



D37 Connections

December 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,

I would like to thank each of you for working to keep your Toastmaster clubs going during the pandemic.

I have read the Area Director reports received and most of the clubs would like experienced Toastmasters to visit their clubs. The Trio has visited, and will continue to visit, clubs in the future. Please remember to check off a visit from a Trio member [on your BINGO cards](#). Don't forget BINGO cards are due by **January 15**.

It is time to consider if you would like to become a candidate for a district leadership position. **Past District Governor Bryan Walsh, DTM** will be the District Leadership Committee Chair. We will provide more information in the next few weeks.

Thank you to those who attended the Game Day TLI on November 14. Thanks to **Program Quality Director Tim Edwards, DTM** and **Melissa Steadman, DTM** for their time and effort to put this event together. Finally, there will more events to come to enhance the member experience.

Thanks for everything that you do for the District! I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

Michael



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What's New and Most Important This Month

1. Update Toastmasters International with your club officers.

Clubs with semi-annual officer terms need to be sure to update Club Central with those incoming officers by **December 31**.

2. The spring contest season is coming!

Club contests for International Speech and Table Topics start in January. Now is a great time to review your Fall contest and discuss what went well and what should be changed or improved to make the spring contest even better.

3. District Leader Role Nominations coming soon

The time is drawing near to begin nominating district leaders for the 2021/2022 Toastmasters year! Have you considered becoming a district leader? Is there someone you would like to nominate? Start preparing now for the nomination period.

[Take a moment to review the district roles](#) and their qualifications. Then watch this newsletter, the [District 37 website](#), and other communications for more details about the nomination process.

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District 37 Learning Corner!

On **November 14 we had our Fall/Winter TLI**. If officers missed their training, there are additional officer training sessions coming soon. Watch this newsletter and the [district events calendar](#) for details.



This month our Happy Hour Learning Series (HHLS) resumes. Check below for information about upcoming events and registration.

Save the dates for our upcoming HHLS sessions:

- **December 8** — District Leadership Roles: The supporting cast. [Register here.](#)
- **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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Holidays Around the World

On **December 13**, twelve Toastmasters clubs from around the world will present a 24-hour marathon Toastmasters meeting, celebrating December holiday traditions. Each club will produce a 2-hour meeting segment and then hand off the meeting to the next club.

We'll start in Japan and end in Hawaii. Drop into the meeting any time – or challenge yourself to take in the whole marathon!

Which clubs will participate? What countries? Which holidays? LIKE [this Facebook page](#) to learn the answers as we lead up to this exciting Toastmasters event.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/127523376853>.

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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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