstated members between 1st August and 30th September 2021.
A Smedley Award ribbon to display with the club banner.

20+80 Challenge

Renew membership of at least 80% of your existing members and ensure that your club has 20+ members before 30th September 2021.
£50 to the first 25 clubs.

Win Prizes for Your Club

News from Divisions

August is an amazing time for aspiring leaders! Hear from Barbara Saph, Division Director, and her team of Area Directors (Benjamin Jones, Paul Molyneux, Haritosh Srivastav, Xavier Graham, Mike Burrows) who look after the clubs in Division A and share their success stories with all of us today.

Division A is a home of award-winning speakers, incl. D91 International Speech contest winner [Ben Sloyan](#) (Casterbridge Speakers), as well as active

- TEDx speakers - Russell Streeter (Solent Speakers) and Anthony Garvey (Shilling Speakers)
- Club founders and leaders - Barry Mitchell (Ferndown Speakers) and Ian Venner (Spinnaker Speakers)
- Pathways graduates - Clare Crowther (Armada Speakers)
- International members - Lancina Bamba (Hamwic Speakers)

and other energetic and enthusiastic Toastmasters.

It's a home of remarkable events, and you are invited to enjoy them, too:

- 10th August - 'Walk the Old Walls of Southampton' by Hamwic Speakers.
- 27th October at 19:30 - '[Your Engaging Voice](#)' workshop by Andrew Bennett at Shilling Speakers.

Find more awe-inspiring news about the aspiring Division A on our website.

Message from our District Director



News from Rupa and Diane

Have you unlocked another level or a hidden gem?

I ask this question thinking about video games I used to play, where the end of a chapter may give you the option to go in one or more directions. Our learning experience curriculum Pathways is a little like that.

This month I'd like to draw your attention to what successfully achieving a Level 2 completion certificate unlocks for you.

[Read More...](#)



Rupa Datta
Program Quality Director

A Strong Start and Smedley Starts

Our District has started strong on membership growth this year. Moreover, the Smedley Award has started from 1st August. Clubs have time till 30th September to add 5+ members.



District's strategic growth plan is to work with professional organisations and uncover the added benefits Toastmasters can deliver by working in partnership. If you are a member of a professional organisation, please [contact me](#) directly.

[Read More...](#)

Diane Richardson
Club Growth Director

Hybrid Meeting Advice

Is your club thinking about hybrid meetings? Our dedicated Hybrid Meeting Committee team worked out some advice for you:

- [Consult](#) with your members and make sure it fits their needs.
- Learn from clubs that are making it work ([Witney Speakers](#), [Holborn Speakers](#), [Hamwic Speakers](#), and more each week).
- Attend Hybrid meetings - look for the ['Handshake'](#) icon on Easyspeak.
- Consider [what might be required](#) to successfully hold a hybrid meeting at your club.
- See what other [information and guidance](#) is available

And feel free to [email the team](#) if you have any queries.

[To Hybrid or not to Hybrid?](#)

The Toastmasters International Convention

The Toastmasters International 2021 Virtual Convention is held from Monday, August 23 through Saturday, August 28, with an all-inclusive fee of only \$25.

Make an exceptional difference in your and your team's speaking, communication and leadership skills by attending four education sections. It is also a place of **The World Championship of Public Speaking®!**

Besides, all Region 10 members and friends, regardless if they have or not registered for the Convention, are invited to the Region 10 Gathering on 27th August 5:30-8pm (it's free).

Register [for the Convention](#) and [for Region 10 Gathering](#) and invite your friends, too!

[Register Now](#)



Events This Month

District Program Quality team is working hard to ensure useful and interesting events are there for you. Get the links to register in [our District 91 Calendar](#).

New events are being added frequently so please check the calendar regularly.

Club Officer Training

- 10 August - Deep Dive Club Officer Training
- 22 August - Marketing and Membership TLI
- 22 August - Area H37 Club Officer Training

Webinars

- 15 August - Judging and the Contest cycle
- 22 August - Success Plan Surgery

Workshops

- 10 August - Humorous Speech Writing by London Athenians

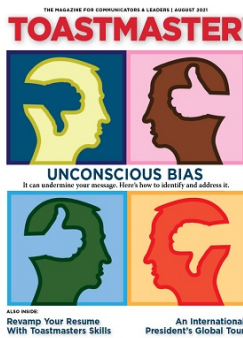


[Save the Date](#)

August Magazine Available Now

The August issue of the [Toastmaster magazine](#) is full of advice! Learn how to:

- Showcase the skills and achievements you gained through Toastmasters - feat. Victoria Salem (Covent Garden Speakers former member).



- Use journaling to achieve excellence - feat. Emmet Naughton (Berkeley Square Speakers) and Catalina Rozo (Berkeley Square Speakers, Early Bird Speakers).
- Pitch and make a lasting impression in a few seconds.

[Read the Magazine](#)

District 91 Vacancies

Have you had some time off this summer? Hopefully, yes! If as a result you are highly energised and eager to take on a new challenge, go and check our vacancies!

Whatever is your previous experience or time commitment, your support of a club, area, division or district will be highly appreciated.

It's an great way to grow your leadership and communication skills or to do something remarkable or to get credit for you Distinguished Toastmaster award.

[Sign up for an Exciting Role](#)

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