



District 91

Newsletter

February 2022

Welcome the eighth month of the Toastmasters year, full of cheer and energy!

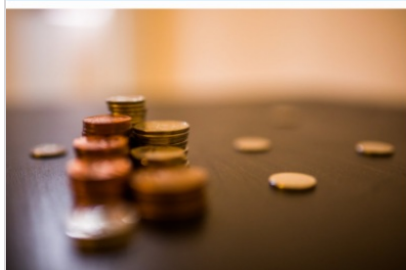
It's an ideal time to explore, enjoy and Talk Up Toastmasters!

- Win multiple prizes with our Incentives programme.
- Compete or judge in a contest or help organise it.
- Be motivated by our District Trio.

Save the date for all members Town Hall on 16th February, discover lovely Division L, engage in the Gavel Race, smile with our humorous series and so much more!

Incentives

Early Payment



Talk Up Toastmasters

Net Growth 10



Do you know what is good about February? There are plenty of gifts out there desperate to be won.

Early Payment

The membership renewal campaign is already open. Renew the membership 12+ club members by the end of the month to win **£25** for your club. [Check terms and conditions.](#)

Talk Up Toastmasters

Do you love Toastmasters? Then invite your friends, colleagues, clients and everyone else to share the joy! When you add 5 new, dual or reinstated members your club wins **£50**. Questions? [You will find the answers here.](#)

This one might sound a little tricky but the prize is

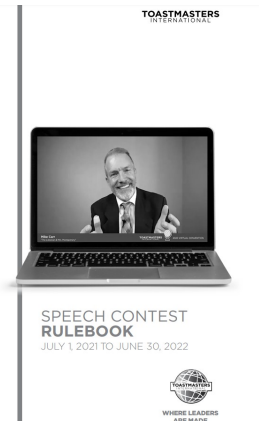
Get a
Prize

Contests

Contest season is a hot topic right now as the Club competitions are starting in February! Have you saved the date for yours?

Compete

Toastmasters contests push you to another level. There are always better speakers out there so you can learn different styles and approaches. Skim through the [Contest Rulebook](#) to avoid rules surprises.



Judge

Being a contest judge not only opens new horizons and allows you to discover how things are done in other clubs, it also helps to find new ideas how to improve your speaking skills and expand your Toastmasters network.

Help organise it



What is better than to win a contest? Of course, to organise it! Reuse these resources to create the best experience:

- [Competing and Judging](#) (scripts, forms, templates)
- [Running a Contest](#) (how-tos)
- [Contest Rulebook](#)

Contest night is full of opportunities for you and your club. Recognise your organising efforts as part of a Pathways project. Use it to invite guests and gather a crowd. Have fun and Talk Up Toastmasters!

Compete and Win

Message from our District Director



News from Rupa and Diane

Training, Education and Contribution

As an organization, we are in the business of professional development and the additional training opportunities like Club Officer Training or Pathways Mentor Program are a way to invest in your own leadership development at no extra cost!

Get ready for the contests season and celebrate the birthday of Toastmasters International founder Dr. Ralph C. Smedley on 22 February.

[Read More...](#)



Rupa Datta
Program Quality Director

Emergence from the Depths of Winter and Step into Spring

We have several membership incentives to help clubs spring into March and April - Talk Up Toastmasters, Early Payment, 20/80 challenge.

Save the date for 20 February as we have a special Club Growth webinar and presenting a new video we are making and a worldwide



Toastmasters advertising campaign.

And congratulations to nine clubs that won the Happy New Member Award!

[Read More...](#)

Diane Richardson
Club Growth Director

Events This Month

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

16 February 7:15pm

18 February lunchtime

[All Members Town Hall](#)

- 13 February - Contest Judge Advice webinar
- 20 February - Special Club Growth webinar
- 21-25 February - The Extra Skills Week
- 22 February - Ralph Smedley's Birthday
- 26 February - District Executive Committee (for Division and Area Directors)



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

[Save the Date](#)

Race to the Conference

Have you saved the date for our **Spring Conference**? It's on **6-8th May 2022**.

The word is spreading and excitement is building up around the event now in our exciting **Gavel Race**!

If you haven't seen them yet, eight gavels are travelling between all of the clubs in each Division. 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.

DISTRICT 91 CONFERENCE 2022

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

If you would like to help with the Conference, please check [available roles](#) and contact our Conference Director, [Debbie Williams](#).

Start the
Race

News from Divisions

February is a month full of liveliness for the legendary leaders! Listen to Sarita Yadav, Division L Director, her assistant John Akers and her team of Area Directors (Sushil Shah, Brighton Gono, Georgina Mylona, Anoop Ramanathan, Angelie Bharwaney) who look after the luminous clubs in Division L.

Lavish Open Houses launched across many Division L clubs lately.

- Manor House Speakers had a very successful event resulted in several new members joining.
- London Communicators Club led an in-person meeting attended by 22 guests, and two new members joined on the day.
- TJXpressions Speakers laid out a unique Share and Learn session with over 35 attendees.



- Harrovian Speakers Toastmasters have grown by two new members and were lauded in their Open House by Rupa Datta, Program Quality Director as she presented the First Class Award the club won last year.
- Angel Speakers Watford Speakers are lined up to shed the light on Toastmasters like their fellow clubs already did.

Also, please clap loudly for the HOD Speakers Club who celebrated their 20th Anniversary with a well attended Open House event!

[Like Division L](#)

The Laughing Toastmaster



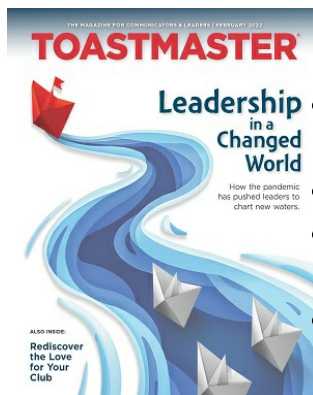
It's St. Valentine's Day! Millions of couples are celebrating their love for one another and millions of cards sales reps are celebrating their commissions.

But our Laughing Toastmaster Sonia Aste suggests to bring on St. John Chrysostom Day as he is the patron saint of public speakers! This special day would help to express our love in a more Toastmasterly way. So we could confidently say:

Thanks to Toastmasters, I had the courage to speak up! I love you.

[Laugh with Sonia](#)

February Magazine Available Now



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

- Leadership in a world changed by the pandemic, and the importance of empathy and trust.
- Step-by-step guide on Talking Up Toastmasters.
- How to stay in love with your club and keep the spark alive and connecting in creative ways.
- Learn the basics to navigate our learning management system, Base Camp.

[Read the Magazine](#)

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