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District 63 Toastmasters

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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	See Results Below
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)

Contest Results

Area	International	Table Topics
40	1st Dorey Nolan 2nd Bryan Decuir	1st Dorey Nolan 2nd Bryan Decuir
41	No Contestants	1st Alesha Garrett 2nd Stan Russell
42	1st Divina Batangan-Peoples	1st Susan Ratliff
43	1st Beth Malow	1st Wayne Goode 2nd Beth Malow

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. Clubs are encouraged to donate a basket for the silent auction to be used as a fundraiser for District 63. **Watch our social media forums for Conference registration instructions.**

Are you interested in presenting an educational session for the Spring Conference? Maybe you would prefer to volunteer in one of the other areas such as decorations, registration, entertainment, hospitality, auction, contests, etc. If so, contact Conference Chair Chitra Tibbs at chitra.tibbs@gmail.com.



OPEN HOUSE FOUNTAIN CITY TM CLUB INVITES EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE TOASTMASTERS!

Thursday, February 16th
6:45pm - 8:00pm

Fountain City Toastmasters is a community club open to all interested adults. Come join the fun and learning! Guests are always welcome!

Location: Wallace Memorial Baptist Church on Merchants Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, upstairs in room S-242. You may also visit via ZOOM.

<https://www.meetup.com/knoxville-toastmasters-meetup/events/fv5dbtyfcdvbw/>

District Executive Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held online **February 16 at 7:00 pm (Central)**. Anyone interested in District Leadership is encouraged to attend. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/477480212>.

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 for details or to ask questions.

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

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

Speechcraft

Several MTSU students have signed up to be part of the Speechcraft program from Toastmasters. The meetings will be virtual on March 2, 16, 23, and 30 at 7:00 p.m. (Central). Please contact Jason Cook (jrock917@gmail.com) to volunteer to help.

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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.)
 7. Other events such as Jason Cook marching in MLK parade.
- This video is posted on the District 63 Social Media accounts.



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 jrock917@gmail.com.

Working Your Path

Curt Mencer developed 2 documents with instructions on Pathways, our educational program. One is titled "Pathways Step by Step" and the second is called "Working Your Path". Both 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=VaFfbZJJ9g>

Blaine Little Documents

In a Vice-President Education (VPE) breakout session at a recent Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI), Blaine Little shared a couple of documents with the participants that may be helpful to others across District 63. These documents are published in the following pages of this newsletter. Contact him via email (blaine67@gmail.com) with any comments or suggestions on "75 Possible Meeting Themes" and "How to Submit Education Awards".

75 Possible Meeting Themes by Blaine Little

History:

ANY Federal, State or Religious Holidays

3rd Monday in January; MLK Day
February – Black History Month
3rd Monday in February; President's Day
March – Women's History Month
Palm Sunday / Good Friday

Date Specific:

Feb. 14, Valentine's Day
March 17; St. Patrick's Day
April 1st - Fool's Day (Tall tales meeting)
April 15; Tax Day (Taxes... or Death)
Last Friday in April; Arbor Day
1st Thursday in May; Nat'l Day of Prayer
May the Forth... Be with you! (Star Wars)
May 5th; Cinco de Mayo
2nd Sunday in May; Mother's Day
3rd Saturday in May; Armed Forces Day
3rd Sunday in June; Father's Day
August 19; National Aviation Day
September 11; 9/11 Patriot Day
September 17; Constitution Day
October 30/31; Halloween
2nd Tuesday in November; Election Day
November 11; Veteran's Day
Day after Thanksgiving; Black Friday
December 7; Pearl Harbor Remembrance
First day of a Season
Solstice / Equinox
Time change ("Time" or "Change")

Toastmaster's Specific

Club contest
Officer Election; hear from the candidates
Speak-a-thon; One or two extra speeches
Table-a-thon; All Table Topics®
Eval-a-thon; Multiple evaluations per speech
A "reversed" meeting
All about Ice Breakers!
Anniversary of the club or an "open house"
What Toastmasters has taught me

Situational Themes:

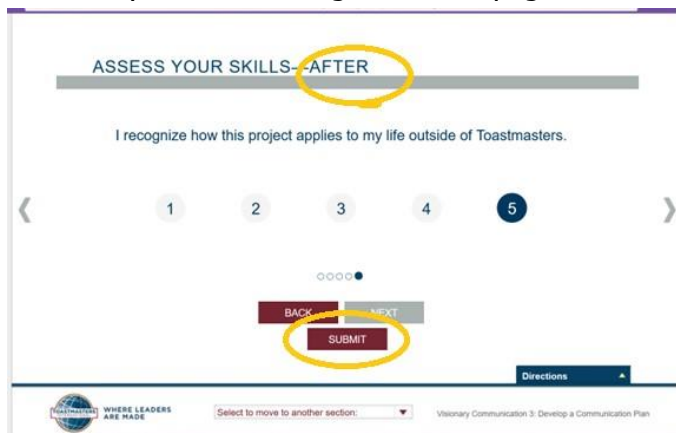
Back to school... YAY!
Having a bad hair day
Hollywood and its celebrities
My favorite time as a child
What I learned from Dr. Seuss
"Greed is good", but so is charity
My mission in life
Happy accident!
This may sound like a conspiracy theory...
I'm a nerd and LOVING it!
Acknowledge the fear and do it anyway
Puns and other word play
A sarcastic tone
What my children taught ME
I didn't know that was illegal
How I overcame my in-laws
A funny thing happened at Church
This brings me joy and comfort
A prescription for life
What makes a good leader?
Some superstitions may be valid
This is not in my comfort zone
Puppy love
The greatest gift of all
Stay weird, Toastmasters!

Conceptual Themes:

Motivational / Inspirational
Comedic or funny
Educational / Learning something new
Challenge / Risk taking
Children, family, and adoption
The Olympics or sports in general
Traffic and mobility
Storytelling
A guest speaker
All done with visual aids
Entertaining / Just for laughs
The power of persuasion
Workshop / Hands-on demonstration
Customs and traditions
"TEDx" visits the club

HOW TO SUBMIT EDUCATION AWARDS (The individual member, *each project*)

Within Pathways, you will evaluate **your** understanding twice. Before and after the speech. The system will then take you to the "Congratulations page!

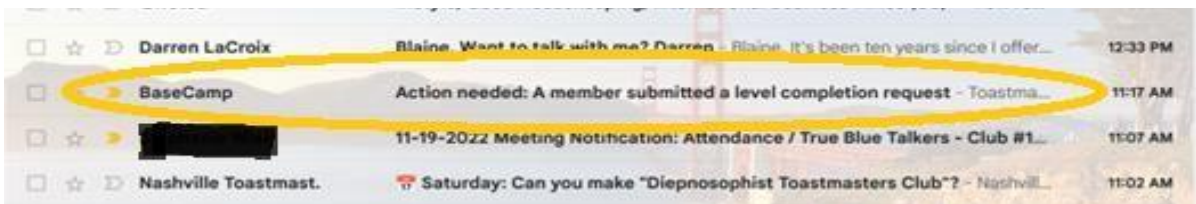


A few minutes later, you should receive a conformation email.

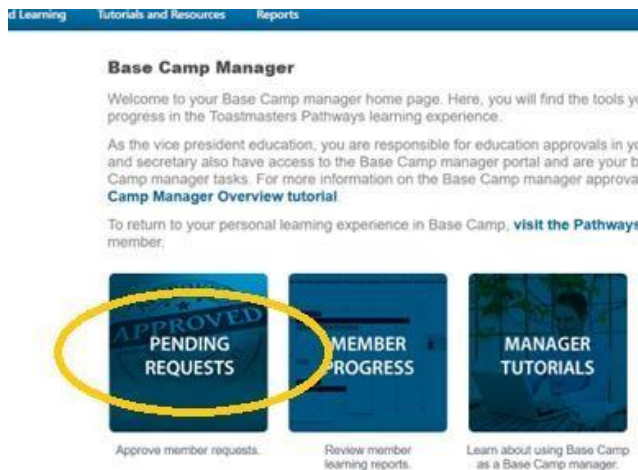
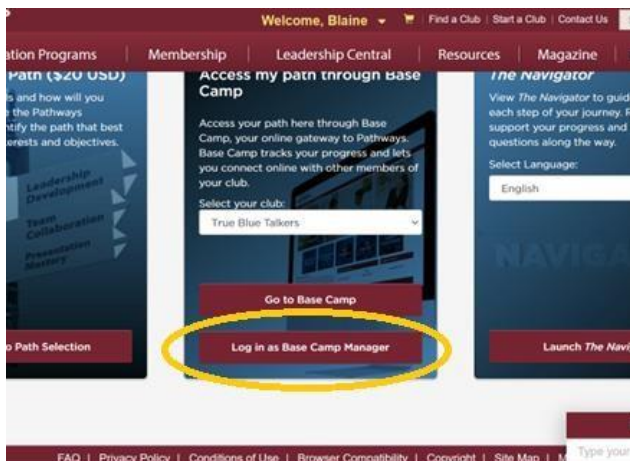
When you submit for a LEVEL completion (all projects in that level), a pdf will pop up in the system with instructions.

HOW TO APPROVE EDUCATION AWARDS (The approving officer)

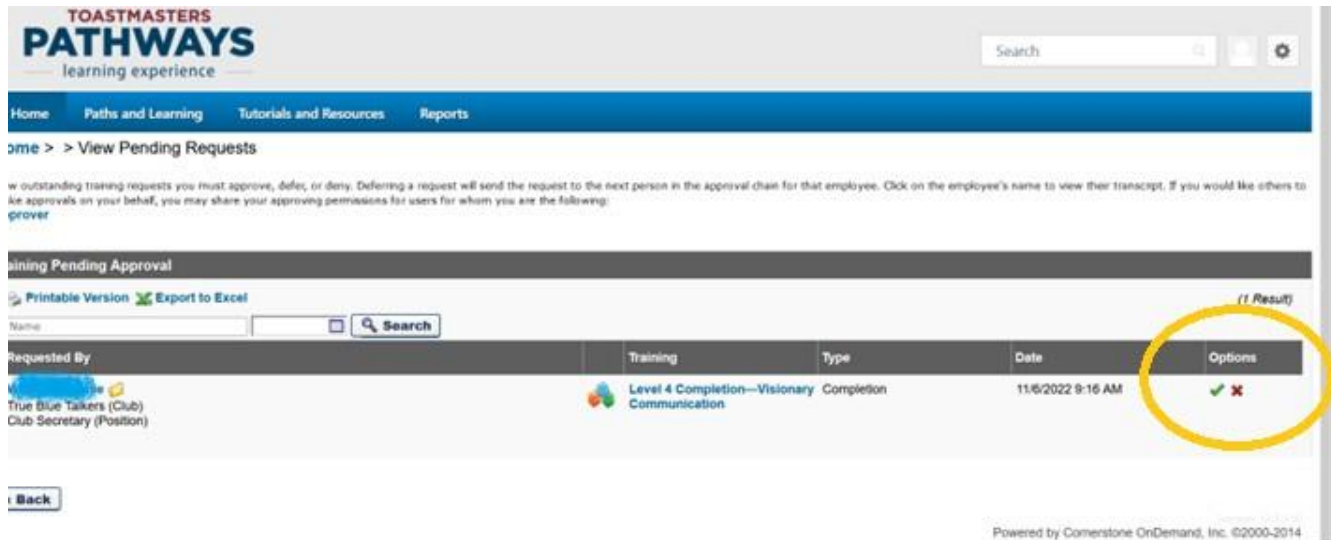
Education award notices are received in email after each project is submitted after the TOASTMASTER MEMBER delivered the presentation. A member does this within their own profile. Awards may be submitted by the Club President, Vice President of Education or the Secretary, exclusively. No club officer may submit their own award. Open the email, then log in as Base Camp Manager.



You will have to login to your own personal account and access the Education page as though you were entering your own Pathway. Then on the next page, click on the PENDING REQUESTS button.



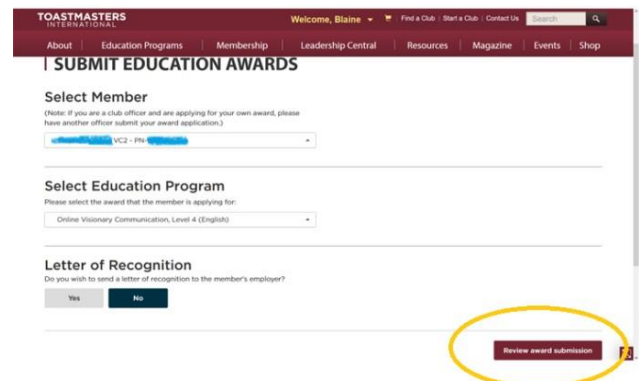
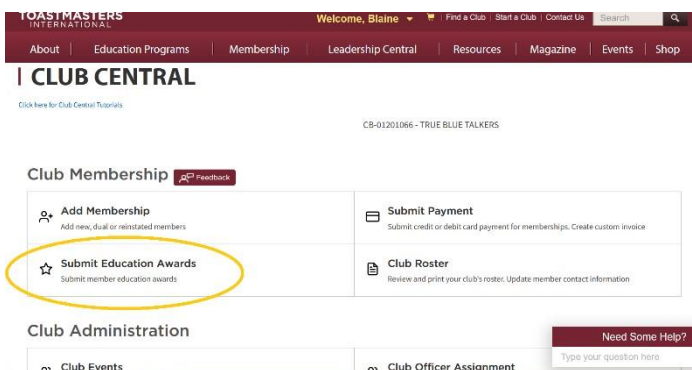
This will take you to the pending approvals page. To the far right of the Toastmasters name are buttons to approve or disapprove.



A confirmation email will be sent to the member. While you're in the system, check to see if there are anyone else's requests in case you missed the email.

FOR THE DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM (DCP)

In order to get **club** credit for growth or the DCP, it will be necessary to log into Club Central (via Leadership Central) through the individual officer's profile. Click on SUBMIT EDUCATION AWARDS. This will bring you to that page. There, you will see a drop down list of all members. Select the appropriate Toastmaster, then select the level below that. Select the review button then the SUBMIT button on the next page. After a few minutes, you should receive email confirmation.



This is done after each LEVEL, not for all individual projects, like Pathways. Apparently, Pathways does not automatically report level completions, so the officers must do it manually in order to get credit for the club.