



Newsletter

February 2023

Hello District Member,

Welcome to the District 91 Newsletter!

This is the second newsletter of 2023! It's February already. Winter is still with us but spring is just round the corner and it's an exciting time to be a District 91 Member. We are entering the second contest season of the year - and this one goes all the way to the Bahamas in August 2023! Also, exciting news for your diary - 12-14th May - District Conference, the flagship event of the year is now being planned! Save the Date. So you can get to the right content more quickly.

What this newsletter contains is:

- Our District Director, Rupa, on Training, Contests & Talk Up Toastmasters
- Program Quality Director, Diane Richardson: Training, Awards, Pathways
- Club Growth Wisdom, from Debbie Williams, our Club Growth Director
- Celebrating 4 Members gaining the highest accolade: Distinguished TM!
- D91 District Leadership Roles are now open for application for 2023-2024
- The D91 District Conference is scheduled for 12-14th May, find out more
- Welcoming the world to Toastmasters - The City of London Open House
- Come and join D91 to talk about TM Promises at our LinkedIn Live event
- Laughing Toastmaster, Sonia with an unorthodox Valentine's Day card!
- D91 Calendar: a packed diary of COTs and other events ++ this month
- Join us. Help us get to 5000 Members – roles available in Vacancies
- February 2023 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.

February Message from our District Director, Rupa



News from Diane and Debbie

February: Training, Awards and Pathways

February is the last month of Club Officer training in the current Toastmaster year. I'm pleased to see that so many training sessions are being planned by Division and Area Directors throughout the month. So far 250 club officers are recorded as being trained in D91...

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Diane Richardson
Program Quality Director

February: Club Growth Wisdom

The renewals window is still open. As some clubs in the District will experience delays in their renewals, I encourage you to submit them early. As further incentivisation, there will be an early payment award of £50 for the first 30 clubs that submit their renewals with a minimum of 20 members by the end of February.

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Debbie Williams
Club Growth Director

Celebrating our D91 Distinguished Toastmasters!



Every year we honour Toastmasters who have achieved The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award. It is a tough but extremely rewarding qualification. This award represents the highest level of educational achievement in Toastmasters, overcoming several leadership and communication challenges. To earn the DTM, a member is required to deliver over 30 speeches, or two pathways, serve a one-year term as a district officer, serve as a club sponsor, mentor or coach and participate in the preparation of a club success plan. This is no easy award to achieve! Read about those who have done so [See More...](#)

District 91 Needs You: Leadership Positions Open!



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. [See More...](#)

D91 Conference: 12th-14th May - Save the Date!



This is the one event as a Toastmaster, you will want to attend. Hosted at a venue in London, to be announced soon. This year's conference is packed with expert speakers sharing knowledge and value so that you will be excited, motivated and ready to achieve anything you set your Toastmaster goals on. [See More...](#)

Welcome All! City of London Open House Event



The City of London Toastmasters held a successful Open House event on the 17th of January, drawing over 150 attendees interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. The event was organized by a dedicated team of Toastmasters members and the committee, who worked tirelessly to ensure its success. The speakers at the event demonstrated clear commitment [See More...](#)

LinkedIn Live on the Toastmasters Promises

District 91

BUT YOU PROMISED

Do you know what the Toastmasters promises are?

These are the 10 core principles we hold ourselves to that maintain meeting quality and an excellent service ethos from year to year.

In our second LinkedIn live of the year District 91 has invited current long standing Club Members to speak about what the promises mean to them.

What do the promises mean to you? They might mean 'duty', but they also might mean 'fun'. The promises give us a chance to remind ourselves of the soul of Toastmasters.

Join us, on this LinkedIn Live as we discuss the Toastmasters promises.

17th February
1pm GMT

Rose Nakibirango,
London Public Speakers

Florian Bay,
London Victorians

Cecily Brotherton,
Working Speakers

Andy Hessey,
Berkhamstead Speakers Club

The Linked In Lives we have been running every month since August 2022 have been a success. Last month's was called 'Finding Your Voice' all about

using TM to overcome adversity. Next week's is called BUT YOU PROMISED all about the Toastmasters Promises and how they keep us honest, how they keep the quality high and the 'circular economy of service' going year to year.

So come join us on **Friday 17th February at 1pm UK** It is a relatively informal session - you can even bring your lunch if you wish. You can sign up for it here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/video/event/urn:li:ugcPost:7028417454993219584/>

You can view the last one on how TM helps us overcome personal difficulties:

Finding Your Voice - Friday 20th January

<https://www.linkedin.com/video/event/urn:li:ugcPost:7017468238242398208/>

Sonia our Laughing Toastmaster on Valentine's Day



When my boyfriend asked me what I wanted for Valentine's Day I didn't hesitate, 'Can you get all your office colleagues to LIKE my page'? Yes Toastmasters, it has come to this, I don't want to be loved, I want to be LIKED. Boyfriend can send cards and flowers, but that won't make me feel as loved as 50 new LIKES. As the Beatles' song would say now, 'LIKE, LIKE me do'.

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D91 Events in This Month of February

Events (loads of COTs!)

- 08 February - Area B52 Club Officer Training
- 13 February - Leap into Leadership w Rupa Datta (CorporateCOT)
- 13 February - Pillars of Leadership w Florian Bay (CorporateCOT)
- 13 February - Area J4 Club Officer Training
- 14 February - Super Teams w Clinton Wingrove (Corporate COT)
- 14 February - Pathways w Jacqui Hogan (Corporate COT)
- 15 February - Resilience with George Anderson (Corporate COT)
- 15 February - Email / Comms Effectiveness w Brad Revell (Corporate COT)
- 15 February - Division K Club Officer Training
- 16 February - Design Thinking w Diane Richardson (Corporate COT)
- 16 February - Purposeful Leadership (Corporate COT)
- 16 February - Division C Winter COT (online)



- 17 February - D91 LinkedIn Live Event - But You Promised
- 17 February - Corporate COT
- 17 February - Leadership Excellence Q&A (Corporate COT)
- 18 February - Division L Online TLI and COT
- 19 February - Area J10 and J11 COT (In Person)
- 21 February - COT Division B (B9)
- 25 February - Division D Online TLI and COT
- 26 February - District Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting (in person)

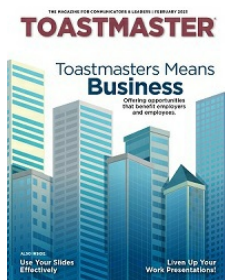
Save the Date



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

- The Corporate Club Value Proposition
- 5 Basic Tips for Effective Slide Presentations
- How to dial down defensive conversations
- Royal Honor: On HM's Queen's life of service
- Presenting in Today's Virtual World

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