



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

District 55 News and Events

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A Unique Opportunity

I have been visiting different Club meetings online and I am having a blast. To my pleasant surprise, other Toastmasters from different Districts and other countries have been joining some Club meetings in our District. I encourage you to do the same. The experience is rewarding. Check out this [list](#) for Clubs meeting online. It is great to be a Toastmasters!

Wafae Owen

Important Links

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June Officer Tasks

1. Hold Club Officer elections
2. Secretary submits new Club Officer list online before 6/30/20
3. Attend Executive Committee Meeting: achieve DCP goals
4. Secretary records new Club Officers in the minutes
5. Sign new bank signature card
6. Attend Club Officers training/ Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)

One Team, One Dream!

Message from District Director, Wafae Owen, DTM

Despite the **current challenges** we are facing, we must **press on**. Our District leaders have the **persistence** and **tenacity** to keep pushing forward to **accomplish the goals** we set out at the beginning of the year. I ask all our Club Officers and members to **please not allow circumstances** to stand in the way of **your success**.

Your performance is **measured by the status** of your **Distinguished Club Program**. You have until **June 30** to complete and **submit education awards** and to **recruit new members**. You have the **power to own** your Club results. **You deserve to be successful** and to **celebrate** your great achievements by June 30, 2020. Our **District leaders** are **here to support you** in reaching your optimal.



Distinguished Area Recognition

So far, we celebrate the following Distinguished Areas:

- Area J64 led by **Yiting Liu**, Area Director
- Area F25 led by **Cindy Sadler**, Area Director
- Area G34 led by **Byron Kelly**, Area Director
- Area I55 led by **Sandie O'Neill**, Area Director
- Area H41 led by **Al Talamantez**, Area Director

Congratulations to all Clubs in these Areas for their contributions to this Success. We look forward to recognizing and celebrating many more Distinguished Areas in the days/weeks to come. District 55 Rocks!

Recognition

Congratulations to our District Contest Winners:

International Speech:

Table Topics: **Sandra Pratt**, a member of Stone Oak Toastmasters



2020-21 District Officers

Congratulations to the following **2020-21** elected District Officers! (see their profile and answered questions [here](#)):



District Director Elect: **Melody Moore**, DTM
Program Quality Director: **Kathy Moore**, DTM
Club Growth Director: **Livya Mitchell**, DTM

Division F Director: **Wendii Lord**

Division G Director: **Krista Kilpadi**

Division H Director: **Ernest Fernandez**

Division J Director: **Yiting Liu**

Division K Director: **David Morgenthaler**

Division L Director: **Kyle Mitchell**, DTM

Approved Amended District Administrative Procedures

The District Council approved amended District Administrative Procedures are accessible [here](#).

District eBuck\$ Deadline Extended

Due to the pandemic impact, our bookstore staff is unable to fill in orders for shipment or delivery. However, we have extended the expiration dates of all eBuck\$ earned in 2019-2020 to **May 2021**. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Announcing TI **New Recognition Program** for Clubs, Area, Division and District. Found out the details [here](#).

Message from Program Quality Director, Jean Ramsey, DTM



Toastmasters Leadership Institute

Registration is open for the following Toastmaster Leadership Institute (TLI) sessions. All 2020-2021 Club Officers are encouraged to attend, and ALL members are invited too!

- **Fundamentals for 1st or 2nd Time Club Officers - June 6 or June 20, 2020**

Topics covered: Distinguished Club Program, Club Success Planning, Membership Retention, and the Fundamentals of Club Officer Roles

- **Advanced Club Officer Training - June 20, 2020**

For Club Officers serving for the 3rd (or more) time, have attended multiple past TLIs, and participated in a Club Success Plan previously

2020-21 Alignment

Please click [here](#) to view the 2020-21 Realignment report and [here](#) for maps.



Pathways Adoption

Beginning July 1, 2020, all Toastmasters should be enrolled and engaged in the Pathways learning experience. 100 % of our Club Officers and tenured members should lead the way by working in Pathways to encourage new members to enroll and get started on their Pathways learning experience right away. Find helpful Pathways resources [here](#).

Traditional Program Expires June 30, 2020

You must submit your CC, ACB, ACS, ACG, CL, and ALB award applications by **June 30, 2020** (expiration date of the traditional program). If you are working toward your DTM under this program, Toastmasters International has extended the submission date to June 2021 ONLY for your **Advanced Leader Silver Award** - check [Toastmasters website](#) for details.

DCP Report

Check out your current Cub status at this [Leo Board Report](#) and your Distinguished Club Program status [here](#). Many Clubs are so close to being Distinguished. If you need assistance to achieve this, please reach out to your current Area Director or Program Quality Director, [Jean Ramsey](#), DTM. We would love to celebrate your Club's success with you at the Hall of Fame next fall.

Club Growth Report

Club Retention

Our District is in decline in Paid Clubs

7/1/2019 Base:	202 Paid Clubs
From 7/1/19 to Present:	11 New Clubs
From 7/1/19 to Present:	16 Folded Clubs
From 7/1/19 to Present:	<u>21</u> Unpaid Clubs
Total Active Clubs:	176 Paid Clubs

The [Renewal Report](#) shows **28** Clubs with either "Low - Minimum requirement not yet met" or "Ineligible - Minimum requirement not yet met" or "Renewals not here". We respectfully ask Club Officers of inactive Clubs to please bring their status to ACTIVE by having at least **8 paid members**, 3 of which must be returning members. Please contact Club Growth Director, [Kathy Moore](#), DTM, for tips and guidance on how to accomplish this.

Year-End District Promotions

- [The We're All in This Together! Promotion](#) - Check out our **Big Push** for Club membership growth from now through June 30, 2020. Clubs have chances to earn District eBuck\$, a gift card, or a special event.
- [Open House Promotion](#) - If you hosted a membership drive (Open House, Speechcraft, Speakers Series, "Invite a Friend this Month") from 3/1 to 5/31/2020, please send the required paperwork to [Kathy Moore](#), DTM by 6/15/2020 to receive your \$50 in District eBuck\$.

Do you work for a Fortune 500 Company? Is there a Corporate Toastmasters Club at your work? If not, please contact

[Kathy Moore](#), DTM to help you bring our wonderful Program to your company. [Check out this article:](#)
[Toastmasters Popularity Grows Among Fortune 500 Companies](#)



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I have **enjoyed** the past **3** years serving as your District 55 Monthly Newsletter Editor. **Congratulations** to all of you for achieving your personal goals every year. **Keep stepping out and serving others!** ~ Linda



It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you as your District Director. I appreciate your support and persistence in attaining your goals this year despite the current new and different challenges. May you reach more height in your Toastmasters journey! ~ Wafae