



D37 Connections

January 2021

Happy New Year fellow Toastmasters! Welcome to the next 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, DTM

Hello District 37,

It is now 2021 and it is an exciting time for District 37. It's time to consider a District Officer position for the next Toastmasters year. If you are interested in a Trio position, a Division Director role, an Area Director role, or another district leader role, please follow the instructions and complete the [forms on the district website](#). Submit your information to the **District Leadership Chair, Bryan Walsh, DTM**. The date to submit your nominations has been extended to **February 1, 2021**.



The **Program Quality Director Tim Edwards, DTM**, the **Club Growth Director Jody Koonce, DTM** and I have had meetings with the Division Directors and Area Directors. These meetings were informative for everyone. Area Directors need to keep the club officers of each club informed about

how their members can reach their goals. At the beginning of the Toastmasters year, I challenged each member to complete at least one path during the year. Keep up the good work.

Tim Edwards has done a great job in setting up TLIs for January. A different night will be the sole focus of each of the club officer roles. Therefore, there will be seven nights of TLIs. Please look for the dates and details [below](#) and [on the district calendar](#).

There are many opportunities for each member to grow in their Toastmasters journey. Please take advantage of them.

Michael

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Last Officer Training Opportunity—Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)

The District 37 Winter 2021 TLIs are this month. We are doing separate sessions for each officer role. The schedule and registration links are below:

Monday, January 11, 6:30 pm—Secretary with Glenda Teams-Edwards, DTM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwceCvqjMqHNQVdobRgYaXKbKDF1OJ6vU7>

Thursday, January 14, 6:30 pm—Sergeant At Arms with Tomica Lindsey, DTM

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqfu-qpzopE9DoRS-Mf_lzesYE6y8ZHGI4

Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 pm—President with Charleston Carter, DTM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEsce-hqzosHtRkB-CXBadeDdZayu2aeEya>

Thursday, January 21, 6:30 pm—VP of Education with Ruth Friddle, ACB, ALB

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuuce6hqD0uGtPF_C5HpINytxDelcD2fs8M

Monday, January 25, 6:30 pm—Treasurer with Deb Lee, DTM, PDG

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0pde-sqT8iGNBlxdaxesOmhhjalLOI8g_i3

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 pm—VP of Public Relations with Aaron Mandzak, SR1

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMld-mqrjgqHNFYtZ8mam6DjP92lvC-U_1C

Thursday, January 28, 6:30 pm—VP of Membership with Gary Cohen, DTM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctcuyorTgtHNCikih0N8sERSfVUWyD2DQM>

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It's Time for District 37 Nominations!

District 37 calls for your nominations to serve for the next Toastmasters year, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Specifically, we are seeking nominations for the offices of:



- District Director
- Program Quality Director
- Club Growth Director
- Division Directors for Divisions A, B, C, D, E, and F

We also are looking for Area Directors, Public Relations Manager, Finance Manager, and Administration Manager.

You can read details about the [roles and the nomination process on the district site](#).

Nominations must be delivered to your District Leadership Chair Bryan Walsh, DTM at d37bew@gmail.com by 11:00 pm, Monday, February 1, 2021.

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Are you ready to give your TOASTimonial?

#D37TOASTIMONIAL2021

Calling all Toastmasters! Are you ready to share your Toastmaster experience? We are seeking District 37 Toastmasters to share their **TOAST**imonial with their social media networks. Whether you Tick Tock, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat or Instagram, our goal is to saturate your networks with the benefits of Toastmasters.



Share your story or journey how Toastmasters has made an impact for you personally or professionally. As we kick off 2021, members of your network may have set leadership or communication goals. Your **TOAST**imonial may provide the nudge that your network connection may need to begin their Toastmaster experience.

Your **TOAST**imonial will make a big impact and help District 37 generate future members, new clubs, and strengthen existing clubs. Remember to share directly with your network first and watch the responses roll in. Feel free to share an image of your **TOAST**imonial on our D37 Face Book or LinkedIn pages. We thank you for your help in promoting District 37 and the benefits that you have experienced through your membership. **#D37TOASTIMONIAL2021**

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Past District 37 Governor Peggy Beach, DTM featured in *Toastmaster Magazine*

Peggy Beach, DTM was a long-time member of District 37 and is a freelance writer and editor in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is Vice President Education at Hi-Rise Toastmasters in Raleigh and Top Triangle Toastmasters in Morrisville in the newly formed District 117.

She is featured in this month's issue of *Toastmaster Magazine* with a great article about the benefits of Icebreaker speeches. [You can read the article here](#).

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What's New and Important This Month

1. District BINGO is almost at an end.

Don't forget your [club BINGO cards](#) are due **January 15**.

2. Zoom Training Opportunity

Do you look and sound your best on Zoom? Learn techniques to present yourself like a true professional. Join a panel discussion related to lighting, sound, backgrounds, and distractions. This will be an interactive session along with time for questions and answers.

When: Saturday, January 16, 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Where: Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/879493546?pwd=UEl1b3BkUnh4dXR5Nm15Z1Q3c05EZz09#success>

Questions: Contact Phyllis Kombol, phyllis.kombol@gmail.com

3. Talk Up Toastmasters!

Toastmasters love to connect, so take advantage of it. The Talk Up Toastmasters membership program is the chance to encourage your members to invite guests to a special meeting where prospective members can learn about Toastmasters' many benefits. Then add five new, dual or reinstated members with a join date between February 1 and March 31, and you'll receive a special Talk up Toastmasters ribbon to display on your club's banner. Qualifying clubs can also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next club order. Applications and payments for members with a join date between **February 1 and March 31** must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than March 31. The addition of transfer and charter members does not count towards Talk Up Toastmasters credit.

4. The spring contest season is here!

Club contests for **International Speech** and **Table Topics** start this month.

Key dates:

- **January 25 – February 20:** Club Contests
- **February 27 – March 20:** Area Contests
- **April 10 – May 1:** Division Contests
- **May 21:** District Contest

Read more about [contests on the District 37 site](#).

5. Judges Training

If you are interested in being a trained judge, join us on **January 23** for judges training.

When: Saturday January 23, 9:00 am

Register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpduqqrTsuHtxW6-mf5EmlvXRa-xlal9dy>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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District 37 Learning Corner!

This month our Happy Hour Learning Series (H HLS) continues. Check below for information about upcoming events and registration.



Save the dates for our upcoming H HLS sessions:

- **January 14, 5:30 pm**— Contest Training, [register here](#)
- **February 18, 5:30 pm** — Club Officers Teamwork (7 in 1), [register here](#)
- **March 17, 5:30 pm** — Inventory Your Club, [register here](#)
- **April 22, 5:30** — Succession Planning (elections and transitioning), [register here](#)
- **May 21-22** — District 37 Spring 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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Contact Us!

Suggestions for the newsletter and comments are welcome! [Contact Public Relations Manager](#) Brian Crutchfield, DTM.

Please check out our website at d37toastmasters.org.

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