



D37 Connections

September 2020

Hello fellow Toastmasters! Welcome to the new edition of *D37 Connections*, a monthly email that highlights what is happening in the District along with up-to-date information and ideas that will help you be successful!

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A special message from our District Director Michael Beach

Hello District 37,

There has been so much going on in District 37! The virtual International Convention was a tremendous experience. The education sessions can still be viewed [on the Toastmaster website](#). It was exciting to have our International Speech Contestant, **Linda-Marie Miller**, finish Second in the World Championship of Public Speaking. After the International Convention there is a lot of momentum which we like to share with the members of the district.



We are setting up club incentives for the year and they will be shared with all of you soon. There are many upcoming events such as Area and Division contests. Please use the [Event Submission form](#) to send your event to our **Public Relations Manager, Brian Crutchfield, DTM**, so it can be posted to the district calendar. This is an exciting year but there are constant changes.

I would like to announce that **Valda Ford** has stepped down as **Club Growth Director**. I would like to thank Valda for her dedication and hard work for the district. **Jody Koonce** will be taking over the position. I am sure that we will all work with her to make this District even better.

Don't forget, it is time for dues to be paid again. Please have a least eight members paid by **September 30**.

Thank you for your dedication to District 37.

Michael

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What's New and Most Important This Month

1. District Business Meeting

There will be district business meeting on **September 28**. All club Presidents and VP's of Education are invited to attend. The agenda and Zoom meeting link will be shared soon.

Event Details	
Date:	Monday, September 28
Time:	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Location:	Virtual over Zoom. Meeting link will be shared soon.

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2. Important Dates

- **September 19—DEC Meeting for Area Directors, Division Directors, and District Leaders**
- **September 28—District Business Meeting**
- **September 30—Club semi-annual dues for October – March are due to Toastmasters International**

The District has a handy list of key dates for the year, including district meetings, contests, and membership campaigns. [Bookmark this document for easy reference](#).

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3. Open District Leader Roles

There are still a few open district roles open. This is a great opportunity to stretch your leadership skills, get to know other Toastmasters, and help the district grow and be successful. We need:

- Division A, Area 1 Director
- Division A, Area 2 Director
- Division E, Area 42 Director
- District Credentials Manager
- Contest Chair
- Registration Chair
- Realignment Chair
- Club Growth Extension Chair

**If you are interested, please contact:
District Director Michael Beach, DTM**

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4. Contest Season is underway!

The Humorous Speech and Evaluation contests are underway. Contests are a great opportunity to practice your speaking skills in a judged environment. If you don't want to speak, volunteer! Contests need many people to be a success and it's a great opportunity to practice your leadership skills.

Key dates:

August 15 – September 12 Club Contests
September 26 – October 17 Area Contests
October 31 – November 21 Division Contests

Visit Toastmasters International for the [2020/2021 Contest Rulebook](#) and to find additional resources.

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5. Special Opportunity from *Advanced Toastmasters of Ashville*

Please join a special meeting of *Advanced Toastmasters of Asheville* this **Saturday, September 12** on Zoom.

If you have completed Levels 1 and 2 in Pathways or six CC manual speeches, you are eligible to join this advanced club. You will learn from advanced speakers and leaders with over 100 years of combined experience in a virtual setting; receive personalized feedback from multiple members; and enjoy many other benefits you can get only at an advanced club.

The club currently has a special offer. If you join before September 30 and pay \$52.50 for International dues through March 31, 2021, the club dues are waived.

You can view our [meeting flyer here](#).

Event Details	
Date:	Saturday, September 12
Time:	9:00 to 11:00 am
Location:	Virtual over Zoom. Contact Rei Fuller at rei4brad@gmail.com or call 828-484-7161 for details and the Zoom meeting link.

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Check out the District Event Calendar!

Want to know what's happening in the district? Check the event calendar located on the home page of the [District 37 website](#). Want to have an event added? Complete the [Event Submission Form](#) and it will be added.

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Join us on Facebook!

Join the conversation, learn about what's happening in the district, connect with fellow Toastmasters and more! [Visit the district Facebook page here.](#)

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Use Meetup for your club!

District 37 offers a **free** Meetup Access Program allowing clubs to post events to a shared Meetup group page centered in their nearest metropolitan area. This saves clubs about \$200 per year in subscription fees. Meetups have proven invaluable in getting the word out about Toastmasters and attracting visitors. [Read more information and find instructions to set up your club.](#)

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Contact Us!

Suggestions for the newsletter and comments are welcome!

[Contact Public Relations Manager](#) Brian Crutchfield, DTM.

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