



Newsletter

District 91

December 2022

Hello District Member,

Welcome to the District 91 Newsletter!

This is the final newsletter of the calendar year! It is a coming to the end of the season. We are excited to end the year on a high. Some of us are marking the end of the year with festive meetings and taking stock of what we've achieved.

What this newsletter contains is:

- Our District Director, Rupa, on taking stock and ending the year right!
- COTs, May Conference from Diane Richardson, Program Quality Director
- Club Growth Wisdom, from Debbie Williams, our Club Growth Director
- District Leader Elective roles for 2023-2024 are now open on our portal!
- Introducing, 'Brilliant Division', Division B, by 'Zoom Troll' Andy Hessey
- PR Manager, Chris Arning tells you to join the next D91 LinkedIn Live!
- Jean Gamester: interview on what it is like to be an International Director
- Laughing Toastmaster Sonia Aste's unique take on ☐☐Santa the Dictator
- Join us. Help us get to 5000 Members – roles available in Vacancies
- December 2022 Toastmasters Magazine - 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.

December Message from our District Director, Rupa



News from Diane and Debbie

COTs, Contests, May 2023 Conference

We are already had 25% of the second round of Club Officer Training period done! A few Division and Area Directors have already started to plan their events in December and into January next year. In the first round 126 clubs had four or more officers trained [Read More...](#)



Diane Richardson
Program Quality Director

December: Renewals & Club Growth Wisdom

The renewals window is now open. Some clubs experienced delays in their September renewals, so I encourage you to submit them early. To further incentivize you, there will be an early payment award of £50 for the first 30 clubs that submit their renewals.

[Read More...](#)



Debbie Williams
Club Growth Director



Our amazing organisation is helping you learn and practice communication and leadership skills. As you progress on your journey, you may have already taken on various leadership roles. Now it's time to think about the next step in your Toastmasters development.

The application portal for the 2023/24 programme year elective roles (District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director and Division Director) is now open.

The application process should be completed by 5th March 2023, and you will find the requirements, explanations, supporting documents and the process description on our website. For more details click though. [Read More...](#)

Division News From the Brilliant Division, B

What a couple of months here in Division B, or Division Brilliant Bounceback as I think we should call it congratulations to all clubs. For those whom I haven't met; I'm Andy Hessey and I'm the Division Director of Division B [Read More...](#)



Andy Hessey

Division B Director

Final LinkedIn Live of the Year, 2022 Reflections!

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2022: Reflections on Leadership

In this fifth and final LinkedIn session of 2022, it is time for us to take stock. It is almost halfway through the Toastmasters year so our thoughts naturally turn to what we have and haven't achieved this year. Let's celebrate our wins and motivate each other for the year ahead. We on the D91 District I Leadership team will be doing just that on Friday 16th, 1pm UK time.

So join us.

16th December
1pm GMT

Diane Richardson,
D91 Program Quality Director,
Children Speakers

Rupa Datta
D91 District Director,
Trojan Speakers

Chris Arning,
D91 District Manager,
Berkeley Square Speakers

Craig Moss,
MCC/Coaches,
Bayer Toastmasters

Amy Jones
D91 Admin Manager,
Sussex Online Speakers

The first thing to say is that the Linked In Lives we have been running every month since August have been a success. Last month was called 'The F Word' and talked about failure, how we use it to motivate us amongst other things. We have had good engagement from the wider community on these, so we would encourage D91 come and see us and let your friends know about it too so we can share the love. The next one NEXT WEEK Friday 16th will be for on taking stock of what we have all accomplished after half a TM year gone.

So come join us on Friday 16th December at 1pm UK. This time it will be DLT (District Leadership Team) members reflecting on the half year, what they have

learned and what they are seeking to take into the new year of 2023. Come to this session - you can even bring your lunch if you wish. Sign up for it here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/video/event/urn:li:ugcPost:7005302701227954177/>

You can view the previous ones they are archived here:

We Need to Talk about the F-Word - Friday 18th November

<https://www.linkedin.com/video/event/urn:li:ugcPost:6995716172260220928/>

The Myth of Toastmasters - Friday 14th October

<https://www.linkedin.com/video/event/urn:li:ugcPost:6980487470886887424/>

How Competing Improves Us (and You!) - Friday 16th September

<https://www.linkedin.com/video/event/urn:li:ugcPost:6972843395618586624/>

Make Toastmasters Work for You! - Friday 12th August

<https://www.linkedin.com/video/event/urn:li:ugcPost:6962354121953714176/>

Interview D91 International Director, Jean Gamester



Last week, as PR Manager I had the pleasure of sitting down with a former District 91 District Director, Jean Gamester who is now International Director, voted in as Region 10 representative at Toastmasters International. We spoke about how she felt about winning the election, her recent appointment, the challenges of the role and Toastmasters as an organisation. She even turned the tables on me to ask me about my PR Role - a 'cool role' and how I feel

Sonia, Laughing Toastmaster on Santa the Dictator



The following contains scenes of anti-Christmas nature which some readers may find distressing. Christmas caution is advised. I was 8 years old when I found out Santa was a nasty man. That year I asked for a poodle and got a pink stuffed one. I hate pink. When I started crying my mom explained Santa couldn't bring 'real' dogs because the trip was too long. [Read More...](#)

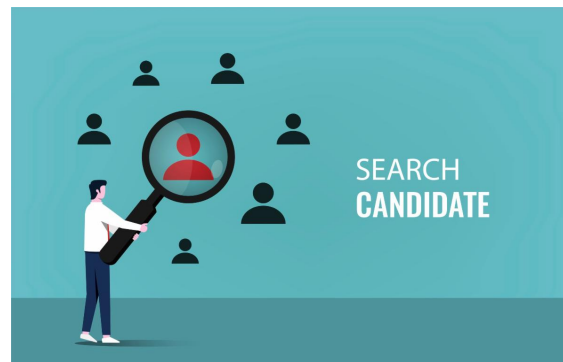
D91 Events in This Month of December

Events

- 09 December - Guest to Member - Winter Corporate COT
- 11 December - Division L online Winter Club Officer Training
- 12 December - Bonus Winter 2022/23 COT Session 11/10
- 13 December - Berkhamsted Xmas Tall Tales Contest
- 16 December - Club Officer Training - The Early Bird COT
- 16 December - LinkedIn Live - 2022 Reflections on Leadership



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

- 6 Tips for Successful Club Meetings
- Inter-Generational learning at Toastmasters
- The Benefits of Being Real at Work
- Networking for meaningful connections
- Tips for giving great Toasts at special events

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