



District 103 Newsletter

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Club Officer Training

All club officers must receive role training twice each year according to Toastmasters policy. This is important not only for leadership development of an officer but also for club progress toward earning Distinguished Club status. The deadline for the first round is August 31, 2021.

Division G Schedules

Officer Makeup Training

Any club officer can attend Division G's virtual training Tuesday, July 13th, from 5:15 – 8:15 PM. Get more information and [register](#).

Other Makeup Training

Division C: 7/22, 6 PM

Division F: 8/4, 5:45 PM

Division S: 8/11, 5 PM

For more information, visit our website at <https://www.d103toastmasters.org/>

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Get to Know Your District Leaders for 2021-2022

Trio Envisions Taking District to the Next Level of Accomplishment

The new top leadership team is excited and determined to guide District 103 in achieving excellence. Building on momentum gained in the past several years since District 103 was formed, their theme is "Keep Your Foot on The Gas!"



District Director, Gregg Thompson, DTM, boldly asserts, "It's TIME for us to go Distinguished!" As a past District International Speech Contest Champion and a past leader of a successful 200-person sales team, as well as Program Quality Director and Club Growth Director for our District during the last two years, Gregg is confident of motivating members to help achieve his vision to see District 103 become Distinguished for the very first time!



Program Quality Director, Dionne Leggin, TC5, sees her role as an opportunity to build District leadership through training to ensure that all our members are equipped to become the best leaders they can be. Dionne has led her club to be President's Distinguished and served as District Club Growth Director last year. Also, she values the need to train and educate members in non-judgmental learning environments to develop their speaking and leadership skills; therefore, they can be successful to help more clubs become Distinguished.



Club Growth Director, Mary Szabo, DTM, is known to seize opportunities and set lofty goals, in her experience as a Resource Development Manager, Club President, Area Director, and Division Director. Now, Mary plans to help District 103 achieve its growth goals by providing direction, coaching, and mentoring to her Team in chartering and retaining more clubs.



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Nikeya Young, DTM



Bhanu Dabadi, DTM



Sandra Lane, DLI



Sam Sukumar, SR5



Dushun Mosley, DTM

Division Directors

These five leaders are eager to drive District 103 toward its strategic goal by spreading the message and supporting clubs through their Area Directors:

- *Division B Director*, Nikeya Young, DTM, envisions that she and her Area Directors will embody a spirit of excellence and encourage Central South clubs and members to embrace excellence.
- *Division C Director*, Bhanu Dabadi, DTM, wants to enhance member experience and help Central North clubs create momentum for growth and evolving to excellence.
- *Division F Director*, Sandra Lane, DLI, aims for greatness to help Central East clubs be proud of their progress as well as of the growth and accomplishments by their individual members.
- *Division G Director*, Sam Sukumar, SR5, endeavors to guide Central West Area Directors in sharing District resources to help clubs and members achieve Distinguished recognition.
- *Division S Director*, Dushun Mosley, DTM, will exercise his leadership and training skills to motivate club members in the South division in achieving their goals of being Distinguished.



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They Did It!

Distinguished Toastmaster

Congratulations, new DTMs!
- Bert Howard, Greater Englewood Toastmasters
- James Willis, Bold Literary Talkers (BLT) Club

Presidents Distinguished

These clubs met 10 goals!!

Blue Cross Blue Shield IL #1
Bold Literary Talkers (BLT)
Broadview Toastmasters
Hines Verbal Aces Club
Loop Trustmasters
Michigan Avenue Club
MSI Chicago Toastmasters
New Faith Toastmasters
Pathfinders Toastmasters
Premier Toastmasters
Saturday Sunrise Club
South Loop Speak Freaks
UOP Riverside Club
Viewmasters Club
West Suburban Club

Presidents Distinguished

These clubs met 9 goals!

Blue Cross Blue Shield IL #2
Greater Englewood Club
HHS Toastmasters Club
HUD Chicago Toastmasters
Power Speakers
Orland Park Toastmasters
Wrightwood-Ashburn
Overcomers (WAO) Club

Congrats!

District Leader Resources for Clubs

2021-2022 Area Directors

Area Directors are a direct liaison to District level activities, events, support. They will be scheduling club visits over the next few weeks. Welcome them in!

Area B11 – Samuel Brooks, IP2	Area F81 – Shanita Akintonde, DTM
Area B12 – Josephine Romero, LD1	Area F82 – Ashley Thompson, SR1
Area B13 – Charles Beavers, VC1	Area F83 – Kaushal Gupta, DTM
Area B14 – Trish Scott, EC3	Area F84 – Betty Sanders, DL4
Area B15 – Enid Kent, LD5	Area F85 – Alhaji Abubakar, DL3
Area C21 – Ryan Bartlett, VC2	Area G91 – Manminder Kaur, LD1
Area C22 – Patricia Johnson, MS3	Area G92 – Anita Mihelic, LD5
Area C23 – Piper Taggart, IP2	Area G93 – Maren Jenkins, VC5
Area C24 – Yu-Chen Chang, IP3	Area G94 – Merry Wang, DTM, DL2
Area C25 – Elspeth Harris, EC2	Area S53 – Kareem Rogers, EC2
Area S51 – Melody Byrd, IP5	Area S54 – Robert McKenzie, PM4
Area S52 – Michelle Adams, TC4	Area S55 – Rosie Zilinskas, PM5

Pathways Gurus

These experienced members provide guidance to clubs and members in navigating the Pathways education program through coaching and training.

Division B Central South – Lee Hopkins, DTM
Division C Central North – Bessie Akuamoah, DTM
Division F Central East – AlyceAnn Crump, Level 5 all Paths
Division G Central West – Maren Jenkins, VC5
Division S South – Dushun Mosley, DTM
Chief Guru – Sandra Washington, DTM

District Growth Opportunities for Members

Public Relations Committee

The PR Committee promotes D103 events and programs with PR campaigns through multiple communication channels such as social media, direct emails, and the district website. The Committee is seeking members for these roles:

Copy Editor, Copywriter, Social Media Managers, and Webmasters. If you are interested to learn more, contact [Public Relations Manager](#) Valerie Smith, DTM. Come join us to help D103 become known as a District on the move!

Speech Contest Committee

The Contest Committee supports clubs in conducting speech contests with resources and training programs. Experienced members are being sought to serve as Contest Gurus. Contact [Chief Judge](#), Gary Behrens, DTM, for info. For 2021-2022, the **D103 contests are the International Speech Contest and Table Topics® Contest.** Clubs may choose to hold their contest in person or online. Training webinars are being scheduled for club leaders, contest chairs and chief judges to guide them in how to plan and run a speech contest, in person or online. Also, a series of participatory webinars for sharing and practicing contest judging skills is in the works. Watch for details coming soon!



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Johnny Campbell
DTM, AS, Author

Toastmasters Leadership Institute Roundup

Keynote Speaker Johnny Campbell Wins the Crowd!

Johnny Campbell, DTM, AS, gave an inspiring opening keynote speech for the District 103 TLI program on **“The Rise of Future Leaders,”** June 12th. In it, he painted a picture of how to successfully lead people through times of crisis and change by overcoming their fears with his ‘3 C’s’ principles: clarity, confidence, and certainty. Johnny’s afternoon workshop, **“Win the Crowd: How to Create Winning Presentations,”** equally stirred listeners when he shared his approach to preparing a presentation to win the crowd. As he put it, “If you’re looking for a quick way to the top, the elevator is broken. But, if you’re willing to put in the work, there’s always opportunity for success.” If you want to learn and apply Johnny’s wisdom and techniques for achieving success, whether as a change leader or as a motivational speaker, be sure to check into the resources and tools that he offers. D103 members can buy his book on how to effectively lead change:

Becoming The Agent of Change

<https://riseupandwin.com/change/>

You can also enroll in Johnny’s online speaking program:

Professional Speaking Online Course

<https://riseupandwin.samcart.com/products/speaking-course>

Leadership Forum Sheds Insight on Challenges and Solutions

A key objective of the TLI conference was to build the leadership skills and motivation of attendees to help assure a rich talent pool of strong District 103 leaders for the future. In addition to Johnny Campbell’s presentations and the club officer training sessions, the TLI program featured educational presentations and a special Leadership panel discussion. The Leadership panel participants were:

- Mike Raffety, DTM, Past Toastmasters International Director,
- District Director Joe McCarty, DTM,
- Division Director Latrina Oddo, IP2, and
- Area Director Sandra Washington, DTM.

Each panel member responded to questions posed by panel moderator and District 103 Public Relations Manager, Valerie Smith, DTM, about challenges and styles of leadership from their own experiences. Audience members were engaged and enlightened through the combined wisdom shared by the panelists. Many added their own affirmative thoughts in the chat box during the discussion as well.

Video recordings of selected TLI program sessions, including the Leadership panel discussion, will soon be available to view on the D103 website, and also on the District’s YouTube channel. Make it a point to watch these must-see resources when available!