



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!

What's New and Most Important This Month-----

1. Upcoming District 37 Dates

- April 28 – Divisions complete Table Topics and International Speech contest
- April 30 – Deadline for clubs to submit semi-annual dues
- May 2 – District Council Meeting (via Zoom) including election of District officers
- May 6 – Nehal Tanna's Jedi Master Zoom Call

Want to submit an event request for the calendar, such as a club Open House or contest? Click [Event Submission Form](#).

2. New Incentives and Awards (see [Incentives page](#) for detail)

Triple Crown (revised)

Description: Toastmasters can earn the Triple Crown Award from Pathways, Legacy, or Combination of Pathways and Legacy Education Programs from 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020.

*Note: 2 Pathways levels = 1 Legacy award

Pathways: Six (6) levels = D37 Triple Crown

Legacy: Any 3 Legacy education awards = D37 Triple Crown

Or Combination of Pathways and Legacy Education Programs:

Example 1: Advanced Communicator Silver and 4 Pathways levels = D37 Triple Crown

Example 2: Competent Leader, Advanced Leader Silver, and 2 Pathways levels = D37 Triple Crown

3. District 37 Administration Manager Nehal Tanna will hold the next "Nehal's Jedi Master monthly Zoom call for D-37 Area Directors" on Wednesday, May 6th.

At 7:30pm. Nehal was Area Director of the Year 2018-2019 who will share ideas to make this year's Area leaders just as successful. Details: Every first Wednesday from 7:30pm to 8:15pm. See the District [Calendar](#). For call-in numbers.

4. District Director's Corner for April 2020 – Elmer Hill

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 ...[Read more](#)

5. The following nominations have been reported by the District Leadership Committee

District Leadership Position	District 37 Candidates	District 117 Candidates	
District Director	Michael Beach	Ramona Baylor	
Program Quality Director	Tim Edwards	Karlene Fyffe Phillips	
Club Growth Director	Valda Ford	Monica Custis	
		Rich Lemert	
Division A Director			
Division B Director			
Division C Director		Sandy Campbell	
Division D Director	Gary Cohen		
Division E Director			
Division F Director			

Elections for District officers will be held at the online District Council Meeting May 2, 2020

Reminder! -- Resources for You and Your Club: How to Find Them

There are Many Benefits Available for You and Your Club

NEW! Resources for Conducting Virtual meetings and Virtual contests.

Below are some videos that will help new Zoom users with Setting up Zoom, Using Zoom for Meetings & Contests, and using the Advanced Features– such as breakout rooms. NO Need to recreate the wheel. Thanks to District 2 for these resources:

https://d2.toastmastersdistricts.org/_District_2_Digital_Transformation_2020.html?fbclid=IwAR3kwQM2jmr3gYlmaIU6S6GomefHRFMkUYBloJN1KRYIRT8bWFtBs9ZYIQc

Find Covid-19 Resources from Toastmasters International [here](#)

District 37 Pathways Resource Page

The District 37 Public Relations team 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!

Toastmasters District 37 Club Marketing Discussion Group on Facebook

We opened a new resource for Club officers (especially VPPRs) to post questions, pick up information and share ideas to help their club's marketing and public relations. [Find us and Join the Group](#) on Facebook.

Take Advantage of District 37's Social Media Communities!

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. Please share:

- Club meetings special events
- Shout- outs of member accomplishments
- Information other Toastmasters can use to grow and improve

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

We are posting to **Instagram!** Find us at [toastmastersd37](#)

Thee PR Team has been recording and posting **videos** to our District 37 [Youtube Channel](#).

What Else You Might Want to Know this Month.....

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

Meetup Access for Clubs

District 37 now offers a **free** Meetup Access Program allowing clubs to post events to a shared Meetup group page centered in their nearest metropolitan area. We created seven regional hubs to serve clubs across North Carolina. 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.](#)

Articles of Interest

We have placed various articles, including past D37 Connections and topical pieces to our web site at the [Articles of Interest](#) page.

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](#)

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