



This edition of the District Director's corner is dedicated to the District 37 Heroes who, in the face of constant change and uncertainty, have helped District 37 members and clubs' transition to the world of meeting virtually.

Hero Greg Lane has helped multiple clubs' transition to virtual club meetings by holding numerous training sessions on how to use Zoom technology for online club meetings.

Hero Valda Ford has made her private Zoom account available to clubs to use for virtual meetings including hosting the Division F International Speech and Table Topics contests.

Hero Logan Suguitan and **Hero Susan Marshall** worked together to hold District 37's very first online speech contest for Area 81. Susan has continued to help by sponsoring two "Zoom Division Contest Practice" sessions.

I have only mentioned four of our heroes, but I know there are many more. As we continue to adjust to life during this coronavirus crisis, with its closures and social distancing, take the time to recognize and acknowledge the heroes in Toastmasters that are making it possible for us to stay connected. In District 37, most of our clubs are holding successful online club meetings and member dues are still being collected and paid, we are conducting successful online contests, we are proceeding with planning for an online business meeting May 2, 2020 to elect the 2020-2021 District leadership team. Here are a few important updates to help you plan for the remaining part of the 2019-2020 Toastmasters Program year:

- All District 37 Divisions have scheduled online International Speech and Table Topics contests. The first two Division contests (F and K) were held March 28th. The last Division contest will be held April 28th. Please check the D37 calendar for specific dates and times for the remaining Division speech contests.
- May 2, 2020 will be the District Council meeting to elect the 2020-2021 Leadership teams for District 37 (Western North Carolina) and District 117 (Eastern North Carolina). As mentioned earlier, this will be an online meeting held using Zoom technology. All current District 37 Club Presidents and Club VPE's along with Area and Division Directors should plan to attend and vote!
- June 2020 - While the we cannot hold our Annual District Conference at the Crown Plaza hotel in May, we are hopeful for a District event the last week of June. We will look at possible options but do know that the health and safety of our members will be the top priority regarding any decision made.

I dare say that in the last four weeks we have seen dramatic changes in everything we do at work, at home and in Toastmasters. The only thing that is certain is that there will be more change. Keep pace with Toastmasters changes by frequently visiting <http://toastmasters.org/covid19>

Keep up with changes in our District by visiting <http://d37toastmasters.org>

Myself and the District 37 leadership team are here to support you as we move through this time of constant change and uncertainty. Please reach out to us.

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