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## District 63 Toastmasters

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### Makeup TLI (all on Zoom)

Division B&E	January 14, 1:00 pm (Central) <a href="https://form.iotform.com/223147645347964">https://form.iotform.com/223147645347964</a>
Division C	January 17, 5:00 pm (Central) <a href="https://form.iotform.com/223339466839974">https://form.iotform.com/223339466839974</a>

Contact the Division Directors for more information.

### Contest Dates

	International & Table Topics
Area 20-23	March 4, 10:00 am (Eastern)
Area 30-33	March 7, 6:00 pm (Eastern)
Area 40-43	January 28, 9:30 am (Central)
Area 50-53	March 18, 9:00 am (Central)
Division B	March 25, 10:00 am (Eastern)
Division C	March 30, 6:00 pm (Eastern)
Division D	February 25, 9:30 am (Central)
Division E	April 1, 9:00 am (Central)

### Advance Your Career with Pathways

Session Description: How can Pathways help your Career? Find out in this interactive virtual session on Thursday **January 12th, from 6:00 – 7:15 pm (Central)**! You'll hear specific examples of how Toastmasters' learning paths can provide you with knowledge and opportunities to improve your performance and move you forward in your profession, plus learn next steps you can take to grow and accomplish more in your job through Pathways. No advance registration required – the Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82523562287?pwd=aWtsc2FZaWJqOERCZFgwYWtlMkZkQT09>. Our presenter, Andi Creek, has been a Toastmaster for 8 years, held several club officer positions, and was an Area Director in District 63 in 2021-2022. She's completed the Visionary Leadership path and is working in Dynamic Leadership. Andi began her professional career in teaching and corporate training and has been a program and project manager for the last 17 years. Currently, she's a senior director in program and project management leading a team of IT program managers.

### Club Coaches Needed

"We are going to provide \$100 gift cards to anyone who signs up to be a club coach and is successful in that role after 6 months."  
~Jason Cook. Email him for more details at [jrock917@gmail.com](mailto:jrock917@gmail.com).

### Club Spotlight

Club name: **Advanced Toastmasters Pursuing Excellence**  
 Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85161090672?pwd=VjdKMklnb250QmNlNTI2OTZyc1pkZz09>  
 Date: **January 30, 2023**  
 Time: **8:15ET, 7:15 CT**

### District Executive Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held online **January 19 at 7:00 pm (Central)**. Anyone interested in District Leadership is encouraged to attend. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/477480212>.

### Urgent Club Growth Panel

If your club needs assistance, plan to attend the next meeting of the Urgent Club Growth Panel on the **first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm (Central)**. The Zoom link is here [Launch Meeting - Zoom](#) and also published on the District 63 Calendar. Becky Begarly has a team available and willing to help your club be a success. Request information from [BeckyBegarly@gmail.com](mailto:BeckyBegarly@gmail.com)



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LinkedIn: District Sixty-Three

Twitter: District 63 TM  
Website: <https://d63.toastmastersdistricts.org>  
YouTube: District 63 Toastmasters

## Toastmaster John Grigsby is interviewed

"I was honored to be interviewed for a Toastmasters podcast based in Taiwan back in August. Due to some technical issues, the interview was released a few weeks ago. Thankful for my friendship with Ines Wen and the opportunities through Toastmasters International. My blog post includes the interview link. <https://lnkd.in/gww7vNDW>."



## Toastmasters Goal Setting Ideas

"What are your 2023 goals? Toastmasters offers five goal-setting tips to help more of us achieve our goals in 2023. <https://lnkd.in/giV6Xekn>" ~www.toastmasters.org



## Membership Campaigns

1. Chambers of Commerce
2. Rotary Clubs
3. Libraries
4. Social Media
5. Toastmasters Smiling Tables
6. Toastmasters Service Projects (See example below.)



"Rotary is teaming with several other nonprofits to assist with distribution of food to Waverly (TN) residents impacted by the floods of recent memory. I was able to help with that project this past

weekend, and the next scheduled distribution will take place

on Saturday, January 7 at the high school in Waverly. We would need to be on site by around 7 o'clock in the morning. This would be a great opportunity for some of our Toastmasters to band together and make a trip out there to help. If we have enough interest, we could carpool and make a trip there with some interested members and also get some great publicity for the district. The Williamson County Rotary Clubs are committed to the following dates: January 7, April 1, July 1, and October 7." ~Jason Cook





## Spring Conference

The Conference will be held April 28-29 online and in person at the Crown Plaza located 401 W. Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN. To make a reservation, call the hotel at 865-522-2600 and request a room from the group block "Toastmasters District 63", or go online and use the TOA code. If you plan to arrive earlier or stay later than the Conference dates, speak with the reservations manager, Jamie Julius at extension 2364. He works Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm (Eastern). The estimated discounted group room charge is \$120 per night. Contact Ahmad Gilliam to volunteer for chair positions (Conference, Credentials, Hospitality, etc.) and other helpers. Clubs are encouraged to donate a basket for the silent auction to be used as a fundraiser for District 63. More details on the silent auction will be published later. Watch our social media forums for Conference registration instructions.

## Toastmasters Leadership Institute

The District 63 Winter TLI was held HYBRID on November 19. Award-Winning Speaker Darryl Pace delivered the Keynote address and Region 6 Advisor Jacklyn Payne spoke about membership building. Vicki Stevens moderated the District Leadership Panel. Thank you to all the people who lead the afternoon Officer Breakout Sessions.

## Pathways Information

Video tutorials from TMI are located here.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/education/tutorial-videos>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VaFqbZJJ9g>

Some people prefer written instructions instead of a video. Curt Mencer developed the following document and is requesting feedback. Contact him at [mencergroup@gmail.com](mailto:mencergroup@gmail.com).

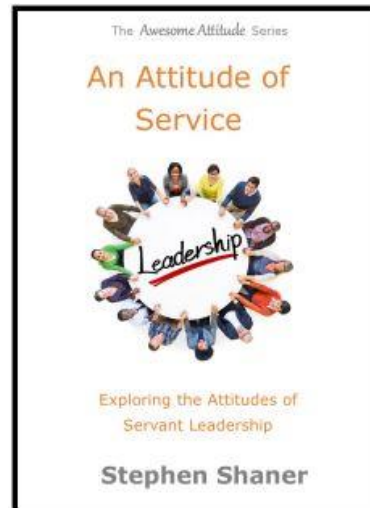
## Member Retention

Last month's D63 newsletter contains several suggestions from Danny Sapp, Area 33C Director, that could be useful for your club's member retention.

## District Leadership

The committee is accepting applications for leadership positions for roles such as Area Directors, Division Directors, Public Relations Manager, etc. with terms beginning July 1. Contact [mattikfoster5@gmail.com](mailto:mattikfoster5@gmail.com) for details.

## New Leadership Book!



**What is your Management Style?**  
**What is your Leadership Style?**  
**What is the real difference between Management and Leadership?**

These important questions can be difficult to answer. Within the pages of Stephen Shaner's new book, An

Attitude of Service: Exploring the Attitudes of Servant Leadership, you will learn there is an important difference between Leadership and Management.

You will also learn...

- What is Management? What is Servant Leadership?
- When to Manage and when to Lead
- The Vocabulary to use in each Role
- How to build a High Performing Team
- Concepts for Delegating
- Concepts for Conflict Management
- Resources for furthering your Leadership Development

"If you're seeking insight on improving your leadership skills, read An Attitude of Service first. In a few pages, Shaner captures the critical concepts that make all the difference with leading teams." ~Linda Ruhland, Founder-Success Authorities

## New Club Ideas?

Club Growth Director Jason Cook is seeking ideas for new clubs we could form. He suggests the following:

- A political club
- A HAM radio club
- A gamers club
- An anime/cosplay club.

Jason would like to see how many people in the District may find these things of interest and he would like to hear other suggestions. Contact him at [rock917@gmail.com](mailto:rock917@gmail.com).



# TOASTMASTERS PATHWAYS

— learning experience —

Welcome to the Pathways Learning Guide! This Guide will lead you Step-by-Step through selecting a Path and working in that Path. Some important points to understand:

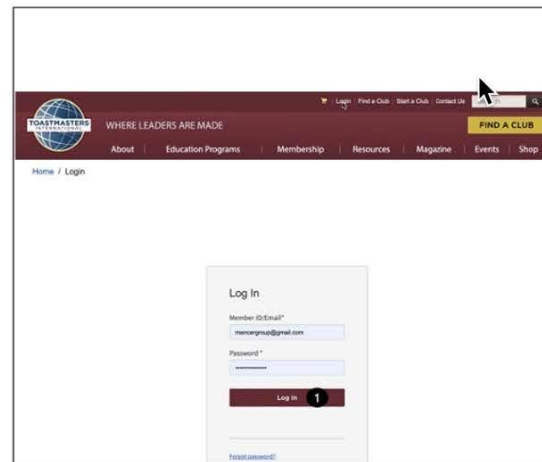
1. Learning to master these two processes is critical to your understanding of Pathways and its unique navigation.
2. The choices you make here could shape your learning in Toastmasters for your first year or longer. Since Pathways is a self-paced learning experience, you determine how quickly you progress.
3. These Step-by-Step instructions are not the only way to navigate Pathways, but they are the simplest and easiest to remember. You may find yourself using this Guide more than once. As you continue to use Pathways, you will discover additional materials and other ways of navigating the program.

**This is a Step-by-Step Guide that you can use yourself, but it is best to have a partner, coach, or mentor lead you through the Guide your first time. These experienced Toastmasters can walk you through your Path selection, answer questions, and help you understand the process. If you have not yet been assigned a partner, coach, or mentor, contact the VP of Education of your Chapter, and ask that one be assigned to you!**

# Choosing a Path

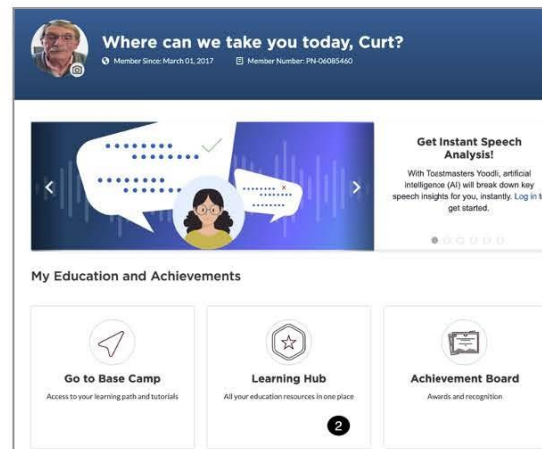
From the Toastmasters Log In page:

1. Click **Log In**



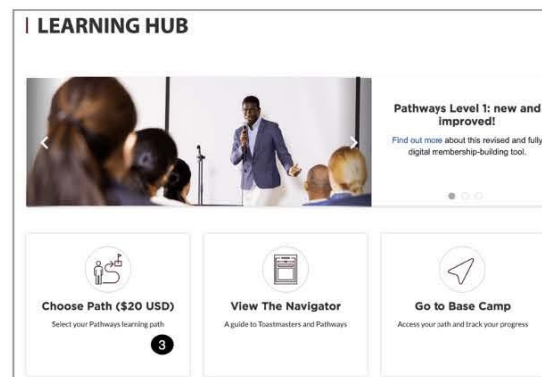
On the *My Home* page:

2. Click **Learning Hub**



On the *Learning Hub* page

3. Click **Choose Path**



# I CHOOSE A PATH



Select your preferences

## 1. Select your path language

English 

At this time, accessible materials for use with assistive technology are only available in English.

There are 2 ways to get your materials:

- Digital Resources (online)
- Select printed materials (mailed at a cost to you)

***The Digital Resources option is automatically selected.  
Do not change to printed materials until you talk with your coach.***

## 2. How would you like to access your materials? ⓘ

**Digital Resources is  
automatically selected**



**Digital Resources**

Obtain digital resources online via Base  
Camp



**Select Printed Materials**



Acquire printed materials in the mail (+\$25  
USD)

There are 2 ways to choose a Path:

- **View Path Options** (look at a brief description of every Path and select one).
- **Take an Assessment** (answer a series of questions and the program will recommend a Path for you).

**NOTE:** You can try both methods and either take the recommendation from the Assessment or go back to View Path Options and select the Path yourself.

### 3. How would you like to select your learning path?

The screenshot shows a user interface with two main options for selecting a learning path. The first option, 'View all path options', is accompanied by a grid icon and a brief description: 'View all paths available based on your selections above.' This option is highlighted with a red rectangular box, and a red circle with the number '4' is positioned below it. The second option, 'Take an assessment', is accompanied by a question mark icon and a brief description: 'Take a brief online assessment to suggest learning paths based on your goals.' Both options have a small square icon to their right.


Continue **5**

On the **Choose a Path** page:



4. Click **View all path options**
5. Click **Continue**







For illustration purposes, I'm selecting the **Dynamic Leadership** Path.







Compare and make your selection



**Dynamic Leadership**  
Negotiate and manage change; leadership skills for any situation.  
  
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**Effective Coaching**  
Positive coaching and building consensus; coach and work with a team.  




**Leadership Development**  
Lead a team and develop plans; learn leadership by completing projects.  


**Motivational Strategies**  
Emotional intelligence and team building; Practice motivation and leadership.  


**Persuasive Influence**  
Conflict resolution and high-level leadership; develop skills for every situation.  


**Strategic Relationships**  
Build leadership skills and relationships; networking and cross-cultural understanding.  


**Team Collaboration**  
Listening and successful collaboration; team leadership at a higher level.  


**Visionary Communication**  
Communicate change and develop your vision; build skills for visionary leadership.  


**I have already selected these Paths, so they cannot be selected again.**

**Innovative Planning**  
Proposals and managing projects; connect with others to accomplish goals.  

You cannot purchase this path at this time. This path is currently in progress on your Base Camp transcript.

**Presentation Mastery**  
Build your skills as an accomplished public speaker  

You cannot purchase this path at this time. This path is currently in progress on your Base Camp transcript.

**Engaging Humor**  
Engage with humor and improve any speech; deliver a message with laughter.  

You cannot purchase this path at this time. This path is currently in progress on your Base Camp transcript.

[Go back to preferences](#) [Continue](#) **7**

In the Compare and make your selection panel:

6. Click the **box in the Dynamic Leadership pane** (the dot will turn blue)
7. Click **Continue**



## I CHOOSE A PATH: CONFIRM YOUR SELECTION

Please confirm your selection below.

You selected:





**Dynamic Leadership**  
Negotiate and manage change; leadership skills for any situation.

[Continue](#) **8**



[< Go back to path options](#)

8. Click **Continue** – (takes you to **Checkout**--new member first path is free)

### 3. How would you like to select your learning path?

**View all path options**

View all paths available based on your selections above.

**Take an assessment**

Take a brief online assessment to suggest learning paths based on your goals.

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Continue 5

On the **Choose a Path** page:

4. Click **Take an assessment**
5. Click **Continue**
6. Click **Start**
7. **Select** 3 topics and Click **Next**

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**Pathways Assessment**

Answer the following questions to identify the path that best meets your personal and professional development goals. Your answers will remain confidential.

English

Your answers will remain completely confidential.

Start 6

Skip Assessment

0% Complete

Select three topics you are interested in learning about from the list below.

☒ Public Speaking

☐ Networking

☐ Coaching

☐ Change Management

☒ Speech Writing

☐ Time Management

☐ Project Planning

☐ Motivating Others

☐ Leadership

☒ Interpersonal Communication

☐ Negotiation

Next 7

3% Complete

Which of the following topics is most related to the personal and professional goals that brought you to Toastmasters?

Public Speaking

Speech Writing

Interpersonal Communication

Next
8

8. Answer each question and click **Next** until all questions are answered.

Recommended

**Leadership Development**  
Lead a team and develop plans; learn leadership by completing projects.

Select Leadership Development
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**Learn more about the Leadership Development Path**  
This path helps you build your skills as an effective communicator and leader. You will work through projects that focus on learning how to develop and implement a plan as well as time management. Each project emphasizes public speaking and team leadership skills. The Leadership Development path culminates in the planning and execution of an event that will allow you to apply everything you learned.  
[View all projects in this path](#)

9. To select the recommended Path, Click **Select Leadership Development**.