



# Newsletter

District 91

December 2021

Welcome the sixth month of the Toastmasters year, festive and jolly!

It's an ideal time to recap this year's achievements and dare to dream about new accomplishments!

- Win a prize in our incentives program.
- Think about the next step in your Toastmasters development.
- Get inspired by our District Trio.

Discover delightful Division D, join our Christmas Spectacular, become a video star, smile more with our humorous series and so much more!

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## Incentives



# Net Growth 5

Gain net growth of 5 members. Win £50 for your club

If you struggle to find the meeting functionaries or it's difficult to fill in the speaking slots or if you see the same faces in a club committee from year to year, your club needs new members.

By the 31st December 2021 participate in our **Net Growth 5 challenge** and achieve a net growth of five new members from your 1st July 2021 base number. **First 20 clubs will win £50 each!**

Plan your club future today and use our prizes to build a flourishing community.

**Grow High**

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## Message from our District Director



## News from Rupa and Diane

### Reflections, Clearance and Getting Ready

Do you take time for reflection? What have you learned and contributed to this year? How about to refocus on Pathways Level 2 as I challenge you to complete yours or help someone in your club to do the same. Get ready to support our Conference in May, attend the Club Officer Training tomorrow and celebrate this year with us at the 19th December Christmas party.

[Read More...](#)



**Rupa Datta**  
Program Quality Director

### December Already Looks Promising

Congratulations to 10 clubs that won the Newvember challenge!  
We are still looking for more videos so we can



launch a video marketing campaign in January. Also, please [email me](#) in advance of your club's Open House meeting to ensure your Open House box arrives on time. And Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

[Read More...](#)

Diane Richardson  
Club Growth Director

## Leadership Application Process Launch

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 2022/23 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 31 January 2022, and you will find the requirements, explanations, supporting documents and the process description on our website.

[Become a District Leader](#)

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## News from Divisions

December is a delightful time for the determined leaders! Hear from Massimo Guadagnino, Division Director, and his team of Area Directors (Amanda Bouch, Rembrandt Kuipers, Gillian Prior, Rakhi Jain assisted by Bonnie Wong) who look after the dynamic clubs in Division D.

Division D is a distinct defearer in several aspects, being a home of:

- our first ever NHS corporate club, Epsom and St Helier Toastmasters;
- hybrid meeting pioneer Riverside Communicators club;
- on-track-to-be-distinguished clubs like FM Global Communicators and Wokingham Speakers.

Drive through this Division's achievements and click on the button below to decode their key to success.

[Discover Division D](#)

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## Beat the Drum for our Talents

Anthony Garvey of Shilling Speakers recently gave a TEDx talk. He shares his experience with all of us today. If you are keen to follow him on the journey from a Toastmaster to the TEDx speaker, his exciting story is there on our website for you.



Explore

Many congratulations to **HOD Speakers** who celebrated their 20th Anniversary this December!



They revived from 6 to 50 members, supported the UK champion in the international contest in Cincinnati and built a thriving and inclusive club. They believe the more you give to Toastmasters, the more you will receive back from it.

Celebrate

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## The Laughing Toastmaster

Family and friends go around with big smiles saying things like 'Isn't it wonderful? It's the Christmas Spirit! So catchy! It's going around!'

Though it does sound like a story about THE virus, it's not THAT one. It's the one that you would actually like to be a superspreader of this time of the year.

Our Laughing Toastmaster Sonia Aste is working on her personal brand of Xmas Spirit with the fervor of an elf and shares her funny story with us today.



Laugh with Sonia

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## Events This Month

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

- 8 December - Early BirdClub Officer Training.
- 12 December - Rupa Datta, Program Quality Director will explain the new **Level 1** and the importance of

Level 2 in Pathways.

- 19 December - The Red Nosed Toastmaster - Christmas Spectacular.



New events are popping up constantly so please check our calendar!

[Save the Date](#)

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## December Magazine Available Now



The December issue of the [Toastmaster magazine](#) is full of exciting news, advice and heart-warming stories!

- Explore the link between humorous speech and mental health as **Ola Aralepo** of **Tube Talk Toastmasters** did.
- Learn how to add humor to your speech.
- Discover how the animal companions impact Toastmasters' experience, feat. **Sam Warner**.
- Try the ideas from around the world about attracting guests for face-to-face meetings, feat. **Tim Patmore** of **Didcot Speakers**.

[Read the Magazine](#)

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## Opportunities

A number of fantastic roles are still open, including club coaches. Select a role from our [vacancies](#) list and grow your leadership skills while helping where it's needed the most.

Become a Star of YouTube - submit a 45 second selfie-style video! This is to raise the profile of Toastmasters International and Toastmaster clubs throughout Southern England and South Wales. [Check the details...](#)

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