



District 37 Toastmasters is pleased to bring you the new edition of **D37 Connections**, a monthly email that highlights what's happening in the District along with up-to-date information and ideas that will help you be successful.

### Upcoming District 37 Dates

- 12/31 – Club officer lists for clubs with semiannual terms are due in Club Central
- 1/5 – District Executive Council Meeting in High Point
- 1/15 – Applications due for Trio and Division Director nominations (details below)

See event details and the complete District [calendar](#).

Want to submit an event request for the calendar? Click [Event Submission Form](#).

Finance Manager Jim Carmody asks you to remember that **reimbursement requests** in Concur must be received by Sunday 11:59pm for processing the upcoming week.

### Call For Nominations!

The D37 District Leadership Committee invites applications from energetic, enthusiastic, dedicated individuals interested in providing ethical, quality leadership to serve as District 37 leaders for the 2019-2020 term.

\* Candidates for District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director and Division Director must file by January 15, 2019

\* Candidates for Finance Manager, Public Relations Manager, Administration Manager and Area Director must file by February 28, 2019

**Applications that are incomplete will not be considered.**

[Read complete details and filing instructions here](#)

### Monthly Zoom Conversations Continue in December

This year the District offers opportunities for District and club leaders to collaborate in Zoom conferences. There are three types, all held Sunday evenings 8:00pm to 8:30pm. We have had very successful online conversations so you won't want to miss those this month!

See event details including access instructions in the complete District [calendar](#).

- Trio/Division Directors Keeping in touch throughout the month is vital for our leadership team. These semimonthly calls on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month allow us to stay engaged to promote communication throughout District 37. The next call this month are on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Area Council Mentoring Rei Fuller and Karlene Phillips facilitate conversations every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday where topics include why council meetings are impactful, different ways to accomplish this task, how to address challenges to regular council meetings and the benefits to the clubs throughout the year. The next Area Council Mentoring call will be on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Club VPPRs can have a conversation with the PR team every 4th Sunday about the challenges they may be having and how we can solve them as well as to share ideas benefitting other clubs. Join us every month or as often as you need. Our next conference call will be held Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>..
- Club Base Camp Managers (VPE, President, Secretary) are invited to share their questions about Pathways Base Camp with the Pathways Committee every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Our next conference call in Zoom will be held Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Renewed! Club Guest Packets Incentive**

The District 37 Leadership Team is happy to provide your club with Toastmasters Guest Packets (Item 387) and a Guest Log Book (Item 84) at no charge to your club. To receive Guest Packets at no charge, email a copy, a picture or scan of each page of the Guest Book as it is completed. Each completed page must be legible with name, address, phone number and email address for the four (4) guests. Please include in your request: Club Name, VPM Name, and best mailing address for Guest Packets to be sent to. [Read full details](#)

### **District 37 Social Media – Facebook, Twitter, Yapp and More!**

District 37's [Facebook page](#) is a wonderful place to share your club's activities, ideas for fellow Toastmasters, videos, and more. It is public-facing so that inquirers can see what Toastmasters can do for them. Become a member and post content today! We are especially interested in the energy and activity at the clubs so please share what your club is doing.

Here are some [tips for using Facebook](#) for your club (courtesy of District 44)

The PR Team has been recording and posting **videos** to our District 37 [Youtube Channel](#). These include David and Remy's two-minute tips for Pathways, Club Web Sites, and more, and Voices of Millennial Toastmasters.

Latest Tip videos by David and Remy:

#1 – [Social Media Tip](#) (2:20)

#2 – [Pathways Leadership Call](#) (1:54)

[Toastmasters: Timeless Experience at Any Age](#) (3:45)

District 37 has a **Twitter** feed that keeps followers alert to news, events, and incentives. This is an especially good way to follow the very latest developments. To access, follow [District 37, @Toastmasters D37](#).

We have also built an app for Yapp that enables engagement with your fellow Toastmasters across the District. Yapp is the mobile District App to bring information to the palm of your hand. Click this link to install the District 37 mobile app: <http://my.yapp.us/D37CONAPP>. Create an account or use your Facebook account to authenticate.

### **Discovering Pathways**

Each month we would like to call attention to one of the ten paths in the Pathways Learning Experience. This month, learn more about [Team Collaboration](#)

### **Visit Our District 37 Pathways Resource Page**

The District 37 Public Relations team has created a [Pathways Resource Page](#) on the District Website that provides video tutorials, guidelines for Toastmasters and Base Camp Managers, and insights on the Pathways Learning Experience. We're adding content every month so check the page regularly. Do you have challenges or questions about Pathways we can address on the resource page? [Contact us!](#)

We need your ideas for resources to add! [David and Remy ask for your help on this brief video.](#)

### **New! Pathways Orientation Program**

To help VPEs provide a positive initial experience to your new Toastmasters, District 37 has developed a model Pathways Orientation program for your consideration. You can use it in conjunction with your existing orientation process to introduce new members to Pathways and guide them through their first project - the Ice Breaker. Begin by familiarizing yourself with the “QuickStart Guide” and other resources now available on [Pathways Resource Page](#).

### **District Reformation**

We’ve also added a page with information about [District Reformation](#) in 2020 (that is, the subdivision of District 37 into two separate Districts.) District 37, after July 1, 2020, will cover all clubs west of the north-south line that is the border between Guilford (Greensboro) and Alamance (Burlington) counties. The new District 117 will cover all clubs to the east of that line.

### **Club Success Tip for December**

A wonderful way to recharge energy in a club is to periodically hold a special meeting event. The idea is to do something different and nudge people out of the “same old thing” mindset that can set in at midyear. Some of the things clubs do include:

- A “speechathon” with all (and only) speeches
- ...a variation of that in the form of a Speaker Showcase open to the public
- An All-Table Topics meeting, with multiple Table Topics Masters
- A “grab bag” meeting where members draw roles randomly at the door---including speaker!
- A debate, using the Toastmasters Debate Guidebook as the resource

Does your club have a special meeting with these or other formats? Share your experience with the rest of the district on our Facebook page!

### **Special Recognition (repeated because of error last month): Another D37 Club Success Story**

Central Carolina Toastmasters is a community club located in Sanford, NC. The club was chartered in April, 2009 by graduates of Central Carolina Community College’s first public speaking class. The club meets on the Lee County campus of Central Carolina Community College. The Club was recognized as a distinguished club in 2010 but soon began to struggle with membership. By May of 2017, the Club had five members with only three members actively attending meetings...” [Read more.](#)

### **This month’s article: You Don’t Even Know...**

“The most effective leaders in our organization do for others. In other words, it is not about them. It must be said. True leadership is represented by someone doing something because it is in the best interest of the individual or club. Our organization’s success is predicated on members connecting with each other. It is about having leaders that blaze a trail. Do you connect? Are you a trailblazer?...” [Read more](#)

### **Last month’s article (repeated because of error last month): What DCP Points Really Mean**

“Recognition is an essential part of the Toastmasters program. It’s the fuel that keeps the engine running toward members reaching their goals. Our version of a leaderboard is the Distinguished Club Program. The effort to become a Distinguished club is a worthy pursuit. There is nothing like the pride a club has in announcing that they are a Distinguished club....” [Read more](#)

### **Other useful links:**

- An exceptional breakdown of the [Pathways Learning Experience](#) by District 4 in California
- Free Toast Host 2.0 [Support site](#)

Please check out our website at [d37toastmasters.org](http://d37toastmasters.org)

**Your District 37 Public Relations Team for 2018-19**

Your new PR team is looking forward to supporting your success with information and ideas. We are David Lindquist, Public Relations Manager, and Peter Agiovlissitis, Victor Canipe, Sharon Dawson, Remy Heskett, Saleh Mugannahi, Mary Roca, and Adrianna Vermillion.

Suggestions and comments are welcome! [Contact PR Manager](#) David Lindquist. (919) 594-7608.