



NEWSLETTER



SMEDLEY AWARD 5 NEW MEMBERS

Add 5 new/dual/reinstated members between Aug 1 & Sept 30.



ALERT

Last few days to
complete Club Officer
Training!

One or more opportunities
everyday between Aug 26
and 31, 2023. Find more
details under "District
Support".



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David Veights, PQD

September is here!

Yes, soon the Labour Day weekend will be upon us, and that holiday signifies the end of summer celebrations, events and vacations, and a return to more traditional, routine activities. Schools will be back in session, and many companies and corporations will begin their annual planning and budgeting, especially for those whose fiscal year begins on October 1st.

The Trio has been actively planning for a great year, first by attending Toastmasters International-sponsored District Officer training on August 14th and 15th. At the Training, we not only received valuable information about leading our District and performing specific tasks, we interacted with District Leaders from around the world. That interaction led to a sharing of ideas and techniques that could very well help our District to the point that we, the Trio, believe that with solid planning, that this is the year that District 60 can be a Distinguished District.



What will it take to be a Distinguished District? It will require action by all Toastmasters, even the smallest of actions. We are off to a great start with Club Officer Training, with many clubs having at least four officers trained. From this point forward, it will require supporting our members toward progressing through their Paths in the Pathways system so that clubs can be Distinguished Clubs. It will require a continued emphasis on the membership growth that we have seen over the past year and into this year. Did you know that on average last year, District 60 gained three new members every day of the year? Finally, it will mean that our existing clubs will need to be supported to the greatest extent possible, and that we must continue to find and charter new clubs. Yes, it will take effort. Collectively, however, with a clear and common goal, we can be a Distinguished District. Let's have fun while working toward that goal.

CLUB STORIES

New Club

We chartered a new club Klick Toasties on July 31st. Thanks to David Veights, past CGD, and his team for their hard work in making it happen.

Club Anniversaries



District 60 celebrates the success of its clubs that complete another year of helping people hone their communication and leadership skills, and enriching lives of its members.

- Joie de Vivre turns 39 on September 1
- Beaches Speeches turns 19 on September 1
- Manulife Toronto turns 31 on September 1
- Blossoming Voices turns 7 on September 1
- Simcoe Speakers Toastmasters Club#2147 turns 22 on September 30

Club News

Liberty Village Toastmasters Club: On a dark stormy evening, Liberty Village Toastmasters Club, along with their friends and family, brightened the day with their energy and spirited conversations during a summer party. It was a joyous occasion where members, both new and old, networked and connected over their interests beyond Toastmasters.

Want to join? Come by the Liberty Village Toastmaster club any Wednesday evening. (<https://libertyvillagetoastmasters.com/>)



BEYOND THE CLUB

Message from the District Director...

News From The Toastmasters International Convention



Congratulations, District 60! Thanks to our 50 clubs that achieved Distinguished+ status in 2022-23, our District was presented with the **District Program Quality Award** by then-International President, Matt Kinsey. This award is earned by each and every member of a District 60 club who joined, participated, and completed Path Levels. I could not be prouder of our members who made this happen!

We've started a new winning streak! (The last time we won this award was Andrew Horberry, DD 2019-20, when Wendy Williamson was Program Quality Director.)



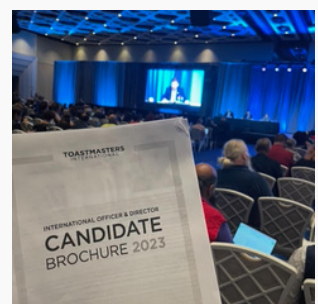
Let's keep it going - we're off to a strong start this year, with club members in 28 of our clubs having already completed one or more Path Levels.



Elections: Thank you to all those clubs who participated directly in the August 18 elections for TI Officers and International Directors, or who proxied their votes to our District Director Andrew Horberry to cast on your behalf. 75% of our District's clubs were active in this process.

Your Trio spent many hours interviewing the candidates, online and in person, to determine which candidates would

most likely move our organisation in the right direction. You can see who was elected here. Congratulations to all the candidates, and the newly elected Board.



World Championship of Public Speaking: A new champion was crowned on August 19 when Jocelyn Tyson of New Jersey, USA, was judged to be the best of eight finalists with her 5-7 minute speech titled "Have You Been There?". You can [see it here](#), plus the second and third placed contestants. If they inspire you - and they will! - start preparing your speech for next year's contests now. The World Championship will be on August 17, 2024 in Anaheim, California, but everyone starts at their club contest which will be in January 2024. Ask your VP Education for the specific date.



Message from the Club Growth Director...



I am delighted to announce that **Minard Tapawan** has joined the CGD Team in the role of **New Club Research Chair**. In this role, Minard will be helping the District generate new club leads.

The role of **Club Quality Chair** is open. This role involves providing support to Club Mentors and allows flex hours. If interested get in touch with me. I can be reached at cgd@toastmasters60.com.

[Shubha Amba, CGD](#)



[Minard Tapawan](#)

New Club Lead Generation: Would you like to see DTM after your name? If so, you will need to **sponsor a club**, which means actively generating leads to create new clubs. How?

Recently an opportunity has come our way to present at the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association on the benefits of the Toastmasters education program. Such presentations are a great way to create an interest in building a new club. If you belong to an association, a non-profit organization, or a corporation, do consider creating a similar opportunity. Just speak to an official with decision-making powers and, if there is interest, let me know.

In June we chartered OBE Toastmasters in a high-rise at One Bloor East, exclusively for its residents. If you live in a high-rise and feel its residents too can benefit from the TM program, [send me an email](#).

We also have a few leads in the hopper from TI. With luck, we will be looking for Club Sponsors soon. If interested, let me know and I will add your name to our Club Sponsors list. To progress in our Toastmasters journey, we need to ensure a strong organization, which means building new clubs. It's a win-win both for the member and the District. Let's do it!

Message from the Public Relations Manager...



[Yukta, PRM](#)

The year has kicked off so well with clubs finding more opportunities to upskill their communication and leadership skills. We have many new members and new clubs joining District 60, on their way to learning and growing.

I am delighted to share that **Anvesh Saxena** has joined the Toastmasters **District 60 PR team** and will be supporting multiple initiatives through the year. Now, the PR Team of District 60 is five people strong.



[Anvesh](#)

PR is a very crucial skill in the world today. Everyone, everywhere is trying some form of branding and selling. Toastmasters is no different. A good PR story can be way more compelling than a full page ad.

The District 60 has no shortage of dynamic, diligent and energetic members who are here to build their way to success and take others along. The PR Team of District 60 is eager to share stories of such members, clubs, areas and divisions with the rest of the world. If you know someone who has made a difference to your journey, or you are someone who has been making an impact in Toastmasters, reach out to me with your story on prm@toastmasters60.com.

Stay updated by following us on social media - [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Twitter/X](#)

IMPORTANT NEWS

Changes to Pathways: You may have seen the email recently from Toastmasters International regarding upcoming enhancements to Pathways, and you can [read more here](#). We now know that:

- These changes are scheduled for the first half of 2024.
- The Path you're already working on, or begin before the changes are implemented, will continue to be available with no interruption or change.

Changes to Regions: Announced at Convention, the 14 Regions that span the Toastmasters world will change their boundaries on July 1, 2024 - [more details here](#). We will be a part of Region 5, which will be more west-east than our current Region 6's north-south configuration.

Attention, Club Presidents and VPs Education!

Thanks to the many Presidents and VPEs who have already registered for District Council, to be held September 20. This important 90 minute meeting will give you insights into the initiatives we're planning for the forthcoming year to support your club and your members in achieving the goals you've set for yourselves.

You can [register here](#) - and we look forward to sharing news that you can leverage.

DISTRICT SUPPORT

Club Officer Training: Your Trio participated in two packed days of training before the Convention began, and are now better equipped to serve you and your club. Everyone keeps learning within Toastmasters and, if you're a Club Officer, it's not too late for you to get skilled up too. **Deadline for Club Officer Training is August 31 (no exceptions)** - links to upcoming sessions:

Saturday, August 26, 2023

- 9:00am [District 56](#)
- 9:30am [District 106](#)

Sunday, August 27, 2023

- 4:00pm [District 60](#)

Monday, August 28, 2023

- 12:00pm [District 101](#)

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

- 12:00pm [District 123](#)
- 6:00pm [District 106](#)
- 7:30pm [District 56](#)
- 8:00pm [District 64](#)

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

- 6:00pm [District 53](#)
- 7:00pm [District 123](#)

Thursday, August 31, 2023

- 7:00pm [District 106](#)



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Emanuel Petrescu



Public Relations Management is as daunting as it is exciting. Emanuel Petrescu, the former PR Manager of District 60 was invited to address the new PR Managers of all Districts in Region 6 by Wendy Williamson, DTM - Region Advisor, Region 6. It was a proud moment for District 60, which is also a part of Region 6.

Emanuel opened the session with congratulating all the incoming District PR Managers. His session revolved around tips and tricks to succeed as the PR Manager of the District, and the importance of upholding the ethics of leadership.

Emanuel believes that Public Relations is more about creating valuable relationships from which everyone can benefit. He has always advocated getting out of our comfort zones and step up to various opportunities provided by Toastmasters in order to learn and grow. He considers Toastmasters to be an amazing platform for individuals to learn skills that are transferable to other areas of life - including work and family.

Emanuel has inspired several individuals in Toastmasters to go over and beyond, for themselves.

WANT TO BE FEATURED IN THE UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS?

District 60 is looking forward to feature you on its next edition. Are you ready with your story about the impact you have created through Toastmasters? As a group, or an individual, if you think you have a story that's extraordinary and can inspire more than 100 clubs, write to us at prm@toastmasters60.com.