



District 91

Newsletter

January 2022

Welcome the seventh month of the Toastmasters year, full of strengths and hopes!

It's an ideal time to set new goals and start a confident ride to success!

- Boost the chances to reach your objectives with our incentives.
- Plan the next step in your Toastmasters development.
- Get inspired by our District Trio.

Participate in the Gavel Race, win a prize in the Happy New Member challenge, discover the joyful Division J, read a poem about Toastmasters, smile with our humorous series and so much more!

Trained to Lead Incentive

The winter round of the Club Officer Training and Toastmasters Leadership Institute is already underway. Every member can attend a training this time. And when **all seven of your club officers are trained**, the **£60** prize is yours to spend on developing your club.



7/7 Club Officers Trained

Win Club Officer Pins and/or £60 For Your Club!!

Train to
Lead

Triple Crown Incentive

Accelerate the achievement of your new year resolutions with the Triple Crown incentive! Complete three unique Pathways levels and win a pin.



Triple Crown

**Achieve
three education awards
in a single program year**

Remember, having Level 2 finished will open a lot of doors for you in the International Speech and Evaluation Contests which will start in February.

[Join the Elite](#)

Message from our District Director



News from Rupa and Diane

Education, Training, Contests and etc

I hope you had restful holidays and reflected on your achievements. As we continue to strive for our vision I invite you to schedule your next speech. Priceless training opportunities are on offer as part of your membership so all members are invited to attend Club Officer Training should they wish. Participate in the International Speech and Evaluation Contests and win our incentives.

[Read More...](#)



Rupa Datta
Program Quality Director



New Year - New Growth Opportunities

Congratulations to the clubs who won the Net 5 Incentive award!
Now think how **your club** can attract new members and boost membership retention. This is why we are running a new membership growth award, **Happy New Member**. The first 25 clubs win £30 for recruiting 3 new members. And get ready to win the £100 Net 10 Award, as well as prizes in Talk Up Toastmasters.

The Gavel Race

The District Conference is scheduled for **6-8th May 2022**, and the Gavel Race is now on! Eight gavels are travelling between all of the clubs in each Division, spreading the word and building excitement around the event.

When a gavel arrives at your club, take a photo or a video with it and your club members proclaiming **"We are District 91!"**

Then swiftly forward the gavel on to the next club.



All eight gavels should have visited all of the clubs and circled back to each Division Director before 31st March 2022.

[Start the Race](#)

District Leadership Application Process



With the start of the new year it's time to think about the new horizons in your Toastmasters journey.

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 and the process will complete by **31st January 2022**.

Find the requirements and explanations on our website and endeavor something really valuable and exciting.

[Become a District Leader](#)

News from Divisions

January is a month full of joy for leaders! Hear from Mo Dawodu, Division Director, and his team of Area Directors (Mike Weston, Enca Martin-Rendon, Charlotte Hitchings, Jackie Graybill, Matthew Rizzo) who look after the jolly clubs in Division J.

Division J found the jewelry of 104 educational awards and 56 new members in this Toastmasters year, but what is more:

- No joke, **Thame Speakers** just celebrated their **40th** jubilee.
- Justice has been done as the article **The Power of Story in Speaking** by Jackie Graybill has been published five times and counting.
- Area J10 jazzed up our community with a collaborative area-wide PR campaign '**Say it Louder**'.

Division J is a jolliest home of:

- Speechcraft masters (**Worcester Speakers**) and Youth Leadership program champions (**Malvern Speakers**).
- 'Phoenix' clubs (**Didcot Speakers, Milton Park Toastmasters** jumping for joy in growth.
- **Witney Speakers, Bicester Achievers, Chiltern Speakers** that justify the efforts for the hybrid meetings.



Don't jeopardise this Division's achievements. Click on the button below to join them in their journey to success!

Joy in Division
J

Talents of Toastmasters

Our District is full of talents. Sharon Andrews from **County Communicators** wrote a poem which she happily shares with us all.

I joined County Communicators
To learn to be a better orator
To practice proficient presenting
And when I started attending
What I found was this:
It is a meeting not to be missed
A group of like-minded individuals
Fine tuning phrases and syllables
A bevy of uplifting folk
Sharing thoughts and the occasional joke
An oasis in the midweek mayhem
In other words an absolute gem
A chance to develop self-esteem
In the supporting arms of a dream team
We all provide well considered feedback
Evaluations that keep us on track
Many roles with which to practice
Lots of hints and marvellous tips
And lastly a point I have to recommend
You will come away having made new friends



The Laughing Toastmaster



January is one of the most important months for a Toastmaster. Or for anyone else really.

Our Laughing Toastmaster Sonia Aste loves the first month of the calendar year and reveals her secrets of transforming the January blues into a month full of laughs and fun.

See how Sonia uses humour to overcome the challenges we all face this time of the year.

[Laugh with Sonia](#)

Events This Month

Useful and interesting events are organised for you by fellow members and leaders. Get the links in [our District 91 Calendar](#) and register today!

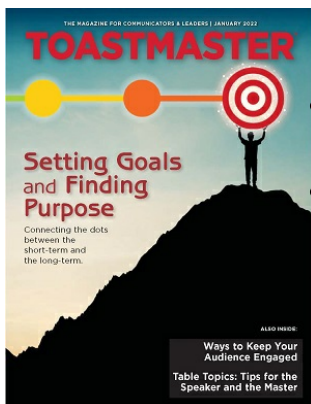
- 8 January - Division H TLI (Toastmasters Leadership Institute).
- 12 January - Division C Club Officer Training.
- 15-16 January - Division K Club Officer Training.
- 16 January - District Officer Training (for Area and Division Directors).
- 23 January - Division J Toastmasters Leadership Institute.



New events are emerging quite often so please check our calendar!

[Save the Date](#)

January Magazine Available Now



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

- Learn Table Topics® tips & tricks, feat. Tracey Rogers of Windsor Speakers Club.
- Explore how to discover your true goals and focus on objectives that matter.
- Learn how to break through the invisible wall and engage your audience.
- Find out about the Accredited Speaker Program.

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