



District 25

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HOT Topics for October 4, 2016

It's Not Too Late to Renew!

Have you paid your dues? What's your club's **membership renewal status**?

We encourage you to check on members who have not yet renewed. Call them, email them, find out what their Toastmaster goals were and invite them back. Then, help them with those goals.

Membership renewals for Oct 1, 2016 to Mar 31, 2017, were due by the end of September. However, it's not too late to get club DCP credit! If payment for 8 members (at least three of whom must be renewing members) is received by TI by Oct 10 your club will still achieve partial credit towards DCP Goal # 10.

Instructions to Club Officers on How To Enter Dues in Club Central

Contest Season Is Underway!

I love contest season! It is a wonderful opportunity for Toastmasters to showcase their skills, both in speaking and in leadership! Thank you to all of our many Contest Chairs, Judges, Contestants, and other volunteers. We appreciate you! **Here is the contest schedule.**

As a reminder, Form 1177 Evaluation Contestant Notes is available **here**. The Evaluation Contestant Notes must be blank at the beginning of the test speaker's speech.

It is also helpful to be familiar with the **rulebook** and other **contest forms**. You can also view the recent **Contest Webinar**.

A Wealth of Opportunity

Did you know that contests are the perfect opportunity to invite people to experience Toastmasters for the first time? Do you know how to get involved in demo meetings or help clubs as a mentor? Our Club Growth Director, Robi Ley, shares this information and more. **Check out the full article!**

You can still Experience Excellence!

The second deadline for the Experience Excellence promotion will be January 31, but don't wait. Submit your Formal Mentoring Plan to clubsuccess@d25toastmasters.org, and then begin implementing your plan!



[Check out the details!](#)



Honoring Past District Governor Gary Smith

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Past District 25 Governor Gary Smith, DTM, who served in 1989-1990, before District 50 was created. He is remembered fondly by many of our district's leaders, including David McCallister, Pauline Shirley, Ron Smith, and Dr. Jeff Johnson

[Click here](#) to read their kind words.

Check Your Club's Training Results

The Training Report has been **[published online](#)** and the Final Training Report results posted to TI! Notify Greg Pick asap of any errors at gregpick@d25toastmasters.org.

The Power of One

Our pathway to service begins with us, one individual, one thought, one idea.

Reflecting on how many people have changed our world - whether it was one person fasting for civil rights, one person standing for equality of all mankind.

The Fall Conference is full of stories and educational sessions about the Power of One to change. See the full story **[here](#)**.

Conference Information and Registration. Register today and don't forget to book your hotel room!



Will You Be Participating in the DTM Ceremony?

If you have recently achieved the Distinguished Toastmaster education level, congratulations! It is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a member, and represents hard work, leadership, dedication, and service. We want to honor you at the District Conference. The DTM Ceremony is a special opportunity for us to celebrate your achievement.

If you have not already done so, send your information to Les Condit, our DTM Ceremony Chair, at lescondit@gmail.com.

An International Experience of Toastmasters

One of our District 25 members recently traveled to Denmark and had the opportunity to meet and present in front of Toastmasters members from around the world. [Read Gerry's story.](#)

District News

- Angelo State Toastmasters chartered in September! Congratulations! [See the photos!](#)
 - UNTHSC hosted an **Open House** on September 20!
 - Area Contests have started! **Area 44 & Area 45** and **Area 33** look like they had a great time!
 - WBC Toastmasters hosted an amazing club contest. One of their visitors raved about their club. [Click here](#) to learn more about how WBC Toastmasters Experience Excellence.
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