



D37 Connections

October 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,

We have many things happening in District 37. We have the Area and Division contests for Humorous Speech and Evaluations, and we have a [special recognition celebration](#) for the final year of the combined District 37 on October 24.

I want to make sure that you continue to [work on your club's bingo card](#). There are many ways that the card can be filled out. We will continue to work on additional incentives to continue to help the district prosper.

Thanks to all of the club Presidents and VP's Education along with all the members of the District Executive Council for attending the business meeting on September 28. There were many items that were discussed and that you should share that information with your club officers.

The Trio is working hard to enhance the member experience. We will provide more information as it becomes available. Please watch for future communications.

Focus on the future! Remember we would like every member of the district to achieve at least one level in Pathways during the current year.

Thanks for everything that you do for the District!

Michael



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What's New and Most Important This Month

1. District 37 Virtual Black-Tie Celebration

Join Districts 37 and 117 to celebrate the Best of 2019/2020! Dress to impress (at least from the waist up) and hop into Zoom to network, celebrate, and maybe do a little dancing!

[Check out the event flyer.](#)

Event Details	
Date:	Saturday, October 24
Time:	Zoom Ballroom opens at 6:30 p.m. Event starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.
Register:	https://d37toastmasters.formstack.com/forms/october_2020_black_tie_celebration



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2. Please participate in your Area / Division contests.

Have some fun with the Humorous Speech contest and improve your techniques for giving feedback with the Evaluation contest! The great thing is that your the commute to a contest is *short* and you don't have to pay for parking!

Check the [district calendar to find upcoming contests](#).

- **September 26 – October 17**—Area Contests
- **October 31 – November 21**—Division Contests
- **May 21-22, 2021** - District Contest at Annual Conference



Reminder—clubs must have eight paid members for a member (also paid) to be able to compete in a contest.

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District 37 Learning Corner!

Melissa Steadman DTM, District Education Chair

In September, we kicked off the **Happy Hour Learning Series (HHLS)** which is a unique opportunity, once a month, to network with fellow Toastmasters in District 37 while also receiving performance enhancement support.



In the September session we explored *Becoming a Zoom Master* with **Jerald Porter**. It was an interactive learning experience tailored to your needs. A playback of that training will be available on our district website very soon!

This month on **October 20** our HHLS will help introduce or expand knowledge of Toastmasters International's Youth Leadership Program (YLP). We even have a first-time virtual offering for children you may know, ages 7 to 16, to participate in a district sponsored YLP. [Please take this short survey](#) to help us gauge your comfort level and then register to attend the session using the link below. See you at happy hour!

Event Details	
Date:	Tuesday, October 20
Time:	Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and training is from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Register:	https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqce-qqT4tE9c6Tgmt-7Z7CmlytkC3cqFK

Save the dates for our upcoming HHLS sessions:

- **November 14** — D37 Fall/Winter TLI GAME DAY Extravaganza. [Register here.](#)
 - Help tailor the sessions to your needs by [taking this survey](#)
- **December 8** — District Leadership Roles: The supporting cast
- **January 14** — Contest and Judges Training
- **February 18** — Club Officers Teamwork
- **March 17** — Inventory Your Club
- **April 22** — Succession Planning (elections and transitioning)
- **May 21-22** — District 37 Annual Conference

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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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