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January 2022 Newsletter



Dear District 27 Members,

2022 can only bring success and renewal if you continue to invest in a new you. Reassess 2021. Count the blessings and pause to appreciate and honor your accomplishments. Did you achieve the goals you set in motion? If not, make a 2022 commitment to make the adjustments necessary to guarantee success.

As your Toastmasters journey continues, refocus on your why. Why did you join Toastmasters in the first place? Why are you still a Toastmaster? Why did you step up to be a club or district leader? Why have you NOT stepped up to be a club or district leader? Why are you NOT on track to be a distinguished club by 31st May 2022?

District 27 has a plethora of tools to help you achieve your personal and professional goals for 2022. You just need to ask. Join me and George Bernard Shaw and dream things that never were and ask, Why not? Contact your district leaders and find out how Toastmasters can benefit you.

Happy New Year and to the New You in 2022!

Naomi Carrington-Hockman, DTM
District Director
District 27 Toastmasters



December 2021

Congratulations Area 52 Director, Michelle Carter!!

Michelle is the first Area Director to submit two Area Director Club Visit Reports for Round two of club visits. Michelle has participated actively in District Area Director meetings and events.

Upcoming Winter TLI Sessions



Upcoming District 27 Winter TLI Sessions Through January 31, 2022

D27: Winter 2022 TLI Combined Core Session E:

Saturday, **January 8, 2022**, TLI Combined Core Training:

11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET

Elective Training Course: "3 Tools for Writing Your Book", Facilitator, Tom Pfeifer

Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/176777535367>

D27: Winter 2022 TLI Individual Club Officer Core Session F:

Tuesday, **January 25, 2022**, TLI Individual Club Officer Core Training

6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. ET

Elective Training Course: Diversity & Inclusion Strategies for More Effective Membership Recruitment, Facilitator, Alistair Watson

Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/176790273467>

For regular updates, please contact Program Quality Director, LaShawn Foster, DTM at PQD@d27-tm.org or visit <http://district27.dcptracking.org/dcp2022/tli-winter-events.htm>

District 27 Speech Contests Format Change

For the health and safety of our members, District 27 will coordinate online speech contests. All Area, Division, and the District, International Speech Contests will be held online.

The May 6-7, 2022, District 27 Conference will be held at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City, VA.

D27 2022 International Speech Contests**Area & Division Level Follow-Up Contest Coordination Meeting**

(This meeting is only for the Area & Division Directors, and Contest Coordinators)

Thursday, January 6, 2022

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Area & Division Directors, please make every effort to attend the follow-up January 06, 2022, Speech Contest Coordination Meeting as we will be finalizing all plans for holding your contests in a VIRTUAL ONLY format.

Facilitators:

D27 PQD LaShawn Foster, DTM

D27 Chief Judge, John Johnson, Jr., DTM and

D27 Past District Director, Alonzo White, DTM

Register using the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/235932659937>

D27: 2022 International Speech Contest Official's Training Sessions

Speech Contest Official's Training & Orientation Dates (Judges, Ballot Counters & Contest Masters)

- **Session 1: Wednesday, January 26, 2022: 7-9 p.m. EST – Registration**
Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/d27-speech-contest-officials-training-orientation-session-1-tickets-23672355527>
- **Session 2: Tuesday, February 1, 2022: 7-9 p.m. EST – Registration**
Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/speech-contest-officials-training-orientation-session-2-tickets-236726323807>
- **Session 3: Tuesday, February 8, 2022: 7-9 p.m. EST – Registration Link:**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/speech-contest-officials-training-orientation-session-3-tickets-236728389987>

District 27 International Speech Contest Windows (Club, Area & Division Levels)

Club Level Contest window: Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Sunday, February 6, 2022 (**No CLUB Level Contests will be conducted after Sunday, February 6, 2022**)

Area Level Contest window: Monday, February 7, 2022 - Sunday, March 20, 2022 (**No AREA Level Contests will be conducted after Sunday, March 20, 2022**)

Division Level Contest window: Monday, March 21, 2022 - Sunday, April 10, 2022 (**No DIVISION Level Contests will be conducted after Sunday, April 10, 2022**)

LaShawn S. Foster, DTM
Program Quality Director, District 27
Email: PQD@d27-tm.org

**** Club Growth and Membership Building Incentives ****

Talk Up Toastmasters - Add five new, dual, or reinstated members with a join date between February 1 and March 31, and you'll receive a special Talk up Toastmasters ribbon to display on your club's banner.

Qualifying clubs can also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next club order. The discount code expires six months from the date of issue and is not valid with any other offer. Applications and payments for members with a join date between February 1 and March 31 must be received by March 31.

Talking about Speechcraft - District 27 clubs that have five speechcrafters sign up as new Toastmasters members after sponsoring a Pathways Speechcraft before March 1, 2022, will be reimbursed for one Speechcraft Digital Bundle one time only. Clubs will also need to submit a calendar with all the dates of the Speechcraft classes scheduled ahead of time.

Distinguished Club - The first 42 Clubs to be Distinguished (or better) by 15 April 2022 will receive an item(s) of their choice from the Toastmasters International

Store (shipping and handling included) up to a \$100.00 value. D27 will make the purchase and have it delivered to the Club President.

The first 20 Clubs to have seven their club officers trained in both summer and winter session receives a \$75 gift certificate from the Toastmasters International Store. It will be delivered to the Club President.

Take the Lead - Any Toastmasters member who provides District 27 Club Growth Director with a qualified club lead that results in a chartered new club will receive a Toastmasters shirt or hoodie. Lead must be provided before April 30, 2021.

Jeanna Lee, DTM
2021-2022 Club Growth Director
District 27 Toastmasters
Email: cgd@d27-tm.org

District 27 January 2022 Events

- 1-Jan:** Happy New Year!! (No district business)
 - 1-Jan:** Club Officer Training continues (TLI Schedule)
 - 1-Jan:** Area Directors: Continue second round of club visits
 - 3-Jan:** Top 6 District Officer meeting (7:00 pm -8:30 pm)
 - 5-Jan:** The R7 Trio + PRM Meeting (6:00 - 7:00 pm)
<https://toastmasters.zoom.us/j/92281977810>
 - 8-Jan:** TLI and Dear to Lead Workshop - All Members
 - 8-Jan:** District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting (3-5 pm)
 - 10-Jan:** District: Financial Report due for July-Nov, 2021
 - 15-Jan:** TLI and Leadership Forum - All members
 - 15-Jan:** District 27 Cultural Fiesta (7 pm) - All members
 - 15-Jan:** District: "Top 3" Officers Mid-Year Training
 - 17-Jan:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No district business)
 - 22-Jan:** District Officers Mid-Year Training (9-4 pm EST)
 - 24-Jan:** Area Directors Top 6 Meeting
 - 29-Jan:** District Officers Mid-Year Training
 - 31-Jan:** D27 Town Hall - All members
 - 31-Jan:** Review Club/Area/Division/District Success Plan
 - 31-Jan:** Mid-Year Training for Division and Area Directors
 - 31-Jan:** Area Directors: Install Club Officers (clubs that elect semiannually)
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Election Central 2022

Call for District 27 Candidate Declarations

GET INVOLVED. JOIN D27 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Kick-Off!!! December 15, 2021!!!

It is that time of the year again when we will kick off creating awareness for the 2022-2023 district leadership opportunities.

Do you know of someone who would benefit from serving in a leadership role as an Area Director, Division Director, Club Growth Director, Program Quality, and District Director?

Contact Iris Taylor at IPDD@d27-tm.org for more information on how to complete a form or apply.

For additional details, visit the D27 website page at:
<https://d27-tm.org/election-central-2022/>

Motivation Corner



Happy New Year D27! 2022!

New beginnings - as I think of new beginnings, challenges I would like to take on, or fresh endeavors I wish to try, I remember that releasing the old makes way for the new. Sometimes, we can get frustrated by what we don't know, by what we can't figure out, and by what doesn't look like it's going to work out? Here's a new perspective! It's okay to not have all the answers! On a daily basis, let us inhale each possibility and exhale/release any tension that presents itself.

Know that you are doing the best you can at the moment and that is enough. January is also the beginning of the 2nd half of the Toastmasters year. We had the past six (6) months to learn our new role and now we are ready to run a stronger race to the finish line (June 30, 2022). Let us celebrate our efforts, achievements, and the goals that are ahead.

Once again, Happy New Year, and together, we can make 2022 an awesome 2022 year for all in District 27!

Jennifer Ferguson, DTM, District 27 Chaplain / Motivator

Your feedback is welcome! Please email your suggestions and creative ideas for the next month's newsletter to PRM@d27-tm.org