



HOT Topics from District 25

News and updates sent to all D25 members

March 15, 2016

Being Visitor Ready



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Check Your Club's Training Report

Please check your club's record on the [Training Report](#) for accuracy. If discrepancies are found, please notify [Jodie Sanders](#).

Talk Up Toastmasters

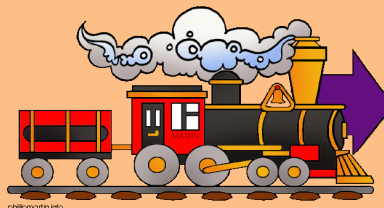
Feb 1 - Mar 31

Membership Renewal Time

Membership renewals are now open for payment to TI for April 1 to Sept 30, 2016, and are due March 31.

Follow these [easy steps to renewing](#) members.

Every member whose April-Sept dues are showing online as paid by March 31 is eligible to win a TI portfolio. There will be 20 lucky winners. Make sure your club gets on board with [Membership Momentum!](#)



Spring Conference

Pathways to Service
District 25 Spring Conference
May 20-21, 2016
[Online registration Open Now!](#)



Add five new, dual, or reinstated members between Feb 1 and March 31 to receive a special "Talk up Toastmasters" ribbon for your club's banner. Plus, earn a discount code for 10% off their next club order from the TI store.

Gold at the End of the Rainbow!



Clubs with 12 or fewer members on the books at the end of December 2015 are eligible to win the [Pot O' Gold Award](#) by renewing at least 8 members by St. Paddy's Day, **March 17, 2016**. The names of all eligible small clubs will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 Toastmasters International gift certificate.

Spring Contests

The 2016 Spring Contests are Tall Tales and International Speech.

The Area Contests begin March 17. Plan your club contest at least 2 weeks before the date of your Area's contest.

[See the Spring 2016 Contest Schedule](#)



Check the [conference webpage](#) for updates.

New DTMs

Will You Be a Part of the DTM Ceremony at Spring Conference? The DTM Ceremony for District 25 will be held on Saturday evening, May 21, 2016, at the Spring Conference. If you have received, or expect to earn, your Distinguished Toastmaster Award before May 1, we hope you will participate in this touching and meaningful ceremony. If you would like to be included in the ceremony, please contact the DTM Ceremony Chair, [Diane Himmelstein](#) as soon as possible. All participant information, including completed questionnaire and headshot, must be turned in by **April 15, 2016**.

Take the Next Step!

Are You Ready for the Next Step on Your Leadership Path?

Check out the [district officer and staff positions](#).

NOW is the time to make known your interest for the 2016-2017 (July-June) Toastmasters year. [Email your interest today!](#)

Proposed Alignment for 2016-2017

On January 26, 2016, the Alignment Committee adopted the proposed club alignment for 2016-2017. On March 12, 2016 the

[Speech Contest Rulebook](#)

[Contest Resources](#)

Achieve Excellence



It's not too late to sign up to Achieve Excellence.

There is still plenty of time to make your Achieve Excellence commitment if you have not already done so. Check your [Club Achieve Excellence Commitment](#) and your [Member Achieve Excellence Commitment](#) records to make sure you and your club are included!

For full details, see [Achieve Excellence promotion](#) on the District 25 website. Contact achieveex@d25toastmasters.org with any questions.

See the [latest photos of who has made the commitment.](#)

Hold a Club Open House



Clubs holding an open house from Jan 1 - Mar 31 are eligible for [3rd Quarter Drawing](#)

[Video Brand Contest](#)

Enter the Toastmasters monthly

District Executive Committee (DEC) approved the alignment proposal. The District Council will vote on the adoption of the proposed alignment for 2016-2017 at the District 25 Annual Meeting on May 21, 2016. Please review the current and proposed alignments

Current: <http://d25toastmasters.org/pdfs/D25Alignment2015-16.pdf>

Proposed: <http://d25toastmasters.org/alignment/AlignmentProposed2016-17.pdf>

Please provide your comments regarding this proposed alignment. <http://d25toastmasters.org/alignment/comments.html>

Fall Dues Increase

All members should have received [this letter](#) from Toastmasters International. Questions? See the [FAQ](#), [write](#), or call World Headquarters (949-858-8255), and ask for the Member Support Team.

More Fun Stuff!

INVITATIONS:

[Nissan Toastmasters 20th Anniversary Celebration - March 16](#)

Top Notch is putting on the Irish. Join us **March 17** for a Pot o Gold Pot Luck at 6:30 pm then stay for a fun meeting. We meet at St. Christopher's on the access road of I20 between McCart and Trail Lake. Wear green!

Jacobs Fort Worth Toastmasters Open House Monday, March 21, 12 noon. Downtown Ft Worth, 777 Main St, 25th floor, conference room G/H. All are welcome. Guest speaker Clint Reese from Panther City club. Come Hungry!

Denton Toastmasters is having an Open House on **March 28**. The theme is Fresh Start. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm, food is served at 6:30 pm. We meet at 3901 Montecito, Denton. Follow the signs to the community center.

[Irving Toastmasters 50th Anniversary Celebration May 2](#)

[Love Promotion Reaches Successful End](#)

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS PHOTOS:

[Afterburners](#) Open House Feb 23.

Video Brand Contest and give your club a chance to win a branded banner, a lectern or marketing materials. The contest runs now through Dec 31, 2016.

[SEAS](#) Open House Feb 25.

[Energizers](#) Open House March 2.

[Amon Carter Orators](#) Open House March 3.

[Bethesda Toastmasters](#) Open House & Guest Speaker March 6.

[DEC training](#) March 12 at Texas Wesleyan University.

Quick Links...

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[D25 Bulletin Board](#) - Facebook open group for the members and friends of District 25. It's a place for us to share news, events, files, photos, accomplishments.

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[Here's how to submit](#) your stories and photos for publication.



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