

July 2016



District 13 has **P.R.I.D.E.** by Dr. Hollis R. Batista, District Director
Welcome District 13 to the Year of **P.R.I.D.E.**
Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence!

The key letter in the acronym **P.R.I.D.E.** is **E** for excellence, and it is one of the core values of Toastmasters. I believe that each member in District 13 has **P.R.I.D.E.**

Yes, we have a District trio, Executive Committee, and District Council, but everyone in the district needs to step up to the plate and be committed to **P.R.I.D.E.** by taking action to develop their personal skills, help their clubs find new members, and make their clubs' meetings the best. Members must provide help in building new clubs, dedicate themselves to attending district events and club meetings, get the word out in their communities about Toastmasters, as they continue to pursue excellence.

- District 13 shows its **P.R.I.D.E.** by supporting the **Bs**:
- B**uilding a positive environment
 - B**ringing new learning experiences, ideas, and fun
 - B**eing coaches and mentors
 - B**ringing membership retention to a higher level
 - B**ringing opportunities for personal and professional growth to the member
 - B**ringing high energy to club meetings
 - B**ringing more social media presence
 - B**uilding an environment of virtual collaboration

District 13 encompasses **P.R.I.D.E.** as Toastmaster members by simply valuing each other with support, patience, respect, participation, and always pursuing excellence.

Your Servant Toastmaster Leader!
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District Director
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Spring Conference Highlight

Spring Conference - 2016 International Speech Winners: Katina Hunter, Charlie Wilson, and Don Michel



Spring Conference - Luella Broe Running the Gauntlet

2016-17 Division Leadership



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July Challenge: Join the conversation! Like our Facebook page, follow our Twitter account, and join our LinkedIn group to get event updates, engage with content, and enjoy the community!

District 13's 2016 International Contest Winners. Let's all support our champion, Katina Hunter, in D.C.!

The Spring Conference was huge success. The competition in both the evaluation and International speech contests were both very high. Katina Hunter will represent District 13 in the 85th annual Toastmasters International Convention in Washington, D.C.

Thank you to everyone who attended. Get access to photos from our District photographer, Tony Roscoe, on our Facebook page!



Check out our website www.dtm13.com for leadership information, event updates, and more!



Upcoming Events:

- **July 16th | Division B TLI Make-up** | 10:30AM | Pella Windows Training Center (230 Thorn Hill Road, Warrendale, PA 15086)
- **July 23rd | Division C TLI Make-up** | 9AM | Mazza Room of the South Hill Business School (480 Waupelani Dr, State College, PA 16801)
- **July 24th | DEC Meeting** | Golden Corral
- **July 30th | Division D TLI Make-up** | 8AM | Parran Hall room 109 at the University of Pittsburgh (130 DeSoto Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15261).
- **August 9th-16th | TI Convention** | Washington D.C.
- **August 28th | DEC Meeting** | Golden Corral
- **September 25th | DEC Meeting** | Web
- **October 16th | DEC Meeting** | Web
- **November 4th-6th | Fall Conference: I'M Possible** | PGH Marriott North



Member Spotlight: Starting This August!

Nominate the unsung heroes, the Toastmaster MVPs that make your club run smoothly, the member who magnetizes members to join, and the one that is always willing to step up to support your meetings!

Send a photo and brief 100 word nomination submission to d13PRM@d13tm.com by July 31st!!

Membership Spotlights will be featured in newsletters and via D13TM's social media channels. Recognize your all star team members today!

Nominate a member by sending an email to: d13PRM@d13tm.com





Welcome Fellow Toastmasters to the 2016 Summer Toastmasters Leadership Institute!

I congratulate you for taking the next step in your Toastmaster's journey. Whether you are here as a new officer, a seasoned veteran, or are simply interested in what it takes to be an officer, it is your leadership and dedication that will help take District 13 to the next level of success!

What I love about our program is the fact that it is the MEMBER that sits at the top of the organization chart. It is only by focusing on meeting the member's needs that our clubs will meet their goals and not only survive, but thrive in our program. We do this through the fabulous education and leadership programs Toastmasters has to offer. By focusing on the member we truly will achieve success.

My goal for our District in this coming year is that we make every effort to do just that. We begin by providing excellent training opportunities through our Toastmasters Leadership Institute programs and our Fall and Spring Conferences. We continue the process by listening to our members. What are their needs and how can we, as a District, assist them? How will that lead to our success? Your Area and Division Directors are a great medium to convey your concerns, questions, thoughts, needs, and successes. Use them as much as you can! Of course you can reach out to any of the District Trio with questions or concerns at any time. We are here to serve you!

The network you will build today will also be of great assistance to you through your journey in the coming year as a club officer. Make sure to share your email addresses with one another and use your newly found Toastmasters friends to help problem solve along the way. You will be amazed at how much you can learn from one another! It takes a team to become a success.

I encourage you to take advantage of all this year's program has to offer. I look forward to working with you to meet the educational and leadership goals of you and your club members.

Wishing you much success in the coming year!

All the best,

Francine Milligan, DTM
Program Quality Director, 2016-2017



Greetings Toastmasters!

This year, I encourage you to build on your previous success. Aim high and stretch wide. But most of all, **don't keep Toastmasters a secret. Go and Tell Somebody!** Invite your co-workers, strangers, friends, and family to join your club or another club that is convenient to them. Continuously share and demonstrate the value and growth you've received from your Toastmasters experience.

When I joined Toastmasters, I never dreamed of taking on a more expansive role. Because my fellow Toastmasters believed in me, I was able to take on a more expansive role in the district. I happened upon Toastmasters which helped me to organize my thoughts, get my point across quickly, and better inform, persuade, and motivate others. When I look back at my Toastmasters experience I recognize how Toastmasters helped me to improve my career and my life!

So what is your story? How has Toastmasters helped you to advance in your job, in your community, or in life in general? Whatever it is, I encourage you to **Go and Tell Somebody!** and invite them to join you on this extraordinary journey toward excellence. Like you, they will be amazed at the progress they make in just a short time.

As your Club Growth Director, there are seven things I ask of you to help you continue to develop as a leader and to ensure you maintain a healthy club:

1. Seek opportunities to recruit new members. Tell others about your Toastmasters experience;
2. Invite as many people to your club meetings as possible and greet them with open arms;
3. Participate in membership campaigns to earn club awards and recognition;
4. Encourage lots of people to join Toastmasters, striving to sponsor at least 1 new member;
5. Work together to ensure your club has/maintains at least 20 members;
6. Pay your membership dues early; and
7. Inform your Area Director of an organization or community wanting to start a new club.

As the 2016-2017 Toastmasters year gets under way, I want to thank you for your support and encouragement as I undertake this new role. By working together, we will make District 13 the best that it can be!

All the best,

Jennifer Sell, DTM
Club Growth Director 2016-2017



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