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November 2021

Hello Toastmasters!

Welcome to the **November** edition of **The Voice of District 83**, which highlights what is happening in the District along with up-to-date information and ideas that will help you be successful!

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Message From Program Quality Director



Sharon Brown, DTM

Greetings Toastmasters!

The theme for this Toastmasters year; is “Find the Fun”. As the Program Quality Director, I look forward to having fun with my fellow Toastmasters.

Please join us on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9:30am to 12 noon for Club Officer Training and Winter Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) via Zoom. The theme is “Pathways to Excellence” and we’ll focus on Membership Growth, Personal Growth and Paths to achieve your DTM. We’re so honored that we’ll have a motivational speaker, Isaak Gelbinovich, DTM, from our outstanding OMNI PRO Speakers Bureau. We also plan to hold a session on hybrid meetings as we work our way back to in person meetings. I’m sure everyone would be interested in our session on District awards and last but not least; plan to attend officer training sessions for club/Division/Area Directors. You won’t want to miss this TLI session; so mark your calendars.

You’re also reminded that our contest session is in full swing and the Division’s contests will take place from November 1 to December 15, 2021. You can certainly “Find the Fun” by attending these contests; so please register.

A BIG THANK you to all the Area Directors that have submitted their Area reports. Please remember you have until November 30, 2021 to submit your reports; however, it’s highly suggested that you try to complete your visits and enter your reports before Thanksgiving, November 25, 2021. Much appreciation to Cyndi Wilson, DTM, who’s assisting with the Program Quality Director role/activities/responsibilities.

Stay tuned for upcoming information for our District Conference that will take place in May led by Juana Dannecker, DTM. She’s seeking volunteers for various roles. I’m sure everyone will agree that last year’s conference was phenomenal.

As you can see there are many opportunities to “Find the Fun” and there’s nothing better than sharing the fun with our fellow Toastmasters.

Sharon Brown, DTM

Program Quality Director (PQD)

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Winter TLI – Why Should I Attend?

On November 13th the Winter TLI is offered and it’s a great opportunity. Whether you are a brand new Club Officer, a tenured Club Officer, or not a Club Officer, there are several reasons for you to attend a Club Officer Training session.

- It is a great way to meet and network with other Toastmasters.
- You gain confidence in your role and being part of a leadership team.
- You gain new ideas, and offer your ideas to others.

- You become part of group of peers, which is now your support group.
- If you are considering a Club Officer role in the future, you can understand the responsibilities in advance. You can even volunteer to be the Assistant to the role.
- Just like starting a new job where you are trained, we similarly provide you the tools and resources to be successful.

Toastmaster Leadership Institute!

Club Officer Trainings in D83!
Why Should I Attend? I'm Already Brilliant!

- Good Leaders never stop learning
- Obtain officer tools vital to thrive
- Earn ½ DCP Point & T1 gift \$\$ if 4 or more officers attend from the same club
- Clubs w/all 7 officers trained in Summer & Winner earn \$50 Toastmaster \$\$
- Clubs with 4+ officers trained during summer and/or winter training cycles earn \$20 Toastmaster \$\$

November 13th, 2021
9:30 am
[RSVP at tm83.org](https://tm83.org)



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District 83's Omni-Pro Speakers Bureau – Hold a Live & In Person Event

On Saturday, October 9th at the Madison, NJ library, the District 83 Speakers Bureau held its first live and in person event since the pandemic began entitled, "You've Got What It Takes!". Margarita Estrada, DTM, Mario Lewis, DTM, Isaak Gelbinovich, DTM, and Somesh Chablani, DTM all presented inspirational speeches that wowed the audience.

When asked how he felt presenting to a live audience, DTM Lewis said, "*The energy exchange between speaker & audience is palpable. It felt like walking again.*" DTM Gelbinovich said, "*A speaker without an audience is nothing. I'm alive on stage. We needed that.*" DTM Chablani said, "*You can approach speech topics differently in person. It was a wonderful experience*"

Also generously, each audience member received a COVID Care Kit! Patricia Loud, DTM and Cyndi Wilson, DTM (6) continued with part two of this event virtually on Monday, October 11th with heartfelt oratory gems that inspired and motivated us all.

To explore how the District 83 Omni-Pro Speakers Bureau can help your club, click [HERE](#).

To experience these wonderful speeches, click [HERE](#).



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Pathways Level 1 - New and Improved!

On October 27th Toastmasters International introduced a new Level 1 in Pathways, and it's what many have been asking for since the launch of the Pathways education experience.

The new Level 1 has four projects—with five speeches—which include a mix of familiar fundamentals and new skill-building practices. The time-honored “Ice Breaker” project has been substantially updated with new content. The “Evaluation and Feedback” project remains a two-speech project and is joined by “Writing a Speech With Purpose” and “Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language.” Before completing Level 1, members will also need to serve as a speech evaluator.

The other major change is the “Researching and Presenting” project from the original Level 1 is now an elective in Level 3 for anyone purchasing Paths after October 27, 2021.

The new Level 1 will only be available in new Paths purchased after October 27, 2021. Paths purchased prior to this date will still use the original Level 1.



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What is a Game Show Themed Meeting?

by Andrea Lake, PM5, VC1

Jersey Toastmasters Club is



having no trouble “finding the fun” this year!

Themed meetings, healthy club participation, and

consistent line-up of scheduled speakers are just a few ways the members are staying active during the remote meetings. In the club’s recent, bi-weekly Friday meeting, Toastmaster of the Evening and VPM Moreen Ferdie chose “Game Shows” to be the meeting’s theme. Members changed their virtual backgrounds to mirror that of game shows’ studio backdrops. Members were also given an opportunity to tell the club about their favorite game shows that they enjoy watching. As Table Topics Master and VPE, I created a working Jeopardy game board to give the questions for the impromptu speeches using a template I found with a Google search.



HALLOWEEN	TRICK	TREAT	SCARY MOVIES	RUN FOR YOUR LIFE
	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$400	\$400	\$400		
\$600	\$600	\$600		\$600
\$800	\$800		\$800	\$800

Because Halloween was a couple weeks away, the “Jeopardy” topics were holiday related. For example, “Types of Candy” or “Scary Movies”. The Game Show themed meeting was a blast held by all, members and guests alike!

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Speech Contests are an Amazing Experience!

- Anupama Kinatukara, [Fair Lawn Toastmasters Club, NJ](#)

Speech Contests are an Amazing Experience!

It has been an amazing experience competing this year in the Toastmasters International Speech Contest and gathering feedback at various clubs which improved my Speech Delivery & helped me become a better version of myself - I was the 3rd Place Winner at the District level in 2021! I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this virtual world and attend the District 83 Division level speech contests as well as explore other Toastmasters Clubs without the travel expenses or hassle, from the comfort of your own home“

-Anupama Kinatukara
[Fair Lawn Toastmasters Club, NJ](#)



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District 83 Division Tall Tales & Table Topics Contests Are Underway

The Fall Division Speech Contests are underway. These are virtual, they are a wonderful way to experience the most entertaining and creative speakers in our district. Find the Fun and attend a Division Speech contest. Register [HERE!](#)

District 83 Division Contest Season!

Table Topics & Tall Tales

November 1st – December 15th

[RSVP HERE](#)



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Explore How to Give Effective Feedback at What Exit?

By Su Brooks, DTM (2)

SPECIAL EVENT

EVALUATION METHODS

Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Participants will learn how to provide evaluations that will benefit the speaker, evaluator, and club.

Hosted by What Exit?
Presented by Lynda Starr, DTM, PDD
(with a little help from Ralph Smedley)

Guest evaluators invited!



WHAT EXIT? / ARL, WADE

Join [What Exit?](#) for a special event Evaluation Methods workshop on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 3:00 pm. Participants will learn how to provide evaluations that will benefit the speaker, evaluator, and the club.

- Why Evaluate? • The Effective Evaluator • The Speaker's Responsibility
- Types of Evaluations • Informal Feedback • Benefits for the Club

Guest evaluators invited. Please contact Lynda Starr: lbstarr@optonline.net to register, to participate as a guest evaluator, and for the Zoom meeting link. For more information see whatexit.toastmastersclubs.org.

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Find the Fun!

"I have been visiting various Toastmasters Club across the globe (virtually) including clubs in the USA and even visited a club in Ireland to keep the fun going.

I have intentionally connected with individuals after the virtual visit and stayed in touch via LinkedIn or Facebook.

I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this virtual world and explore other Toastmasters Clubs without the travel expenses or hassle, from the comfort of your own home."

-Anupama Kinatukara, Fair Lawn Toastmasters

"I find the fun by repeating the same Toastmaster role for three consecutive meetings, and I measure each of these performances on a scale of 1 to 5. There is this incomparable sense of self satisfaction when I realize that every time I do it, I do it better than before."

-Cristhyan Sarchi, Speak and Lead Toastmasters



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Dates To Remember

- November 13th – Winter Toastmasters Leadership Institute – Virtual – 9:30 am to 12:00 pm – Register [HERE](#)
- November 21st – Club Officer Training (Round 2) – Virtual – 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm – Register [HERE](#)
- November 1st – 30th – Elections for Jan 1 to June 30 terms for Clubs electing Officers semi-annually
- Division Speech Contests – [Table Topics/Tall Tales](#) – Register [HERE](#)
 - Nov 9: Division B:
 - Nov 10: Division C
 - Nov 15: Division A

- Nov 16: Division D
- Nov 17: Division I
- Nov 20: Division H
- Dec 1: Division F
- Dec 4: Division G
- Dec 5: Division E
- Omni-Pro Speakers Bureau: Get Ready for 2022 Tuesday Night Series – Register [HERE](#)
 - Nov 30: Speaker: Isaak Gelbinovich, DTM
 - Dec 7: Speaker: Patty Loud, DTM
 - Dec 14: Speaker: Margarita Estrada, DTM
 - Jan 11: Speaker: Somesh Chablani
 - Jan 18: Speaker: Mario Lewis
- December 11th – 3:00 pm – Evaluation Methods Workshop. Contact: lbstarr@optonline.net
- December 30th – 7:30 pm – Talk of Monmouth Advanced Club Open House. For More Information [Click HERE](#):

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Calling All Hands! Become a District 83 Club Coach, Mentor or Sponsor!

Calling All Hands!

- Pursuing a DTM ?
- Great Leadership Opportunity
- Want to give back to your fellow Toastmasters ?

For more info, email your D83 Club Growth Director NOW!

Manda Pasarkar, DTM
mandatm83@gmail.com

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Letters to the Editor

The new format is impressive. It is clear, concise, comprehensive. Being able to access any article immediately from the list from the first page is convenient and effective. The articles are short and to the point. Including pictures makes it more engaging. (However, I did encounter some problems in clicking through some articles.)

-Fred Jacques, DTM, [New Heights Toastmasters](#)

The issue is a combination of topical items and ones I would expect to find and enjoy, e.g. club anniversaries, messages from District leaders, etc. I thought of something that could be an ongoing series. How about tracking new members over a period of time? An initial survey may be why they joined, how they heard about Toastmasters, what are their goals? Perhaps run a survey semi-annually of the same population. Too frequent may turn people off.

-Richard Zarate, DTM, Somerville Toastmasters

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