

Newsletter

September 2022

Hello District Member,

Welcome to the District 91 Newsletter!

This is the third newsletter of the new Toastmasters year! Most of us are now more established in our roles. We are on the cusp of renewals so it's time for us all to renew those TM promises! So you can get to the right content quickly.

What this newsletter contains is:

- Our District Director, Rupa, updates Convention in Nashville etc
- Tips on Incentives from Debbie Williams, Club Growth Director
- Officers Training from Debbie Richardson, Program Quality Director
- Smedley Award Incentive, District 91 Hall of Fame winners listed
- District Club News: New Clubs, Joint Meetings, Meetings in Prison
- District 91's Andy Hammond gets a Presidential Citation
- Our Laughing TM - Sonia Aste writes about 'Objectives'
- Our District 91 Calendar with events in September
- Join us. Help us get to 5000 Members – Vacancies
- September 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 Debbie and Diane

Renewals: Debbie's Top Tips for Growth

Let's acknowledge that not everyone is in a good financial position right now. However, the best thing that anyone can do in times of uncertainty is to invest in themselves. Investing in yourself will boost your confidence in your abilities and have a positive impact on your self-esteem. As well as equipping you with new knowledge and skills and making you marketable if you are job hunting or seeking a promotion, that's a message we need to embrace...



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Debbie Williams
Club Growth Director



Smedley Award

Add 5 new, dual, or reinstated members to your club between 1st August - 30th September

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/>



Training, Contests, Conference, Club Quality

Thank you all who attended the first round of club officer training. After a lot of work by Division and Area Directors I can report that 119 out of 167 active clubs had four or more club officers trained with 20 of these having all seven officers trained. What is also pleasing to see is that 673 officers were trained.

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Diane Richardson
Program Quality Director

District 91 Hall of Fame - 2021-2022



At the end of July it was the Hall of Fame where we celebrated those who distinguished themselves last year 2021-2022 across the District. It took place on Sunday 31st July and was hosted by our Immediate Past District Director Helena Boden-Brewer. We shared the highlights last month which were:

- 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

But you can check out the D91 Website page with the full list of winners:
<https://d91toastmasters.org.uk/members/about-us/hall-of-fame/annual-awards/>

Club News from Across the District



There are amazing things going on around our District. We are onboarding new Clubs - take a bow Open Text Speakers - and existing Clubs are doing great things like forging ties with their European counterparts (Reading and Dusseldorf Speakers) and taking Toastmasters to those who ordinarily would not be able to access it - Beckenham Communicators and prison visits [Read More...](#)

Andy Hammond: Presidential Citation

District Member Andy Hammond received a high honour in Nashville at Convention last month. Immediate Past District Director, Helena Boden-Brewer wrote: "Congratulations



to [Andy Hammond](#) a fantastic achievement to receive the President's Citation award at the Toastmasters Convention. Thoroughly deserved for all your hard work and dedication to our District and the wider Toastmasters community. Thank you, Andy, for your continued service and support of District 91. [Read](#)

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Our Laughing Toastmaster: Sonia Aste



What does September have to do with objectives? Join our Laughing Toastmaster, Sonia Aste on how to approach this month: "Because September is the new January, except we can't be collectively miserable. In January we can complain and moan. It's allowed! It's healthy! It's cathartic! Get it out of your system! Along with everything else thanks to that detox diet." [Read More...](#)

D91 Events in This Month of September

Events

- 14 September - Slack Webinar & Overview
- 15 September - Club Coach Webinar
- 16 September - LinkedIn Live - "How Competing Improves You" with Daniel Magill and others
- 18 September - All about Speechcraft
- 24 September - District Council Meeting



[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 September issue of the [Toastmaster magazine](#) is full of news, advice and inspiration.

- Meet the new TM President Matt Kinsey
- Are You Sabotaging Your Presentation?
- Soft Skills Are Now Durable and in Demand
- 10 Ways to be a Better Speechwriter
- Hidden Gems in Base Camp

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