



Newsletter

August 2022

Hello District Member,

Welcome to the District 91 newsletter!

This is the second newsletter of the new Toastmasters year! The last month has been about starting the new year in the right way. Many of us are still getting used to our new roles as Members, Clubs Officers, Area, Division or District Officers. This is a bumper edition, because there is loads to tell you!

So you can get to the right content quickly. What this newsletter contains is:

- A message from our District Director, Rupa,
- A message from PQD, Diane and CGD Debbie
- Who's Who in Division Directors, District Incentives
- Tickets to Toastmasters Convention in Nashville
- Our Laughing TM - Sonia Aste on 'Networking'
- PR Team and Our Theme of the Month - Pitching
- Key Dates Upcoming in August in the D91 Calendar
- Brand New Club - London South Bank University
- Join us. Help us get to 5000 Members – Vacancies
- August 2022 Toastmasters Magazine 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.

Message from our District Director, Rupa



News from Diane and Debbie



Get Trained, Get Ahead

We are now at the halfway stage of the summer training round. So far only 127 Club Officers are shown having received training. That is just under 11% of all club officers. If you have attended training, please check that your Division Director has entered your attendance on District Central.

[Read More...](#)

Diane Richardson
Program Quality Director

Debbie's Top Tips for Growth

The new Toastmaster year has well and truly started and as you embark on growing your membership throughout the year, my top tip is to have a plan in place. Please include membership growth within your club success plans. We all want fun, organised and well-run meetings, not just for guests but for existing members alike. We want to give members a reason to stay...

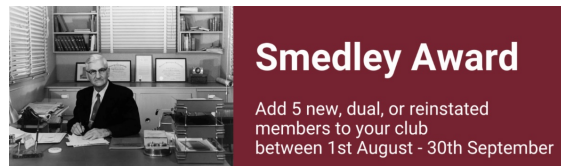


[Read More...](#)



Who's Your Division Director?

Check the link to find out who the new Division Directors are:
<https://d91toastmasters.org.uk/members/about-us/whos-who/>



The Smedley Award and D91 Incentives

The Smedley Award will be awarded to any club which adds five new, dual, or reinstated members from August 1 to September 30. Winners of the Smedley Award will receive a ribbon to be displayed on your club banner as a reward

Check out the full complement of District 91 Incentives here:
<https://d91toastmasters.org.uk/members/resources/incentives/>



We are only 2 weeks away from a very important date in the Toastmasters year the Annual Convention which this year is taking place in Nashville, Tennessee!

The best thing about it is that you don't need to go all the way to Nashville to experience it. You can get an All Access Online Pass for \$45 which includes:

- Opening ceremonies
- 16 Education sessions

- International Speech Contest Semifinals
- Golden Gavel Award Presentation
- Accredited Speaker Program
- World Championship of Public Speaking

You can register for the Convention here:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/events/2022-international-convention>

Congratulations to Dan Magill, our International Speech champion, going to the World Championships of Public Speaking for 2022 along with 27 other hopeful contestants. We caught up with Dan, at a London Toastmasters meeting along with Simon Bucknall last month to get his reaction to going to Nashville here:

<https://youtu.be/GGyFK7QLhD4>

Also, has your club submitted your its proxies to vote at the Annual Business Meeting yet? Follow the steps here: [Toastmasters International -Voting](#)

District 91 Hall of Fame - 2021-2022



This past weekend it was our Hall of Fame where we celebrated those who distinguished themselves last year across the District. It took place this Sunday 31st July hosted by our Immediate Past District Director Helena Boden-Brewer Formal proceedings started at

- Division Director of the year...Barbara Saph DTM
- Area Director of the Year - Rose Nakibirango
- Toastmaster of the Year - Debbie Williams
- District Director Award - Mike Burrows DTM

D91 Website page with the full list of winners will be available later this month.

Our Laughing Toastmaster: Sonia Aste



How does Toastmasters help you with networking? Our Laughing Toastmaster, Sonia Aste, gets to grip with the much feared topic of networking in this her latest piece. Divorce and alimony aside, fear of networking is universal. A recent survey shows most of us would rather face a wild tiger in the jungle rather than engage in this activity. In some extreme cases, PUBLIC SPEAKING was listed 'preferable' to networking!

[Read More...](#)

August Theme: Pitching Toastmasters, Chris Arning



In this 6 mins video Chris Arning asks if we shouldn't practice being better at talking about Toastmasters outside our Clubs. When people ask you where you are going every week in the morning or evening, what do you tell them? How well do you pitch?

The PR Team is challenging all Members to record 1min elevator pitches this month.

D91 Events This Month of August

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 Officers Training

- 4 August - Division B Club Officer Training (Session 2)
- 6 August - Division L Club Officer Training
- 6 August - Division C TM Leadership Institute
- 7 August - Area Director Huddle
- 8 August - VPPR Briefing Session
- 11 August - Division B - Club Officer Training (Session 3)



Events

- 12 August - LinkedIn Live PR Team - Making Toastmasters Work for You!
- 15 August - Your Engaging - Epsom Speakers (with Andrew Bennett)
- 17-20 August - 2022 Toastmasters Convention, Nashville, USA

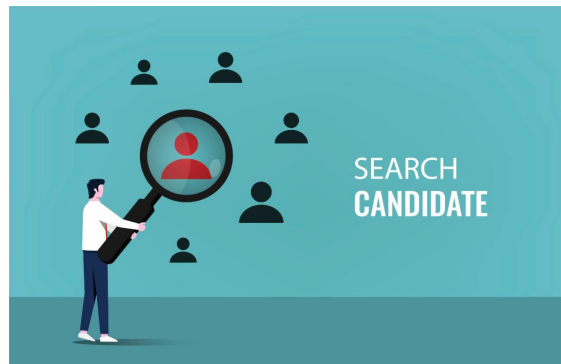
Save the Date

EST 1892 **LSBU**

New Club - London Southbank University

The mission of District 91 is not just to support existing clubs in reaching excellence but also to foster the creation of new clubs. It is therefore a great pleasure to announce the founding of London Business School University Club

[Read More...](#)



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 August issue of the **Toastmaster magazine** is full of news, advice and inspiration.

- Dealing with on stage mishaps
- The Power of first impressions
- Register for the Toastmasters online convention.



- A fictional public speaking competition
- How to motivate teams without a title

[Read the Magazine](#)

Follow us on Social Media

Join our fan [Facebook](#) page.

Enhance your career with us on [LinkedIn](#).

Learn what's happening right now on [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#).

Watch fun inspiring videos on our [YouTube](#) channel.



TOASTMASTERS
INTERNATIONAL®

Since
1924