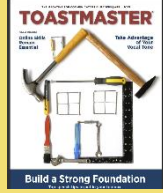




See the April Toastmasters Magazine published online at www.toastmasters.org.



District 63 Toastmasters

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Contest Results

Division	International	Table Topics
B	1st CJ Mitchell 2nd Ellen Kimball	1st Madison Dentz 2nd Manuela Ptacek
C	1st Carlos Calderin 2nd Annala d' Diors	1st Carlos Calderin 2nd Mark Oshman
D	1st Dorey Nolan 2nd Beth Malow 3rd Divina Peoples	1st Dorey Nolan 2nd Aleshia Garrett 3rd Wayne Goode
E	1st Isha Samrina 2nd Jared Thorneberry 3rd Paula Farmer	1st Isha Samrina 2nd Paula Farmer 3rd Lisa Ruiz

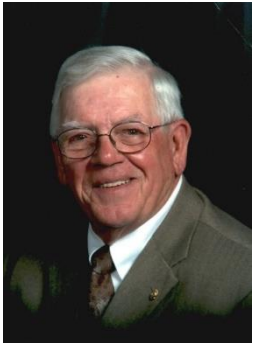
District Executive Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held online **April 13 at 7:00 pm (Central)** via Zoom <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.

In Memoriam



Past District Governor Dr. John Lloyd passed away Sunday, March 26th. "Dr. Lloyd was a Toastmaster for over 26 years. He received the Distinguished Toastmaster designation, Toastmasters' highest designation, four times and also received a Presidential Citation from Toastmasters International." The obituary is published here,

[John Lloyd Obituary - Nashville, TN \(dignitymemorial.com\)](#)

Spring Conference

Date: April 28-29 in person and online

Conference Registration: [2023 D63 Spring Annual Conference \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

Online Attendance: Zoom links will be provided after registration.

Location: Crowne Plaza 401 W. Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902

Hotel Reservations: 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 2330 Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm (Eastern). The estimated discounted group room charge is \$120 per night.

Silent Auction: Clubs are encouraged to donate a basket for the silent auction to be used as a fundraiser for District 63.

Volunteers: Contact Conference Chair Chiitra Tibbs chiitra.tibbs@gmail.com

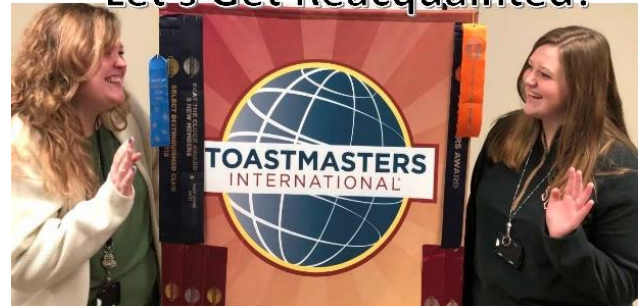
Business Meeting: On April 29 we will be voting for next year's District 63 leaders as well as the alignment of our clubs. Every club in has a voice in these decisions. Shortly, Club Presidents and VPEs will be receiving an email asking them to register for the Business Meeting to cast your club's votes. Please register ASAP to ensure your club has a voice in this vote!

Education Sessions: Toastmasters will share their knowledge about topics such as giving an effective speech evaluation, running an outstanding speechcraft program, being a great club member, and more.

Video Invitation: [District Conference Greeting from International President Matt Kinsey \(jwp.io\)](#)

Theme: Let's Get Reacquainted!

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Keep up with District 63 on your favorite platform.

Email: district63communication@gmail.com
 Facebook: District 63 Toastmasters
 Instagram: [tidistrict63](https://www.instagram.com/tidistrict63)
 LinkedIn: District Sixty-Three

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

Club Spotlight

Pellissippi Toastmasters, Division B/Area 23

Chartered March 1, 1965

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of the month noon (Eastern) at

Fellowship Church in Knoxville

Current membership boasts having three DTMs as members.

President – Curtis Johnston

Secretary – Carrie Dietrich

VPE – Steve Williams

Treasurer – Delmas Franklin

VPM – Ellen Kimball

VPPR – John Grigsby

Immediate Past Pres – John Grigsby SSA – Manuela Ptacek



Membership Campaigns

1. Chambers of Commerce
2. Rotary Clubs (See examples below.)
3. Libraries.
4. Social Media
5. Toastmasters Smiling Tables
6. Toastmasters Service Projects
7. Other Events (such as parades)
8. Cold Calls (Contact Jason Cook to volunteer.)

Dr. Beth Malow from the Brentwood Early Risers club came to speak to the Rotary Club of Brentwood on March 31. She was an excellent speaker and presented on Ending Daylight Saving Time: Health Effects and an Opportunity for Advocacy.



Canva Templates

District 63 Canva Templates
 Go to D63 Website, Public Downloads, VPPR Zone, Canva.



TI Canva Templates
 Go to www.toastmasters.org, search for Canva (October 2022 leader letter), Resources to use, Canva, templates.



"The following day [April 1] my Rotary club had their annual pancake day event at the Brentwood High School, and I was able to share some info about Toastmasters with the community. Got a selfie with the mayor as well."

~Quote from Jason Cook

Member Spotlight

We've all heard of "The Great Resignation," but it is more accurate to call it "The Great Realignment" as people realized life is short and reoriented their lives to honor what was important to them.

That led to a lot of resignations, but it also led to a lot of recommitments and renewals within existing employment.

"The Alignment Show" with Donn King, The Confidence Cultivator, features conversations with folks who have taken steps to identify their highest values and aligned their lives around them. Through their experiences and stories, we support people facing similar life questions. This is the basis of true confidence: living your values and valuing your life.

We Livestream on Wednesdays, currently at 9:30 AM Eastern but soon moving to 10 AM Eastern. Livestreams are simulcast on LinkedIn Live, YouTube Live, and Facebook Live. Audio versions post a little later on Apple Podcasts and Spotify. You can always find out about guests, past episodes, and show notes (and apply to be a guest) at <http://ConfidenceCultivators.com>



Pathways Evaluation Process

Curt Mencer created 3 documents with instructions on Pathways, our educational program, "Pathways Step by Step", "Working Your Path", and "Pathways Evaluation". All 3 documents are published on the District 63 Webpage.

<https://d63.toastmastersdistricts.org/pathways.html>

Curt is requesting feedback on these documents. Please contact him at mencergroup@gmail.com. If you prefer video tutorials from Toastmasters International, they are located on these webpages.

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

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

Can you help?

Demonstration meeting volunteers are needed. Contact Club Extension Chair Jeff England (JeffEnglandD63@gmail.com) for more information.

Membership Campaigns (Continued)



Club Spotlight

Chartered in 2008, True Blue Talkers Toastmasters (Division C/Area33) delivered a Women's Movement Theme in March at the Linebaugh Public Library in Murfreesboro, TN. Members showcased are Christie Rogers, Blaine Little, Jeff England, Danny Sapp, Hans Malebranche, Stephanie Wise, & Neil Francis. The timely theme honored women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to pursuing truth and the recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history. Looking to have fun in a supportive environment? Then look no further than True Blue Talkers! The club meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays 9:15 a.m. (Central) in person at the Linebaugh Public Library in Murfreesboro, TN.



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.

Message from TI

March 29, 2023

Dear Toastmaster,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming change to the cost of your Toastmasters International membership dues. Starting with the October 2023 renewal period, your semiannual international membership dues will increase to \$60 USD. However, if you renew prior to August 1, 2023, during the next renewal period, you will be able to do so at your current membership rate.

The Board of Directors came to this difficult decision after carefully analyzing increased operational costs since the last dues increase seven years ago (with COVID-19 impacts and inflation being major contributing factors). This update will enable us to continue supporting and enriching your personal growth journey with Toastmasters.

An exciting update that this change will support is a robust set of improvements to the Pathways learning experience. Since Pathways first launched five years ago, most of the feedback we've heard from members like you is that while the educational content is exemplary, the online platform where content is accessed presents many challenges and frustrations.

I'm thrilled to share that we are already in the process of migrating Base Camp to a new Learning Management System (LMS) provider to address these issues. The new LMS platform will improve your experience and include enhancements:

- You will have an easier time navigating the system, launching your path, and working through projects.
- You will be able to access Pathways on your mobile phone, with a mobile app to follow in the future.
- When your completed path is approved, it will automatically be submitted for recognition in Club Central.
- Pathways will be accessible to members who are Visually Impaired.
- You will be able to share your accomplishments across social media platforms, including LinkedIn.
- The World Headquarters team will be able to refresh content more frequently.

This LMS platform transition will empower you to get more out of your learning experience, and the Board of Directors and World Headquarters staff will continue to develop innovative ways to better support you on the road to success.

I invite you to learn about other changes, updates, and progressive steps for Toastmasters International by viewing today's [Board Briefing](#). For questions about the membership dues increase, including how this may impact chartering a club, please view the [Dues Increase FAQ](#) page.

Toastmasters continues to be the best and most cost-effective way to become a confident communicator and inspiring public speaker or leader. As a 20-year member myself, I can attest that there is simply no substitute for the Toastmasters club experience, and I continue to find inspiration in the personal success and transformation stories of my fellow Toastmasters members from around the world. I send you warm wishes as you progress toward your next milestone!

Respectfully,



Matt Kinsey, DTM
International President 2022–2023
Toastmasters International
toastmasters.org

This email has been sent to all members.