



District 91

# Newsletter

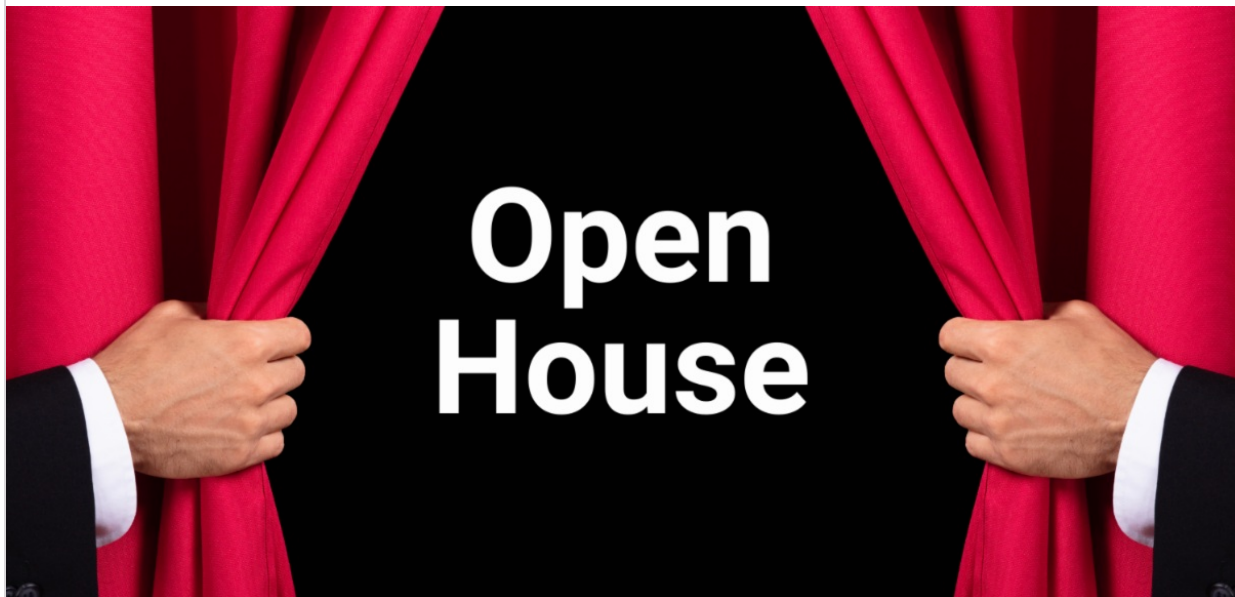
October 2021

Welcome the fourth month of the Toastmasters year, cool and refreshing!

It's a perfect point to align your goals and invest time in education and self-improvement.

- Organise an Open House event and lead your club to prizes.
- Get involved in the Humorous Speech and Table Topics contests.
- Receive motivation from our District Trio.

Welcome our Conference Director, explore the clubs in Division C, sign up for the webinars this month, feel at ease with our humorous series and so much more!



## Open House

Congratulations on finishing the marathon of September renewals!

Now that rush is over so why not refresh your community and invite as many guests as possible to an Open House event in your club? Having organised an exclusive meeting, you will leave a remarkable heritage and create a better future for your leadership and public speaking enthusiasts.

It's a challenge worth pursuing, and our District supports your club extensively.

- [Request](#) a free box of marketing materials (flyers, booklets, ribbons).
- [Reuse](#) the digital templates and promote your meeting online.
- Get advice from the [Open House Guide](#), [online](#) an [offline](#) event case studies.
- Claim up to £75 to cover advertising and/or light refreshments.

[Open the House](#)

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## Incentives

Let the famous power of three be with us! Presenting incentives for three achievements - both on personal and club level. These challenges run through the whole year and have been designed to help you achieve more than you thought was possible.



### Triple Crown

Elevate your learning and receive any three education awards (three unique Pathways levels) during the year.

Everyone who wins the Triple Crown pin, will be recognised in the annual Hall of Fame and help their club achieve Distinguished status.

[Check the Details...](#)

### The Hat-Trick Award

Build up on an [Open House](#) event! Run a [Speechcraft](#) course additionally and get one or more member(s) to complete the [Pathways Mentor Program](#).

First 20 clubs will win £150!

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Win Prizes for Your Club

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## Message from our District Director



## News from Rupa and Diane

### Plans, Preparation & Performance

Take a moment to review how you are performing against a learning goal you set for yourself at the beginning of the year. Think about how you and your club can plan to mark the 97th Anniversary of our organisation on 22nd October. Join planning and preparation that just started for the 2022 District Conference and welcome Debbie Williams as your Conference Director.



**Rupa Datta**  
Program Quality Director

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### Growth Opportunities Everywhere

At first glance finishing September with just over 3,000 renewals might seem slightly disappointing. But as a district, out of eight districts in Europe we had the second highest retention rate! Now, to improve membership you can organise an Open House and participate in the next incentive challenge - the [Net 5 Award](#). Or why not launch a new club like our newest Epsom and St. Helier (ESTH) Hospital Toastmasters club just did!

[Read More...](#)

**Diane Richardson**  
Club Growth Director

## News from Divisions

October is clearly a time for confident leaders! Hear from Michaela Talbot, Division Director, and her team of Area Directors (Ratan Lele, Jeanette Davis and Luca Graziani) who look after the clubs in Division C and share their success stories with all of us today.

Division C is a home of:

- Champions of hybrid meetings (Holborn Speakers).
- Confident 7AM risers (Early Bird Speakers, City Limits Speakers, Covent Garden Speakers).
- Captivating communicators meeting in churches (St. Paul's Speakers, City of London Toastmasters).
- High-class corporate clubs (Google UK Speakers, Oracle Netsuite Toastmasters, BT Enterprise Corporate Club, Connected Speakers London, Meraki Toastmasters UK).

It's a home of remarkable Humorous Speech and Table Topics contests that you can benefit from:

- 21 October - Area C2
- 24 October - Area C34
- 28 October - Area C58
- 3 November - Area C5

Find more carefully chosen news about the charming Division C on our website

[See Division C](#)

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## Contest Season

What is the highlight of your Toastmasters club life this month? Humorous Speech and Table Topics contest is a perfect opportunity to bring members together and spark joy and enthusiasm among fellow Toastmasters and guests.

To organise a high-quality competition, please use the resources our Chief Judge prepared for you on [Running a Contest](#) and [Competing and Judging](#). Also remember to respect the rules outlined in the [rulebook](#). Finally, get ready to compete or support your friends in the Area and Division contests. The competition dates are announced in the [District Calendar](#).

If you are still not sure if it's worth it, hear from [Diana Robertson](#), last year's Humorous Speech contest winner, who reveals why she participates in every contest she can.



## The Laughing Toastmaster

While our Laughing Toastmaster Sonia agrees with Diana that entering contests is about challenging yourself no matter the outcome, she is questioning why isn't everyone receiving first prize?

If you think Toastmasters are getting boring, challenge yourself... as Sonia is doing her fun job in a comedian way.

Sonia will be competing in the next Toastmasters contest. Her mum thinks she'll win, 'Unless those judges don't know anything'.



[Laugh with Sonia](#)

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## 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](#).

### Webinars

- 17 October - "Why start a club?" with Diane Richardson.
- 24 October - "Running a Club Business Meeting" with Sarah Beckwith.
- 31 October - "Motivating Others" with Brad Revell, DTM.

### Events

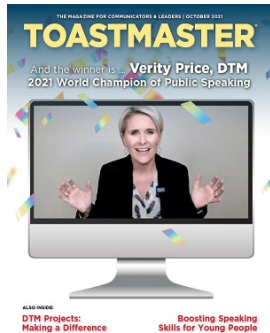
- 10 October - Area Director Huddle (for D91 Area Directors only).
- 22 October - Toastmasters 97th Year Anniversary Day (Smedley Day, for everyone).
- 30 October - "From Speaker to Trainer" course.

New events are being added as you read this newsletter so please check our calendar!

[Save the Date](#)

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## October Magazine Available Now



The October issue of the [Toastmaster magazine](#) is full of exciting news and advice!

- Meet the Winner of the 2021 World Championship of Public Speaking - Verity Price, DTM.
- Discover how the Distinguished Club Program helps members meet their goals.
- Learn how to make a difference for others with your DTM Project, feat. **Clare Crowther**, DTM, Armada Speakers, and **Lucinda Harman**, DTM, Shilling Speakers.

[Read the Magazine](#)

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## Opportunities

Toastmasters is a wonderful community where people help each other get better every day. Explore the opportunities in our District and help a club develop and charter by supporting them as club mentor, help a club get back on track as a club coach or just share the workload of one of the Area, Division or District teams and learn something new.

All roles will help you grow your leadership and communication skills, and some will move you towards the Distinguished Toastmaster award.

Volunteers with various previous experience or time commitment are needed.

[Sign up for an Exciting Role](#)

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