

D56 MESSENGER

WE BUILD NEW CLUBS AND SUPPORT ALL CLUBS IN ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE



District 56



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GO FOR IT!

Jo Idoux, DTM, District Director

You get out of Toastmasters what you put in. So why not go for it?

At the beginning of our Toastmasters year, we set goals individually and with our club(s). Now is the time to evaluate your progress and adjust your strategy to achieve these goals.

Don't give up...go for it!

Individually, we need to invest in ourselves, go outside our comfort zone, and keep growing. Pathways is our online learning curriculum that gets the job done. Going the extra mile by logging into Pathways to view valuable tips and resources enhances our development. Remember, you get out of Toastmasters what you put in.

Go for it!

When we reach the goals we set, we help ourselves and help our clubs achieve their goals. Measuring our Toastmaster progress is done through the Distinguish Club Program, which recognizes club achievements in education, membership growth, club leadership, and club communication.

While excuses make today easier, it makes tomorrow harder. Holding ourselves and others accountable helps us all grow stronger together.

Let's go for it together! Keep going, keep growing!



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Chandra R. Munagavalasa, DTM, Program Quality Director

I am sure most of you are enjoying the Area and Division Speech Contests. Congratulations to all the contestants who made it to the Area and Division. It takes a village to put together these Speech Contests. Thanks to all the functionaries, Area Directors, and Division Directors for conducting the Speech Contests. The District 56 Table Topics and International Speech Contests are on May 6 and May 7. For the full Speech Contests schedule, please visit our District 56 calendar at <https://toastmastershouston.com/calendar/>.

We only have 3 more months to go before the 2021-2022 Toastmaster year ends. There are over 65 clubs that have achieved 5 or more DCP goals. Please note that one of the requirements for Distinguished Club status is that the clubs should either have 20 members or a net growth of at least 5 new members as of June 30. More than half the clubs that achieved 5 or more DCP goals do not have the minimum required number of club members.



If you need any assistance on your club membership growth or retention, don't hesitate to contact your Area Director, Division Director, or Club Growth Director.

The District 56 Spring Conference is on May 6 and May 7. The Keynote speaker for the Spring Conference is none other than our Toastmasters International President, Margaret Page. You don't want to miss this opportunity. The Spring Conference is a 2-day event loaded with Keynote Speeches, Educational Sessions, the Annual Business Meeting, Speech Contests, and many more. If you have not bought your tickets yet and plan to attend, you can purchase them at <https://tinyurl.com/d56conf>. For all questions about the Spring Conference, please email us at conf2022@tmd56.org.

CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR NEWS

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Sharla Ozen, DTM, Club Growth Director



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**MEMBERSHIP
BUILDING**

Move Forward Together

Reach your Goals
with the benefits
of Toastmasters.



**Renew your Toastmasters membership
and recommit to your personal growth.**



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**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**

There is still time...
Renew Today!

**Separate
communication
will
be sent by the
Club Growth Director.**

OPTIMISTIC TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU

Marcia Hudgens, DTM, Division O Director

My Area Directors teamed together on March 9th to put on a great Area contest. Jenny, Tammie, Deanna, Alvin, and Roy worked together to bring their clubs together to inspire us. My Dream Team continues communicating, building rapport, and making club visits. They are eager to serve you.



Congratulations to the following clubs that have a special Club Anniversary:

- Young Professionals – 3/8/2006- 16 years
- Talk of Downtown – 3/20/2003 - 19 years
- Seriously Speaking – 4/1/1989 – 33 years
- Lunch Bunch – 5/20/2003 - 19 years

I am proud of our club officers for keeping focused on serving their members. You are red-hot golden, accepting the commitment. Keep sharing the Toastmaster opportunity with everyone.

In addition to my Area Directors, I also want to serve you. I will be restarting some Pathways chats. It will be open to anyone. If you are interested, please contact me at DO@tmd56.org.

Join us on Saturday, April 9, for our Division O contest. Zoom will open at 1:30 pm, and the contest will start at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is a must to receive the special zoom link. Great speakers to inspire you.

PROGRESSIVE OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS

Elizabeth A. Ruiz, DTM, Division P Director

Where were you on Saturday, February 12, 2022? Division P unveiled its inaugural Virtual Progressive Open House.

Every club in Division P was invited to showcase their club, give a speech, and share their “why” for 15 minutes. The intent was to earn educational goals and new members, but the hidden treasure was member retention. One member cheered, “this was the BEST Zoom meeting I’ve been to in two years!” Another member exclaimed, “can we do this every quarter?”



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We had six amazing featured speakers, three guest speakers, and three folks from our District 56 Leadership Team. 13 Division P clubs participated. We created a digital interactive agenda. Check it out here at zoom.us/j/8000000000. Our Digital Spin Master drew door prizes every 14 minutes during the Open Houses. It was a memorable and fun 5-hour event!

Enormous virtual hug to all who participated, prepared speeches, attended and served in the inaugural Division P Virtual Progressive Open House. Thank you for making it extra special.

Club Anniversaries:

April

Friendswood Toastmasters, 5 years

May

Clear Lake Communicators Club, 33 years

Ten clubs have 5+ DCP goals earned so far:

We appreciate the members who follow through with their Toastmasters Promise.

Three clubs have 5+ DCP goals earned and 20+ or +5 members so far:

- ANICO Articulators Toastmasters Club
- Diamond Club
- West Pearland Toastmasters

148 Pathways Levels Achieved in Division P this Toastmasters year so far. Let's finish strong!

Round 2 Division P Area Director Visit Reports are 74% complete.

Teamwork achieved by our Division P Team. Congratulations, Fab Five. If your club has not had its round 2 visit by your Area Director, be on the lookout for an email to the Club President announcing the date of the upcoming visit.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

We appreciate YOU.

We want to extend our gratitude to every member of Division P. Once again, our accomplishment comes on the heels of the Toastmasters Promise of our entire Division. We truly care about each one of you. Reach out to your Area or Division Director if you or your club needs help or training. We are here for YOU.

See you at the Division P Speech Contests held Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Networking kicks off at 8:30 AM. The contest begins at 9 AM. Register now at toastmastershouston.com/calendar/

Sometimes, life gets in the way. If you or another Toastmaster encounters a life event (i.e., the birth of a child, marriage, divorce, family loss, loss of a job, moving to another state, diagnosed with major illness, etc.), please email our [Compassion Outreach Chair](mailto:compassion@tmd56.org) (compassion@tmd56.org) to let us know.



UPCOMING EVENTS



April 9

Division N Speech Contests | 8:30 AM CT

Division O Area Speech Contests | 1:30 PM CT

April 23

Division P Area Speech Contests | 8:30 AM CT

Division Q Area Speech Contests | 1:30 PM CT

April 30

Division R Area Speech Contests | 8:30 AM CT

May 1-30

Beat the Clock Membership - Building Program

May 6

District 56 Spring Conference | 5:00 - 10:00 PM CT

May 7

District 56 Spring Conference | 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM CT

June 1

Start: 1st Round Club Officer Training

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