



District 25

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HOT Topics for December 6, 2016

Don't Let Your Club Lose Access to Club Central!

Click here to find out: [What Is A Valid Club Officers List?](#)

Your club must have at a minimum, a President, VP, and Secretary and all officers must be paid members. If this information is not updated immediately in Club Central, all officers could lose access to Club Central!

Also, if your club elects officers every 6 months, now is the time to elect officers for the January 1 to June 30, 2017 term. Once your new officers are elected, be sure to report the officer list to Toastmasters International by Dec 31, 2016. If you have any questions, contact gregpick@d25toastmasters.org.

Toastmasters Leadership Institute Registration is OPEN!



If Toastmasters is Where Leaders are Made, TLI sessions are where club officers are given the tools to continue that process! Club officers benefit from networking and learning from others' experiences holding these positions. Better-trained officers leads to more effective and enjoyable meetings. Better meetings lead to increased progress in the journey toward becoming more effective speakers and leaders.

As an added bonus, when 4 of your club officers attend training, it counts toward the second part of the credit in the Distinguished Club Program.

[Click here to Register today!](#)

Join us at a Leadership Open House!

Do You Know What It Takes To Be A District Officer?

If the answer is No, we encourage you to attend a Leadership Open House. You will learn about the requirements and the training provided for each position. And guess what? Lunch is provided for those that register by December 7 and January 10!

Are You Pursuing Your Advanced Leader Silver Education Award?

If the answer is Yes, did you also know that District Service is a requirement to earn that award? I would encourage you to attend a Leadership Open House and see which service opportunity will be the best fit as you progress to the next level in leadership.

RSVP today for a Leadership Open House! There are two dates to choose from and lunch is provided for those that register by December 7 and January 10!

District Officer Nominations

Would you or someone you know make a great district officer next year? Does someone have a heart for service, excellence in character, and a desire to share the Toastmasters Experience with others? Do they meet the **Elected Officer Requirements?**

Our Leadership Committee is currently accepting nominations for Elected Officer Positions which include District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director and Division Director for the 2017-2018 Toastmasters year. To nominate yourself or another member, the **Officer Agreement and Release Form, Candidate Application, and District Leader Nominating Form**, along with a Letter of Intent, must be emailed to nominations@d25toastmasters.org before January 31, 2017. Interviews to follow.

Help us find the future leaders of District 25!

Club Success Workshop Dec. 10

The deadline to submit your Formal Mentoring Plan for the Experience Excellence promotion is January 31. **More information here.**



Not sure how to create a Formal Mentoring Plan? Then join us at Texas Wesleyan University on December 10th from 1-2:30pm to learn about the benefits of having a formal mentoring program at your club. [Click here for all the details!](#)

What Is An HPL Project Anyway?

Many Toastmasters find the Leadership Excellence Award (also known as the High Performance Leadership project) a huge stumbling block on the path to their Distinguished Toastmaster Award.

Cindy Hinckley informs us about the HPL requirements, provides ideas for completion, and shares specific and practical advice about how to get started. [Click Here For The Full Article!](#)

Spring District Conference Registration Promotion

On our Journey of Excellence, wouldn't it be nice to stay in a nice hotel room, for FREE? Don't miss out on Discounted Winter Pricing and a chance to win a hotel room for Friday night at the

District 25 Spring 2017 Conference

May 19-20, 2017
Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel
4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway
Irving, Texas 75063

The **First 50** to register before February 25th will receive **discounted pricing of \$130** - increases to \$150 after Feb. 25 - which includes Four Meals enhanced by Keynote Speeches, Education Sessions, International Speech and Table Topics Contests, Friday Night Fun, the DTM Ceremony AND an **entry in a drawing to win a free hotel room!** Additional details and link to Registration available [here](#). Don't wait!

The Power of One was a Powerful Success!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fall 2016 District Conference! Everyone contributed to the success of this event, but there are a few special people we would like to highlight:

Allan Pickering, our District Contest Coordinator, gave us an awesome Contest recap in his article, I Pity Those Poor Judges. [Check it out!](#)

Yvonne Hall describes her 1st Place win in the Humorous Speech contest as a "Monumental Event"! [Read the Full Story!](#)

Jessica Pallett reigns supreme in the Evaluation Contest, taking home first place two years in a row. [Click Here To Find Out What It Takes!](#)

Edward Babino decided that he didn't just want to attend his first Conference, he wanted to participate. [Read about our Test Speaker's Inspiring Experience!](#)

First Time Attendee, **Gary Hart**, tells us that when it comes to deciding to attend the Conference, [Don't Hesitate, Participate!](#)

District News

- Nationstar Speaks, Afterburners Club, and ARBOR Toastmasters tied for the most club members in attendance at the Conference. Multiple clubs had 2 or more First Timers. [Click here for the Conference Booster and Conference Super Booster Award Results!](#)
 - We took lots of pictures at the District Conference. [Here is the list of Photo Albums.](#)
 - Mitchell Confident Communicators hosted a Charter Celebration on 11/30. [View the photos!](#)
 - Wells Fargo had an Open House on 12/1. [View the photos!](#)
 - Reveille Club Celebrated its **50th Anniversary!**
 - Our District Leadership led the way in fun at the Leadership Holiday Party on 12/4. [Check it out!](#)
 - Irving Toastmasters looked like fun on 12/5 at U of Dallas. [They even took photos!](#)
 - More Members are Experiencing Excellence this year! [See more pictures!](#)
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