

D56 MESSENGER

WE BUILD NEW CLUBS AND SUPPORT ALL CLUBS IN ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE



District 56



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THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY CLUBS | UPDATES FROM WORLD HEADQUARTERS

Chandra Munagavalasa, DTM, District Director

We all joined Toastmasters to become more effective communicators and leaders. We are staying with our clubs because our clubs provide a valuable service and meet our individual needs. For our clubs to continue providing this valuable service and meeting all our club members' needs, it is essential for our club to be a quality sustainable club. A quality club environment is the single most important factor in membership retention.

I would like to bring good news about Toastmasters Online Store. The Toastmasters Online Store is anticipated to be open for all transactions in the third week of October. Inventories have been stocked, and Toastmasters International expects that there will be a significant amount of demand when the store reopens. Speechcraft will be available when the online store reopens.



A 15% discount will be provided to all members for a full month after the store reopens to recognize the significant inconvenience of the store being closed for so long. For this Toastmasters year, Toastmasters has reduced the requirement for membership growth to achieve Distinguished Club status from five to three new members. To be eligible for recognition under the Distinguished Club Program, a club must end the Toastmasters year on June 30, 2023 with 20 or more members OR with a net increase of at least 3 members since the beginning of the Toastmasters year July 1, 2022. It is a great honor and a pleasure to serve our great District.

MOVING FORWARD | STAYING ON TRACK TO DISTINGUISHED

Sharla Ozen, DTM, Program Quality Director

Welcome Fall! We are not falling behind, we are aligning our goals to fall into place! Let's keep moving forward and stay on track to Distinguished. We believe that Members Matter Most and want to provide you with educational tools and resources to help you grow, accomplish your goals and further your Toastmasters journey.

You asked... We heard you and here are the requested trainings:

D56 Online Leadership Elective (OLE) Training Schedule:

Saturday, October 22nd at 11 AM – 12 PM CST

How to be an Extraordinary Base Camp Manager | Trainer Rhonda Green, DTM, PDD

Saturday, October 29th at 9 AM – 11 AM CST

FreeToastHost Website Mastery | Trainer Zenia Shipp, DTM

Saturday, December 10th at 9 AM – 11 AM CST

D56 Evaluation Contest Bootcamp Training | D56 Host Partners – Master Evaluators

Club Officer Training

We are excited to share that 145 clubs attended the June – August Club Officer Trainings (COT) and 127 clubs achieved the DCP 9a goal, having 4-7 club officers trained in round 1 training. Please help me congratulate the 41 Super 7 clubs that had all 7 of 7 club officers trained this round. The clubs that have all 7 of 7 club officers trained during round 1 and round 2, will be spotlighted at the District Spring Conference. Round 2 Club Officer Training will start in December.

All Things Contest...

This year the District 56 Spring Conference will feature an Evaluation Speech Contest along with the International Speech Contest held in May 2023. The dates and location information will be announced shortly.

The Area and Division Speech Contests will be held in March and April 2023. The dates and contest information will be posted on the district calendar this week.

Friendly Reminder for Clubs

All Area contests will start in March 2023. Please plan your club contests accordingly prior to the Area kickoff. If your club does not conduct a club speech contest, they can elect to send a member to represent the club at the Area Speech Contest. Lastly, all members and clubs must meet the eligibility requirements and be in good standing to participate in the speech contests.

We value you and appreciate you being part of our D56 Toastmasters family.

DISTRICT 56 Online Leadership Elective (OLE)

How to be an Extraordinary Base Camp Manager

Saturday, October 22, 2022
11 AM – 12 PM CST

Do you need help training new members in Pathways? Learn the ABCs of being a Base Camp Manager. Pathways tools will be provided to all who attend!

With: **Rhonda Green, DTM, PDD**

You will learn:

- Base Camp Manager fundamentals
- How to validate members' Pathways status
- Pathways tips and tricks

Register on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 822 5047 3117
Password: 679227

DISTRICT 56 Online Leadership Elective (OLE)

FreeToastHost Website Mastery

Saturday, October 29, 2022
9 AM – 11 AM CST

Don't miss this opportunity to become a FreeToastHost specialist for your club!

With: **Zenia Shipp, DTM**

You will learn how to:

- Update and maintain the FTH website
- Create/Update agendas
- Create social media links
- Update member profiles
- Advertise the club

Register on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 871 9959 0228
Password: 887080

DISTRICT 56 Online Leadership Elective (OLE)

Evaluation Contest Bootcamp Training

Featuring a Test Speaker, multiple Evaluators and an Evaluation feedback session led by a Master Evaluator.

Saturday, December 10, 2022
9 AM - 11 AM CST

Master Evaluators present:

- How to actively listen and mitigate language barriers and biases
- How to master notetaking and roadmap usage
- How to unlock Evaluation Contest best practices

Register on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 872 4502 2625 | Password: 752130

MARKETING MONDAYS, GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES, AND INCENTIVES

Elizabeth Ruiz, DTM, Club Growth Director

LIVE MICRO SESSIONS

MARKETING MONDAYS
With Club Growth Director, Team, and Special Guests

MONDAYS ON ZOOM
8:00-8:30 PM CST
10/17/22 - 6/26/23

REGISTER NOW

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LIVE MICRO SESSIONS

What is a Micro Workshop?

- Micro Workshops are focused on one topic
- Micro Workshop sessions provide opportunities for knowledge transfer, skills development, and collaborative learning
- Micro Workshop sessions are creative, innovative, and interactive

Join District 56 Club Growth Director and Team on Mondays from 8:00 PM to 8:30 PM for 30 minutes on Zoom for a different micro-marketing session each week to help you and your club(s) boost member attendance, retain members, increase guests, and build membership. Click the image to register!

There is a NEW Club Coach Program!

Join us on Zoom Tuesday, November 8, 2022, from 7 - 8 PM to learn all about the NEW requirements for club coaches.

Why would I Serve as a Club Coach?

- The experience allows all to develop team-building skills
- Expand leadership experiences
- Increase facilitation and coaching proficiencies and develop diplomacy skills for yourself and club members as well.
- Coaches receive credit toward the Distinguished Toastmaster award (DTM) if the club achieves Distinguished or better status in the DCP.

Click the image to register!

Aspiring to be a CLUB COACH?

The New CLUB Coach Program
Decoded by DTM David Bell

7-8 PM, CST
TUE/08 NOVEMBER 2022

Register Now

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DIVISION L

Michele Cuellar, DTM, Division L Director



Way to go Division L Area Directors visited ALL clubs and completed 100% of all of their Area reports!



Division L Brunch for a social where the ADs received their AD ribbons.

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Did you know Club Central is open to renew March Dues? There is an incentive to renew now. Join the "8 is Great, Now Duplicate" incentive.

A minimum of 8 club members who renewed on or before September 30, 2022, renew their April 1, 2023, dues by December 31, 2022.

The first 8 members in a club who renew by December 31, 2022, win a Toastmasters branded surprise item. Offered to the first 50 clubs.

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If you get out of Toastmasters all there is to get out of Toastmasters, you'll never get out of Toastmasters

Past International President Helen Blanchard

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DIVISION M

Akin Oni, DTM, Division M Director

First off, I am very grateful for the multidimensional activities of our members at our clubs, and for the high caliber leaders we are blessed with this term. Thank you to each member of our great Division for living the Toastmasters dream!

DISTRICT 56 **Division M**
Transforming Members through Communication and Mentorship

Division Council (Leadership Team) 2022-2023

Akin Oni, DTM – Division M Director

Ukpai Kalu
Area Director M30

Wade Downing
Area Director M31

Becky Fields
Area Director M32

Sujatha Srikanth
Area Director M33

Speak. Engage. Learn. Transform. Repeat.

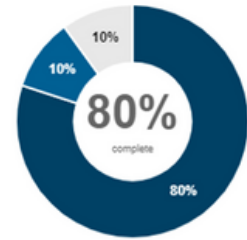
DIVISION N

Dara Griffith, DL5, Division N Director



We are proud to present this year's Division N Council for the 2022-2023 year. We are dedicated to empowering members to develop better communication and leadership skills. Our goals this year are to: increase the number of members enrolled in pathways by 25%, ensure that all Presidents and Vice Presidents receive club officer training, and maintain the total number of base clubs.

Current Round Summary



● Complete ● Report Incomplete ● Not Started

- M30 – Completed 3 out of 5 visits
2 visits remaining
- M31 – Completed 5 out of 5 visits
0 remaining...100%
- M32 – Completed 5 out of 6 visits
1 remaining & already scheduled
- M33 – Completed 4 out of 4 visits
0 remaining...100%

Congratulations, Toastmasters Wade & Sujatha!
Way to go!

ADMIN MOMENT

Jennifer Guhlin, PM5, Administration Manager

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your District Administration Manager for the 2022-2023 Toastmasters year. The District Administration Manager supports District Leadership and is responsible for maintaining District records. Which Club Officer role shares responsibilities similar to that of the District Administrator Manager? The Club Secretary! If you have enjoyed serving as a Club Secretary, Administration Manger just might be the District Leadership role for you! If you are interested in learning more about this role or if you are a Club Secretary looking for information or support, please feel free to reach out to me. I look forward to enjoying an amazing and successful Toastmasters year with you all!

DIVISION O

Qiana Preston, DTM, Division O Director



On behalf of the Division O Team, we would like to recognize all of the outstanding clubs who helped us to achieve the following:

88.5% October Renewals Met: Congratulations to ...

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| Houston Police Dept Toastmasters | Eagle on the Bayou | Heights Toastmasters Club |
| Seriously Speaking Toastmasters Club | Young Professional | Find Your Voice Toastmasters |
| Firm Speakers Toastmasters Club | Lunch Bunch Club | Totalenergies Speakers |
| Downtown Houston Toastmasters | Power Speakers | Cheniere Toastmasters Club |
| Word Doctors Toastmasters Club | Cougar Rhetoric | Hess Explorers Toastmasters |
| American General Toastmasters | Energy Speakers | Chevron MCBU Toastmasters |
| Talk is Cheap Toastmasters | High Noon Club | Dining Out Toastmasters |

Newly Chartered Clubs in O: Congratulations to ...

- Energy Speakers
- Thurgood Marshall School of Law Toastmasters

Club DCP Goals (2 or More): Congratulations to ...

- Dining Out Toastmasters Club
- Heights Toastmasters Club
- Young Professional
- American General Toastmasters
- Find Your Voice Toastmasters
- Firm Speakers Toastmasters Club
- Cheniere Toastmasters Club
- Hess Explorers Toastmasters
- Word Doctors Toastmasters Club

Club Anniversaries: Congratulations to ...

September:

- Easy Risers Club, Totalenergies Speakers, Talk Is Cheap Toastmasters, Downtown Houston Toastmasters Club

October:

- Cheniere Toastmasters Club, Firm Speakers

November:

- Chevron MCBU Toastmasters Club

DIVISION P

Fatimar Jones, DTM, Division P Director



Area Director Club Visits

P1 Area Director Elizabeth Smith and P4 Area Director Elizabeth Moala-Page completed all Round 1 club visits and reports

- Division Director – Fatimar Jones DTM
- P1 Area Director – Elizabeth Smith
- P2 Area Director – Ava Sloan DTM
- P3 Area Director – Pinar Sikes DTM
- P4 Area Director – Elizabeth Moala-Page
- P5 Area Director – Elizabeth Cambre

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We want to hear from you!!!!

Submit your club news and spread the word about your amazing club. Tell us about a club anniversary, open house, special event and more! District 56 will post the information you submit on our District 56 website & social media.

Curious to know what other clubs are doing? Go to our District 56 website to find out the latest club news.



CLUB NEWS

Find out about our latest club news and events throughout District 56.

[READ MORE](#)

[Click to Submit](#)

After meeting online only for more than two years, Covestro Toastmasters held its first in-person meeting on October 5th, 2022. The meeting was fun-filled and engaging. Covestro Toastmasters plans to implement hybrid meetings soon which will increase participation.



Fantastic job to P4 Area Director, Elizabeth Moala-Page, and clubs. All P4 clubs (Pearland, West Pearland, Mid-Pearland, Young Professionals Southeast, UAGC Orators) submitted October membership renewals on time.

Plan for Success Award:

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| ANICO Articulators | Boeing |
| Brazosport | Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Clear Lake Communicators | LaPorte |
| West Pearland | Young Professionals Southeast |

Super 7 Award:

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| Clear Lake | Laporte |
| Pearland | West Pearland |
| Young Professionals Southeast | |

8 is Great:

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| ANICO Articulators | Boeing |
| Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce | Clear Lake Communicators |
| Pearland | Young Professionals Southeast |

September Loyalty Challenge:

ANICO Articulators renewed 100% of their July 1, 2022 base membership number by September 25, 2022.



Do you want to be part of an amazing team of District 56 leaders? Serving as a District leader is a great responsibility and an exciting opportunity. The success of our District, our clubs, and our members depends on how well our District leaders execute their roles and responsibilities. We need YOU! Challenge yourself by stepping up and discovering the leader in you.

Each year, usually from November through January, District 56 accepts nominations for elected and appointed District Officer positions. These positions provide opportunities to enhance your leadership skills and expand your Toastmasters expertise.

The District Leadership Committee is formed during November and consists of at least one representative from each Division in the district. Together with the District Leadership Committee Chair, this committee reviews the nominations of candidates to determine eligibility and also interviews the candidates.

Find more information about becoming a candidate at the District 56 Call for District Leaders website page.
<https://toastmastershouston.com/call-for-district-leaders/>

You may also contact the 2022-2023 District Leadership Committee Chair directly.

Pamela McCown, DTM, PID
2022-2023 District Leadership Committee Chair
Email: Leadership.Chair@tmd56.org

DIVISION Q

Brent Jatko, EC5, Division Q Director



On behalf of the Division Q Team, I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and joyous holiday season. Thanks to all the Division Q members who helped lead Division Q to have the lowest number of unpaid Clubs in the District.

Meeting Membership requirements & One or more DCP Goals

Congratulations to:

South Main Speakers
Houston Galleria Project Mgt. Toastmasters
Talking Bull
Sound of Greenway
Greenway Plaza Toastmasters

Determined to Master Speaking
A+ Toastmasters,
Speak Up Houston Toastmasters
Timmons Talkers
Spirited Speech Masters

Eight Is Great Awards:

Dance and Toast Masters
Wordcrafters Club

Club Anniversaries:

Bellaire Toastmasters
Dance and Toast Masters

DIVISION R

Srikanth Madavan, PM5, Division R Director



Wishing all a truly wonderful Holiday season from the team in Division R. Congratulations to the clubs below for achieving Administration goals of submitting club officers list and membership dues on time.

Plan for Success Award:

North Houston Toastmasters
Baker Hughes Speakeasy Toastmasters
HP Houston Toastmasters
Professionally Speaking Singles Toastmasters
Marathon Speaks!
Pensadores de Houston
Health Wealth and Happiness Toastmasters
Mente Abierta Toastmasters

McDermott McToasters
Big Red Toastmasters
Cy-Fair Super Speakers
Pensadores Northwest
Weatherford Talks
Daybreakers
C & F Leaders Club

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S&S YOUTH FOUNDATION
TEEN WORKSHOPS ON CONFIDENT AND PERSUASIVE PUBLIC SPEAKING
Colleges want more than test scores. They want students who can express what they know.
We're kicking off our new S&S Youth Foundation, by holding three **free** workshops on persuasive public speaking in Houston this fall. If you are a middle or high school student, please join us for these impactful classes.
Our instructor, Chris Lipp, teaches a popular communications class at Rice University lecturer, as well as coaching business leaders and entrepreneurs.
Join Us!
Saturday, October 22, 2022, 2-4 p.m.
Saturday, November 12, 2022, 2-4 p.m.
Saturday, December 10, 2022, 2-4 p.m.
Blossom Hotel, 7118 Bertner Ave, Houston, TX
Register Or Learn More At www.SandSYouth.org
Email: info@SandSYouth.org Call: (985) 789-0577

S&S Youth Foundation Its Mission, Goals and a Program of Initiatives at Kick- Off Event in Houston

Houston, Texas September 2022: Houston's S&S Youth Foundation, a new nonprofit serving young people, was officially launched at a youth organizing workshop at Blossom Hotel Houston held on 25 September 2022 with participation from students from a wide variety of Houston high schools who were joined by their families.

Following the kickoff event, S&S Youth Foundation will hold three workshops in the fall to teach public communications with a focus on overcoming social anxiety by practicing stress reduction techniques and learning how to communicate persuasively. Students will also learn strategies for building relationships with peers and influencers, and ways to adopt a leadership mindset that will allow them to feel and appear confident when speaking and prepare them for college.

The PR team is excited to announce that we have a new social media contest. Any questions please send us an email at socialmediachair@tmd56.org
 Social Media / Instagram Contest for Toastmasters Clubs in District 56

RULES

How to Enter:

- Between now and November 21, submit ONE photo from your Club meeting, open house, or social along with a catchy caption. Include Club name and number, your name, and the name of your VP of Public Relations.
- The photo and caption will be posted on the @district56tm Instagram in the order in which it is received. If your club has an Instagram page, include the profile URL and we will tag it.
- Once posted, promote, promote, promote! The post receiving the most "Likes" by December 12 will win. Enter early for your best chance!

Eligibility: Contest open only to members of Toastmasters Clubs in Toastmasters District 56. By submitting the photo, you are affirming that you have obtained permission from anyone appearing in the photo for it to be posted on social media. Only one entry per Club.

Prize: Three (3) months of social media highlighting on District 56 social media platforms (website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) for your Club, plus one (1) month of social media coaching.

This contest is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Instagram or Toastmasters International.

Don't forget to follow us on social media! Just click the icons below to find us!



Super 7 Award:

- Pensadores de Houston
- Professionally Speaking Singles Toastmasters
- Big Red Toastmasters
- Pensadores Northwest
- Marathon Speaks! Club
- Cy-Fair Super Speakers
- Mento Abierta
- Voice of Moses

4 New Members Added

- Professionally Speaking Singles Toastmasters
- Cy-Fair Super Speakers

A shoutout to Area R61 director Ellen Wieczorek for completing 3 out of 4 Area Director visit reports in Round 1. This is her first time serving the district in this role.

Congratulations to Area R62 (AD: Roop Roy) for achieving 100% Officer Pathways adoption.

Thanks to Cynthia Abdon for stepping in the role of Area 64 director since the recent passing of James Tomlin. She is working with clubs in that area to strengthen the clubs and look for potential new ones.

PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

- Newsletter Publisher - Melissa Atchley, DTM
- Public Relations Manager and Newsletter Editor - Open
- D56 Website - Open
- Social Media Team - Ellen Wieczorek (Chair), Holly Jahangiri
- Blogger Chair - Open
- PR Outreach - Cassie Brandley
- Google Space - Harold Eaton, DTM (Administrator), Amish Patel