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WORDS FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Reflections on Change

By William Markert, DTM – District 83 Director

Change is inevitable! As this Toastmasters year comes to a close, I am reflecting on what has transpired over the last year. My theme for the year is "Be the Leader" but, it could have also been "Embrace the Change." For those of you who did step up to be a leader, you faced some significant challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our way of doing business and some of those changes will be with us far into the future. Let's consider the impact of the pandemic and look at how life/business/social interactions have evolved.



Life as We Knew It Changed Almost Overnight

This pandemic forced people to socially distance from one another to limit the spread of the disease. To a large extent, our nation (and most of the world) has been shut down thanks to the pandemic. Businesses closed their offices, and many transitioned their employees to work-at-home environments.

Toastmasters throughout the world have also curtailed their in-person activities and resorted to conducting business virtually. Our virtual platform is Zoom and many of you have become experts in using Zoom. While the pandemic has separated us physically, it has brought Toastmasters from around the world together using the modern marvels of technology.

Club Meetings Have Adapted to The Change

At the very core of our organization are club meetings. When the pandemic forced the shut-down of in-person meetings, many of our clubs adapted to the new normal using web-based teleconferencing technology. Zoom became a leader in the field and many clubs exploited the technology to continue holding Toastmasters meetings. Initially, it was challenging to overcome logistical challenges. Which teleconferencing package will we use? Would we have to pay for it? How would we prepare club members for the first virtual meeting? Club leadership rose to the challenge and solved those problems. Today, almost all our active clubs are meeting virtually.

Creating Effective Trainings and Busting Myths

Many have said that virtual training cannot possibly be as effective as in-person training. Club officer and district officer trainings take place during two cycles each year. When confronted with this dilemma in June 2020, our district planned



and executed innovative and meaningful training which was attended by more Toastmasters than during any of our in-person trainings.

The TLI training model was mimicked successfully during our division sponsored training. By using the virtual training model, the district provided training on a host of other topics such as Zoom Master training, conducting virtual contests and district leadership opportunities. Our Youth Leadership Program coordinators have embraced the virtual model and enthusiastically delivered the program to youth in schools and community organizations. The OMNI-PRO Speakers Bureau, which is sponsored by District 83, recently presented a webinar which focused on "Re-Inventing Your Future." We have grown over the last year and now embrace teleconferencing. Myth busted! Virtual training is effective and reaches a greater number of individuals than in-person training.

Area Directors Embrace the Change

Helping clubs is a job for our area directors. They keep clubs informed of district events, offer assistance, and visit their area's clubs multiple times each year. In-person visits have frequently been a challenge. Scheduling time to travel to and from clubs during the business day and getting through security could be challenging. Conducting a virtual visit simplifies the task greatly. Zoom may not be the choice for many businesses, but thankfully, there are a variety of alternative teleconferencing packages such as WebEx and Go to Meeting. Make no mistake: there are advantages to in-person visits and meetings, but virtual teleconferencing offers a viable option, and it is here to stay!

Changes for the District Conference

Every year, the District holds an annual conference during which the business meeting is conducted, workshops are offered, and speech contests are held. Planning a conference is no small effort. The conference committee begins planning for the conference seven to eight months prior to the conference. I've sat on this committee for years and can assure you that the amount of work involved in planning for a successful conference is staggering. In prior years, the planning meetings and conference were done in person. That was not an option this year. Our conference chair worked tirelessly to organize virtual planning meetings and led a group of dedicated volunteers to plan and execute our first virtual conference. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. The virtual option allowed people to pick and choose which events they wanted to see from the comfort of their homes. The in-person conference fee and overnight hotel expense for some were financial barriers. In the virtual environment, we were able to deliver the program fee free. That alone was a significant factor in serving a greater number of our Toastmasters as well as reaching out to the public.

Change Is Constant—Let's All Embrace It

I believe that the explosion of virtual meetings represents a paradigm shift. There will always be a need for in-person meetings. As human beings, we need in-person social interaction. But the fact remains that change is constant and the shift to virtual events is part of that change. As leaders in business, your families, or the community, you have embraced the change. You have helped District 83 weather the storm. Change will continue and we must be willing to embrace the change. Thank you for your support. I wish you much success in your leadership journey as you face a constantly evolving future.

**Congratulations to William Markert for his excellent leadership and guidance throughout the unprecedented 2020-2021 Toastmaster year.
Thank you so much, Willie!**



District Program Quality Director's Message

Find the Fun

By Michelle Tropper, DTM

We kicked off the 2020-21 Toastmasters year knowing that all club meetings and all district events would be conducted virtually. And we made it happen! We had some hiccups and challenges along the way, but that's part of learning and innovating. Most importantly, we worked together as a team to help deliver meaningful Toastmasters experiences for our members.

Virtual Meetings Can Be Fun

One of the most exciting moments for me this year was when one of my club members in SpeakAbility took an ordinary Table Topics session and turned it into a fun evening. It had been a long day of Zoom meetings at work, and I was definitely experiencing "[Zoom Fatigue](#)." This Toastmaster created a character for himself as a DJ and turned our Table Topics session into a radio show. Each person who was called to answer a question was his "guest." We all eagerly awaited our turns to answer his fun questions.

For me, this meeting was a breakthrough in virtual meetings, as it was so much fun. It reminded me of why I have remained a member for so long, and why I'm so invested in contributing to Toastmasters as a district leader. Improving my public speaking and communication skills is what brought me to Toastmasters. The people and having fun in the process of developing those skills is what keeps me coming back.

Fun and Enjoyment

Toastmasters founder Ralph Smedley said, "We learn best in moments of enjoyment." During our District Conference, keynote speaker and 2019 World Champion of Public Speaking, Aaron Beverly encouraged us with this statement; "Have a little bit of fun, otherwise, what's the point?"

I could not agree more with these sentiments! Drawing on this inspiration, I encourage our members and leaders to "Find the Fun!" in Toastmasters. Find ways to make club meetings more fun and engaging for members and guests. And we will do the same for our district events. Let us find opportunities to infuse new energy and innovate during our meetings and speeches!

Looking Ahead

As we look ahead to the 2021-22 Toastmasters year, we are hopeful that we will be able to meet in-person again as venues and municipalities lift restrictions on in-person gatherings. Toastmasters International has shared [best practices guidance on hybrid meetings](#), and we had a special session during our conference on this topic as well.

What does this mean for District 83 clubs and events? Our TLI's and trainings will continue to be held virtually. We simply do not have enough venues and places available to us yet to hold all our events in-person. We will await guidance from Toastmasters International regarding contests and conferences, understanding that it still may be too soon for those events to be held in-person. Clubs that have been able to find venues to hold their meetings and have the support of their boards and members can resume meeting in-person and experiencing hybrid meetings if they abide by local ordinances. Some have already had or are planning outdoor meetings and social events after a long time of being apart.



Whether you are participating in Toastmasters online, in-person, or both, find ways to make your experience and that of those around you fun!

Logo design contest for “Find the Fun!”

Our theme for the 2021-22 Toastmasters year is “Find the Fun!” Now that you know the inspiration behind the theme, please help me come up with a creative logo that will spark joy whenever you see it at the bottom of an email message or in a social media post throughout the year.

Include the slogan: “Find the Fun!”

Create art in a scalable vector format suitable for digital use.

Please send your submissions in PDF format to: michelletmd83@gmail.com

Deadline: Monday, June 28, 2021.





2021 Summer Youth Leadership Opportunities!



What are you doing this summer?

Need

Clubs —to Sponsor Programs
Toastmasters —to Run or Assist Programs

Who

Middle School & High School Students

Why

- Support your local communities
- Get credits for Pathway levels 4 & 5

Please contact: **Somesh Chablani**, D83 YLP Chair at someshchablani@gmail.com, or **Janette Markert** at jalexan4dtm@gmail.com



District Club Growth Director's Message

Reflections on our Last Year and Looking Ahead to the Next

By Kristen Oliveri, DTM

The pandemic has now spanned three renewal periods. Can you believe it? Life as we knew it has changed, and the impact to our society and those around the world is beyond description.

Whether due to Zoom fatigue, competing personal or work commitments, corporate budget cuts, or any number of other reasons, we have lost some clubs and members in District 83. Districts throughout the world have faced the same struggles as we have. That seems to go without saying but given all of this, we have a lot to be happy and proud about in the last year, and more to look forward to in the coming year.

We saw the best of people, from the first responders who put their lives on the line to help others, to our fellow Toastmasters who worked tirelessly to help pivot to a new virtual Toastmasters environment. Clubs figured out how to navigate the world of Zoom to continue meeting virtually. While Zoom fatigue is real, it also has served as a means for so many of our members to stay connected and interact with others who share the same interests as we do. We're able to visit clubs in other districts throughout the world and expand our Toastmasters networks and friendships.

We held four online virtual district-wide open houses in the fall and spring, from which we had new members join our clubs. We executed an extremely successful first ever virtual district conference! And finally, we chartered four new clubs within the district this year: Paragon Toastmasters, Green Room PR Toastmasters, MECA GLOBAL Toastmasters, and Morris County Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to our newest clubs and everyone who worked so hard including the Club Growth team, sponsors and mentors!

One of our most recently chartered clubs, MECA GLOBAL Toastmasters, is one of the most interesting clubs I have been a part of chartering. This club is based in NJ but is an online club, with members in the US, Canada, Europe and Africa. Additionally, with the hard work and tenacity of their sponsor, our Division C Director-Elect, Harihara Subrimanian and the company's founder Saleem Sufi, MECA CFO Academy has also chartered three other regional online clubs throughout the world, based in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Asia Pacific. This company is using the online platform to bring the benefits of Toastmasters to its members across the world, and it's a model that my own new company is contemplating for the future.

We have several new club leads in the works, but many do not want to start until they can meet in person. I look forward to transitioning these potential new clubs to our incoming Club Growth Director, Manda Pasarkar, and her team, as I feel that we are really set up for great success and a return to growth in the 2021-2022 Toastmasters year.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation for all the hard work of the 2020-2021 Club Growth team: Club Extension Chair **David Cragin**, Club Retention Chair **Phil Coniglio**, and Club Quality Chair **Jo-Rose Portfolio**. We could not have accomplished what we did in an extremely tough year without your ideas and hard work. Thank you!!

As I look forward to my term as Program Quality Director for the upcoming Toastmasters year, I look forward to continuing the great work of our District Director-Elect Michelle Tropper, who with her Program Quality team worked tirelessly to ensure that our members continued to receive quality training in the online environment, fun and exciting online speech contests, and a great interactive experience at the virtual district conference. As vaccination rates continue to climb and restrictions are eased in New Jersey and beyond, I am sure I am not alone in looking forward to returning to in-person



meetings, contests, trainings, and conferences. However, we still don't know what the "new normal" will look like, and I don't think we can or should return to the old way of doing things. Online trainings are a convenient option for many of our members, and we should continue the practice, while also returning to some in-person sessions when we can.

I would like to see a combination of in-person, online and hybrid events, to continue to serve the needs of ALL our members. And I'm looking to you, our members, to provide your input as to your needs. Starting with online training, what topics would you like to see covered? What sessions would help our members to get the most out of their Toastmasters journeys?

Send me your thoughts and ideas at tmd83kristen@gmail.com, I would love to hear from you!

The past year has been a challenge, but we made it through. I look forward to continuing the Toastmasters journey with all of you in the upcoming 2021-2022 year!

***** Seeking Volunteers – Serve as a Club Sponsor, Mentor or Coach *****

In addition to developing your leadership skills and helping your fellow Toastmasters and your district, you will earn credit toward your Distinguished Toastmaster award under the Pathways program! The requirements for the DTM award are:

1. Complete two unique learning paths.
2. Serve as a club officer for 12 months.
3. **Serve as a club mentor or coach.**
4. **Serve as a club sponsor** or conduct a Speechcraft or Youth Leadership program.
5. Serve as a district officer for one year.
6. Complete the DTM project.

To volunteer to serve in one of these roles, please complete the Google form linked on the district website at:

Club Sponsor	https://tm83.org/index.php/club-growth/club-sponsor
Club Mentor	https://tm83.org/index.php/club-growth/club-mentoring
Club Coach	https://tm83.org/index.php/club-growth/club-coaching

If you have an idea for a new club in the district, please complete the Google form linked on the district website at: <https://tm83.org/index.php/club-growth/new-leads>

For any questions, please reach out the Club Growth team:

Club Growth Director	Kristen Oliveri	tmd83kristen@gmail.com
Club Extension Chair (<i>sponsors</i>)	Dave Cragin	david1.cragin@gmail.com
Club Retention Chair (<i>coaches</i>)	Phil Coniglio	philip.coniglio@basf.com
Club Quality Chair (<i>mentors</i>)	Jo-Rose Portfolio	joroseportfolio@gmail.com



District 83 News



Announcement: Incoming Trio 2021-2022



Kristen Oliveri, DTM
Program Quality Director



Michelle Tropper, DTM
District Director



Manda Pasarkar, DTM
Club Growth Director

**Find the
Fun!**

WELCOME



Congratulations to the new Division Directors for 2021-2022

Announcement: Incoming Division Directors 2021-2022

CONGRATS

Division A: Siva Jonnada
Division B: Juana Dannecker
Division C: Harihara Subramanian
Division D: Ann Marie Pochtar-Galakis
Division E: Darlene Blanco
Division F: Thaine Shetter
Division G: Sharon Daughtry
Division H: Chee Kim
Division I : Uday Bhoopalam

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TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

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District 83

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Contest Winners

Announcement: District 83 Contest Winners 2021

Congratulations

Contest	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Table Topics	Denise Washington	Sherri Rase	Karl Freithaler
Evaluation	Eunice Jimenez	Nisha Aidasani	Sherri Rase
Humorous Speech	Paul Ireifej	Susan Matson	Jenny Yin
International Speech	Kevin Moulton	Lelet McGorry	Anupama Kinatukara

Trophy

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

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District Events



Summer TLI

6/21, 22, 26/2021

Register at tm83.org



For All Trainings:

When register, your email confirmation will have links to videos from Toastmasters International specific to your officer role

6/21, 7:30-9:30pm — District Officer Training

- Topic: Area/Division Director expectations, roles & responsibilities
- Area/Division Directors who attend on both 6/21 & 6/26 will meet the 4 hours training requirement

Tuesday, 6/22, 7:30-9:00pm — Traditional Club Officer Training

- Please watch the 30-minute video before training
- In training, we will answer your questions & address areas not covered in the video.

6/26, 10am-12pm — Club Officer & District Officer Training

- Special leadership topics:
 1. "Who 'ya gonna call?" -Cyndi Wilson
 2. "Subtle Acts of Exclusion" -Djuna Barnes
- Get club officers training credit
- **Will not cover specific officer roles**
- Applicable to ALL officers in D83

Check out tm83.org for more trainings if you can't attend the TLI



District 83 Newest DTMs

Congratulations to District 83's Newest Distinguished Toastmasters-2nd Quarter 2021

3/29/2021 - Andrew L. Smith

5/13/2021 - John Sun

5/18/2021 - Erica P. Karp

6/7/2021 - Lorraine M. Campbell

6/8/2021 - Annette Demendonca

Mark your calendar!

**Toastmasters International Virtual
Conference
August 23-28, 2021**

Make a world of difference!

Invest in yourself and join the online global excitement! Registration opens soon at

www.toastmasters.org/Convention



DCP and How Clubs Can Reach That Award

By Su Brooks, DTM 2



The Toastmasters International progress dashboards have been updated to reflect achievements to date for the Distinguished Club Program (DCP).

View updates here:

<http://dashboards.toastmasters.org/>

Congratulations! Some clubs have already attained Distinguished, Select Distinguished or President's Distinguished status. Here are a few tips for you and your club members to make progress towards these goals as we approach the end of the 2020–2021 Toastmasters year.

Need to complete education levels?

The Summer Series Speakouts are being held now in June, July, and August on the first and third Fridays. Speaking spots are filling fast and are available on a first come, first served basis. Contact me at: subrooks@verizon.net

More ideas to consider

- Schedule your own Speakout or a Speakout series.
- Visit another club and offer to take a role at their meeting. Some clubs welcome guest speakers and backup speakers.

Beyond Speeches

- Serve as Table Topics Master for the Active Listening project. Arrange with the VPE or Toastmaster to have someone evaluate you.
- Is your protégé close to achieving their next Level in Pathways? Brainstorm ways to help him/her complete it. Clubs often need someone to take the lead on a special project.

Membership

- The Toastmasters Beat the Clock Membership drive is underway May 1-June 30. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3gQkhXJ>
- Are the guests who have been visiting your club ready to join? Provide next steps to encourage them.
- Advanced clubs can reach out to members of other clubs who may now be interested in a dual membership, have made progress in Pathways and now are eligible to join your club.
- Have you conducted a Speechcraft program?
 - Do the participants want to take the next step and join your club?
- Reach out to past members who may have had to put their Toastmasters membership on pause
 - The YLP course they facilitated has concluded and they can now return
 - Their leadership class is over
 - They completed their final exams
 - Their coaching sessions are over

Administration

- Immediately after your club's officer elections, make sure your club Secretary (or other designated club officer) submits the club officer list for 2021-2022 on time now by June 30 to help jumpstart your club's DCP for next year. It's an easy half point on the Administration section.

These are some proven tips to help your club finish the Toastmasters year strong. Current club officers can help on-board newly elected officers to ensure a smooth transition for 2021-2022. Best of luck to you and your club!

About the Author:

Su became a Toastmaster in 2000, has earned two DTM awards in the traditional education program and is working on her Pathways DTM. In Spring 2021, she will complete her fifth path. She currently serves as VPE at Talk of Monmouth and Secretary at What Exit? Her district service for 2020-21 includes: Staff Writer for The Voice, a Social Media Strategist on the PR team, as well as a member of the upcoming five-year district planning team



What's Next for Mentors and Mentees?

By Lynda Starr, DTM, IPDD



Through this series of articles, we have looked at the mentor/mentee relationship and keys for a successful relationship, from choosing your mentor, and the responsibilities of each member of the partnership in fixing a troubled relationship. In this final article in the series, we will discuss what happens after the end of a successful mentor/mentee relationship.

If at the beginning of your mentoring relationship you did not select an end date for your relationship, the partners may reach a point when they are wondering if the relationship has run its course. Before deciding to end the arrangement, look back at your initial goals. Have you accomplished all of them?

Since we are Toastmasters, we all like evaluations. Both the mentor and mentee can evaluate what went well and where improvements could be made. Were there obstacles that you needed to overcome? How did you do that?

Celebrate your successes and all that you have each accomplished during your time together. Remember the

relationship wasn't just about helping the mentee with goals, the mentor most likely learned new things and achieved some goals.

Think about the next steps and a transition program. Even if the relationship ends, you may still want to occasionally follow up and check in in a post-mentoring relationship.

I hope that after you have completed a mentoring relationship you will both like to engage with other members as mentors and mentees. A mentee may now feel ready to be a mentor for another member or, may want to engage with another member as their mentor. Throughout my professional career and Toastmasters journey, I have had multiple mentors who helped me build leadership and speaking skills and for specific projects. I have at least seven Toastmasters mentors. I have also mentored at least eight others in both official and unofficial capacities. We grow from helping others in addition to the help we receive from others. Check with your club's vice president – Education or mentor coordinator to learn how you can mentor others or find a mentor.

Good luck in your Toastmasters journey.

About the author: Lynda Starr, DTM is our Immediate Past District Director. She is a member of Dining to Speak, Northern Stars Advanced, and What Exit Toastmasters.

"We're here for a reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out to lead people through the dark." – Whoopi Goldberg



A Toastmaster's Learning Experience from Teaching Youth Leadership By Somesh Chablani, DTM



Youth Leadership Program (YLP) helps students learn public speaking and develop leadership skills. Also, it teaches them the ability to analyze their strengths and weaknesses.

We usually draw leadership lessons from

leaders at work or from teachers, parents, and our community. Observing the young participants during the YLP sessions made me reflect on the importance of some of the fundamental leadership skills and the need to continually apply them to inspire, educate, and transform others.

#1: Importance of smiling and having fun.

Children are so care-free and love fun. They keep smiling through the entire session 😊. Moreover, all of them want to be the "Joke Master" as they have tons of jokes to share. The laughter and smiles set the mood as well as creates a very positive and supportive environment.

#2: Always be curious and ask questions

Children do not have preconceived notions or judgments. They are full of curiosity and ask questions. They want to understand the "Why" and pose logical questions. Natural curiosity leading to questions is a crucial leadership skill for success.

#3: Resilience makes you strong

I have seen many current and past students overcome so much adversity, be it in a difficult and challenging home

situation or coping with studies. However, they still rise. Children with greater resilience are better able to manage stress. They are always optimistic and maintain a can-do attitude.

#4: Be creative and think outside-the-box

Children think so creatively and come up with a solution, which is simply amazing. For example, the table topics suggested by them were so unique and interesting. In one of our YLP sessions, all the students quickly crafted their dialogue and came up with a fiction story at the end of the impromptu speaking section of the meeting. I felt so privileged to learn and grow from their ideas.

Youth Leadership Program builds a strong foundation for our young talent. Besides, it prepares the youth with positive life skills that they will carry into their adulthood. Nelson Mandela said it very well, "**The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow.**"

Teaching children is such a fulfilling and rewarding experience. If you want to be a Youth Leadership coordinator for District 83, contact us now at ylpD83@gmail.com

About the Author:

Somesh Chablani is an avid Toastmaster, certified speaker and youth coach. He is a member of the OMNI-PRO Speakers Bureau, sponsored by District 83 Toastmasters. He is also the current District 83 Youth Leadership Program chair. He loves to mentor students as well as new members.

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"Young people, when informed and empowered, when they realize that what they do truly makes a difference, can indeed change the world."

–Jane Goodall



Youth Leadership Class In Action
Photo by Somesh Chablani, DTM

"We cannot always build the
future for our youth, but we can
build our youth for the future."

Franklin D. Roosevelt



CLUB NEWS

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS Member Anniversaries – Second Quarter 2021

Date Joined	First Name	Last Name
25 YEARS		
4/1/1996	Fred	Jacques
5/1/1996	Louise	Zipfel
6/1/1996	Lisa	Quint
20 YEARS		
4/1/01	Anuradha	Ahuja
4/1/01	Susan	Matson
4/1/01	Jean	O'Reilly
4/1/01	Julian	Hernandez
4/1/01	Maria	Ambrosio
6/1/01	Thaine	Shetter
15 Years		
4/1/06	Janice	Buffalow
4/1/06	David	Chapman
4/1/06	Sylvia	Badenhausen
5/1/06	Darnelle	Richardson
6/1/06	Kyle	Smith
6/1/06	David	Ostlund

Date Joined	First Name	Last Name
10 YEARS		
4/1/11	James	Keenan
4/1/11	Ravi	Badge
4/1/11	Michael	O'Brien
4/1/11	Anita	Roberts
4/1/11	Guifeng (Maria)	Li
4/1/11	John	Martoglio
4/1/11	Kevin	Sullivan
4/1/11	Joseph	Lauren
4/1/11	Prashant	Mehrotra
4/1/11	David	Muggeridge
5/1/11	Janice	Conway
5/1/11	Michelle	Williams
5/1/11	Cornelia	Wright
5/1/11	Kevin	McKee
5/1/11	Barry	Fixler
6/1/11	Daryl	McMillan
6/1/11	Robyn	Tyminski
6/1/11	Viviana	Jimenez
6/1/11	Roopak	Desai
6/1/11	James	Massarelli

“While most of us have entered Toastmasters to learn to make speeches, that benefit is but the beginning of the good which may come to us and the good which we may do for mankind.”

Ralph Smedley



Date Joined	First Name	Last Name
5 YEARS		
4/1/16	Thomas	Michaels
4/1/16	Edilyne	Cabio
4/1/16	Andras	Holzmann
4/1/16	Wilton	Gordon
4/1/16	Varun	Prabhu
4/1/16	Pamela	Johnson
4/1/16	Sukhjit	Kaur
4/1/16	Marlene	Tarshish
4/1/16	Shirley	Genty
4/1/16	Neelu	Varakantham
4/1/16	Wuyi	Li
4/1/16	Ravi	Bharadwaj
4/1/16	Christian	Bellmann
4/1/16	Paul	O'Donnell
4/1/16	Sumir	Chandra
4/1/16	TingTing	Sun
4/1/16	Harihara	Subramanian
4/1/16		Gort-
4/1/16	Monica	Jakubowski
4/1/16	Rose	Proscia
4/1/16	George	Fellouris
4/1/16	Suzanne	Bujara
4/1/16	Sebastian	Polczynski
4/1/16	Elijah	Easty
4/1/16	Dinsdale	Smith
4/1/16	Ken	Hook
4/1/16	Whitney	Debordenave

Date Joined	First Name	Last Name
5 YEARS		
5/1/16	Howard	Moon
5/1/16	Andrew	Leung
5/1/16	Eliane	Grall-Saiki
5/1/16	Dave	Yoon
5/1/16	Cathy	Bartok
5/1/16	C. L.	Kung
5/1/16	Emiliano	Reyes
5/1/16	Debbie	Prescott
5/1/16	Teddy	Mertyris
5/1/16	Jeff	Rosenberg
5/1/16	Angela	Colby-Visotsky
5/1/16	Shilpi	Chopra
5/1/16	Saquib	Rahim
5/1/16	Louis	Yauri
6/1/16	Suseela	Pondugula
6/1/16	Steven	Lemmo
6/1/16	Jessica	Abramovici
6/1/16	Jeffrey	Cannon
6/1/16	Christina	Bennett
6/1/16	Christine	Castor
6/1/16	Ricardo	Rodriguez
6/1/16	Hector	Meneses
6/1/16	John	Mitrano
6/1/16	Jeffrey	Newman
6/1/16	AJ	Varghese
6/1/16	Pareshkumar	Rana
6/1/16	Diane	Cuellar



Upcoming 2021 Dates To Remember

6/1/21-8/31/21	Club Officer Training; Look for schedule to be posted on our district website; tm83.org
6/21/21+ 6/22/21 + 6/26/21	Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) – Virtual Event. Details on District website; tm83.org
6/30/21	Deadline for Clubs to complete Education Achievement Requirements (ALS and DTM from Traditional) or Pathways and submit applications to TI for DCP purposes
6/30/21	Deadline for clubs to submit 2020-21 club officer information for DCP credit
9/30/21	Deadline for clubs to submit membership dues for 10/1/21 through 3/31/22.

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Message from Your Editor:

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your editor of *The Voice* for the past year (2020-2021). It has been a privilege to work with the amazing leadership of District 83 as well as the talented **Wizards of Words** who contribute their brilliance to this newsletter's every issue. I've learned so much more than I could have imagined when I raised my hand to volunteer last spring. A special thank you to the previous editor of *The Voice*, **Jen Fredericks, DTM**, who expertly and patiently guided me through my first issue and answered my many questions throughout the year.

I look forward to helping new co-editors of *The Voice*, DTM's Eileen Inciong and Lelet McGorry as they step up and take over to leave their mark on *The Voice*, too.

With much gratitude,
Melissa Brown, MD, ACG, ALB





Your timely articles and club news are welcome!

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- Author's name, photo (if desired), and achievement designation (ACB, Path.1, etc.)
- Achievement designations of all members mentioned in the article.
- Photos with captions and accreditation information.

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