



August 2021

Hello Toastmasters!

Welcome to a new edition and rendition 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 stay engaged and be successful!

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Congratulations to our newly elected 2021/22 District Leaders!
The Trio (left to right):

- **District Director, Michelle Tropper, DTM**
- **Program Quality Director, Kristen Oliveri, DTM**
- **Club Growth Director, Manda Pasarkar, DTM**



Division Directors

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

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Message From District Director, Michelle Tropper, DTM

Greetings, District 83 Toastmasters!

I'm so excited to launch our re-imagined and re-formatted District 83 Newsletter, and to introduce you to our "Find the Fun!" District 83 badge that expresses our District's theme for the 2021-22 Toastmasters year.

I envisioned an image that would spark joy and put a smile on your face whenever you see it - the winning design does that for me, and I hope it does for you as well.

The beginning of a new Toastmasters year is always chock-full of information and planning. Club and District officers are learning their roles and participating in training, while District leaders are doing the same, along with goal setting and planning for the year ahead. There's also the International Convention and elections (this week!), club contests underway and dues renewals.

As you peruse the newsletter content, click through for easy access to the topics that interest you most, and scroll through for a more thorough read.

Kudos to our District 83 public relations team on an amazing job compiling our District News in an easy to read and FUN new format!

I look forward to seeing many of you soon and enjoying many fun times together as we zoom into our Fall Contest season with Table Topics and Tall Tales contests!

Cheers!

Michelle

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Elevate Your TM Experience as an Area Director

We still need quite a few Area Directors (AD). Being an AD is a **great opportunity** to stretch your leadership skills, get to know other clubs and see how they operate, and help guide those clubs to success.

Area Director Opportunities in District 83!

Elevate Your Toastmasters Experience!

Why Become an Area Director?
Be Eligible Towards Your DTM!
To Elevate Your Professional Skills Currency!

- Coaching
- Active Listening
- Strategic Planning

- Effective Feedback
- Leadership
- Succession Planning

To Learn More, Contact: [Michelle Tropper, DTM](#)

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You can read the details and expectations of the role on [page 41 of the District Leader Handbook](#).

If you are interested in being an Area Director, please contact [Michelle Tropper, DTM](#) (michelletmd83@gmail.com).

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District 83's Somesh Chablani, DTM speaks at the Toastmasters International Virtual Convention, August 23-28, 2021!

Hear Margarita Estrada, DTM asks him about this wonderful opportunity and what he will share [HERE](#).



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Start the new Toastmasters year off with a wealth of knowledge!

If you are a new club officer or a returning officer, the District 83 is hosting officer training sessions this month. Attend these virtual training sessions and learn about your role and have the opportunity to share ideas with your fellow officers.

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 & TI gift \$\$ if 4 or more officers attend from the same club

SAA & Treasurer

August 22nd 7:30 pm

All Officers

**President, VPE, VPM, VPPR,
Treasurer, Secretary, SAA**

August 31st 7:30 pm

[RSVP at tm83.org](https://tm83.org)



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

The Toastmasters International Board of Directors is aware of the extra effort coaches must put forth as the pandemic continues to impact club meetings and membership growth. To provide additional recognition for coaches for the 2021–2022 program year, effective July 1, 2021, coaches can also earn *District Leadercredit* in addition to the club support credit if the club coach meets all the following criteria:

- Help the club achieve Distinguished or better status by June 30, 2022
 - Help the club reach a minimum of 20 paid members by June 30, 2022
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- Serve a minimum of six months in the coach role



Calling All Hands!

**Become a District 83
Club Coach, Mentor, or Sponsor!**

- Pursuing a DTM?
- Seeking Leadership Opportunities?
- Want to give back to your fellow Toastmasters?



Get involved, email your D83 Club Growth Director NOW!

Manda Pasarkar, DTM - mandatm83@gmail.com

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District 83 Contests for 2021-22

Contest season is fast approaching. The following contests in 2021-22 are as follows:

District 83 Virtual Speech Contest Schedule 2021 – 2022

Fall Contests – Table Topics & Tall Tales

Club Contests

August 1 – September 15

Area Contests

September 16 – October 31

Division Contests

November 1 – December 15

Spring Contests – Evaluation & International

Club Contests

January 1 – January 31

Area Contests

February 1 – March 31

Division Contests

April 1 – April 30

District Contests

May TBD



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Please coordinate with your Area and/or Division Director if you need to hold your club contest between September 16-30.

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Congratulations to the 2020-2021 District 83 Contest Winners!

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

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Jersey Toastmasters Club Makes D83 History!



District 83 speech contest finals.

Congrats to Eunice Jimenez (1st place Evaluation), Lelet McGorry (2nd place International), and Jenny Yin (3rd place Humorous).

Jersey Toastmasters Club made District 83 history this year when the club celebrated its 25th year anniversary and three women made the podium in



Moreover, it recognized charter member Antonio Figueroa, DTM, also known as The Godfather, for remaining active in the club after 25 years.

L to R: Lelet McGorry, Eunice

Jimenez, Jenny Yin

Congratulations to Jersey Toastmasters Club for achieving President's Distinguished status, keeping the bar high with their engaging meetings, powerful evaluations, and impactful mentorship.

All of this fun & greatness starts at the club level. .

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Hail & Farewell Celebrates D83's Best!



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July 24, 2021 many TM dignitaries paid tribute to the Trio of 2020-2021 as well as celebrated many great accomplishments of D83 members and clubs. Sharon Brown, DTM was recognized as Toastmaster of the Year and Juana Dannecker, DTM received the Toastmaster Appreciation Award. Also recognized for extraordinary achievement during a difficult year were Sharon Daughtry, DTM as Division Director of the Year and Siva Jonnada, DTM as Area Director of the Year.

Willie Markert, DTM, PDD enjoyed or suffered a hilarious roast by his wife Janette Markert, DTM that had us all laughing hysterically as well as well wishes from many of us who love him. Club Coaches this year achieved great heights in the midst of a pandemic. Thank you to all of the Club Coaches, Mentors and Sponsors, and kudos to all who were recognized for your education and club achievements this past year! For more information about the Hail & Farewell see TM83.org.

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**Find the Fun! Design Winners
Announced!**

**Toastmaster of the Year
Sharon Brown**



**Toastmasters International Appreciation Award
Juana Dannecker**





Kicking off Toastmaster Year 2021-22, Michelle Tropper, DTM said, "**Let us find opportunities to infuse new energy and innovate during our meetings and speeches. Let's Find the Fun!**" As a result, she announced that this year's theme is to Find the Fun! With that, a design contest for the theme ensued. The collaboration of Eunice Jimenez, DTM and Lelet McGorry, DTM won a \$50 Toastmasters gift certificate with this uplifting design that can be used in email signatures and more.

To align with this year's theme "Find the Fun", we hope to feature photos from different clubs across District 83 that capture this spirit. Please send your photos and use the hashtag **#tm83Fun** on social media. We would love to hear from you as you Find the Fun in your Toastmasters journey.

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Pertinent District 83 Dates

August 2021

- Smedley Membership Campaign – sign up at least 5 new members by Sept 30th
 - Club Membership Drive – sign up at least 5 new members by Sept 30th for TI gift certificates
 - Club Speech Contests thru September 15th
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- Area Directors continue 1st round of Club visits thru Nov 30th
- Club Officer training – August 22nd at 7:30 pm SAA & Treasurer
- Club Officer training – August 31st at 7:30 pm All Officer Training – the deadline to count towards DCP credit is August 31st
- August 23rd – 28th – Toastmasters Int'l Convention VIRTUAL

September 2021

- Club Collect Annual semi-annual dues – the deadline is September 30th to count for DCP credit
- Club Speech Contests thru September 15th
- Area Speech Contests September 16th thru October 31st
- September 21st at 7:30 pm – District Council Meeting (includes Club Presidents & VPE's). AQuorum is required to vote on District Budget, District Success Plan and approve appointed District Officers WHQ

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