



# Communications

## The Newsletter of District 115

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## Welcome to the New Year!

Welcome to the new Toastmasters' year. Toastmasters functions on a fiscal year basis that runs from July 1 through June 30. The New Year is a time for renewal, confronting new challenges, and for this year, returning to "normal."

The pandemic changed forever the way we look at the world and how we interact with each other. Who knew that, "unmute yourself" would become part of our local lexicon?

Although the pandemic lingers in the background, we've learned that there is nothing we can't overcome with ingenuity and determination. We learned how to "Zoom" and then we learned how to "hybrid." Now it's time to move on and focus on rebuilding the District and providing the very best service to our clubs and our members.

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## Meet the Trio

The top three District officers – the District Director, Program Quality Director, and the Club Growth Director - are collectively known as the "Trio." They are responsible for the administration, growth and well-being of the District. Of course, they have help from the other elected and appointed officers of the District and the fabulous people who are all part of the D115 family.

Our District Director is Distinguished Toastmaster,



Carol Campbell. Carol teaches mathematics at Palo Verde High School. She has been a math teacher for 25 years and a Toastmaster since 2007. She has served in numerous club and district

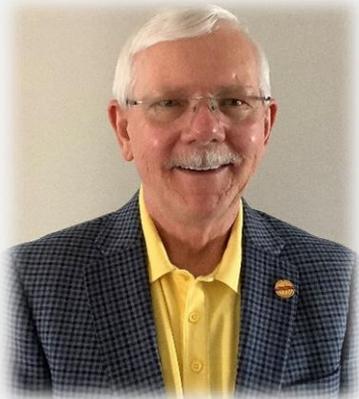
officer roles. She was the Club Growth Director in fiscal year 2019-2020 and the Program Quality Director in fiscal year 2020-2021. She is well prepared to lead our District in the New Year.

Jean Williams, DTM is the new Program Quality Director. Jean has been a Toastmaster since 2010. She recently retired from a government job and has set her sights on a peaceful retirement (eventually) in the mountains with lots of land and plenty of wild creatures for neighbors. In her previous role as Club Growth Director, Jean displayed tenacity and creativity.



She created, "Wake Up with Toastmasters", a five-day-per-week live show about Toastmasters, and Toastmasters Game Night, a monthly Zoom get together that's designed just for fun. It's not clear what she's planning in her new role but can you bet it will be infused with Jean's unique perspective.

The district's new Club Growth Director is ... me! DTM Ken Richardson. I hate to refer to myself in the third person, regardless of convention. I have been a Toastmaster since 2007. I have served in



numerous club officer roles and I'm a three-term Administration Manager, once for D33 and twice for D115. One of my major goals for the New Year is to enhance

communications within the District, hence the origin and title of this newsletter. It will be published monthly and will feature news of interest to our District. I encourage all D115 members to submit comments, articles, and photos for publication. Send them to me at [D115CGD@gmail.com](mailto:D115CGD@gmail.com).



D. George Lund, DTM, PDD



## Realignment

**D**istrict realignment is not a topic usually discussed around the dinner table. It is a bit esoteric (how's that for the word of the day?) but it is vitally important for the health of the District. It describes the annual reorganization of our clubs, areas, and divisions to create a reasonable balance between our diverse clubs. This year the realignment is very special. Effective July 1, 2021 we added to our district, Mesquite, NV Silver Tonged Toastmasters, the St. George, UT Tub Thumpers, and the Cedar City, UT Color County Communicators. The new areas moved from District 15 to D115 to facilitate the reorganization of the two districts based on size and geographic proximity. The new D115 is projected to grow to have approximately 917 members and 80 clubs.

Please join me in welcoming our new neighbors to the North. Special thanks to our realignment chair, D. George Lund, PDD, DTM.

District Executive Committee Meeting and District Officer Training, July 10, 9:00 am

*Educational Enrichment*, July 10, 6:00-8:00pm

6:00 - 7:00pm:

New member orientation – Ken Richardson  
Using Meetup to grow your club-Gene Dunford  
The Road to DTM - Jean Williams

7:00 - 8:00pm

Introduction to Pathways - TBA  
Pathways Questions & Answers - TBA  
HPLs and DTM projects - Jean Williams

July 12, 7:00 pm-TLI Makeup - all club officers

July 31, 6:00 pm - Game night

July 31, 7:00 am – Trio Training

August 7, 9:00 am – Trio Training

August 21, 9:00 am – Trio Training

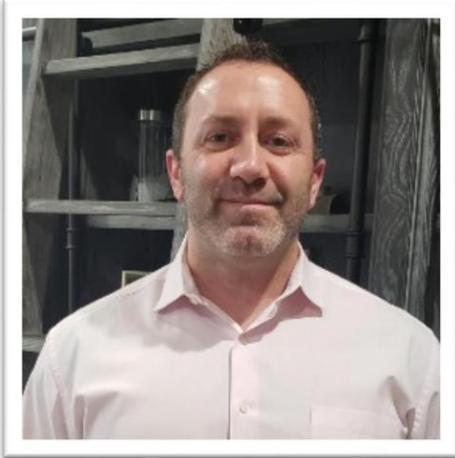
August 23 – August 28 – International Convention Online (visit [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org) for more information)

September 25, 2021 – District Executive Committee Meeting, District Officer Training, District Council Meeting



## Division Directors

**A**long with the aforementioned Trio, Division Directors were also elected at the May Convention. We are fortunate to have four outstanding Toastmasters to serve our four Divisions.



Division A Director, Rick Sparrow  
[Speaknsparrow@gmail.com](mailto:Speaknsparrow@gmail.com)

Division Directors lead and support the Division through the supervision and support of the Area Directors. A primary goal for Division Directors is to ensure that each club achieves its mission and fulfills its responsibilities to its members. To achieve this goal, Division Directors coordinate Division activities, set Division goals, and assist in the training of Area leaders and club officers.



Division B Director, Malik Williams  
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Division Directors provide motivation, guidance, and supervision to Area Directors to help them fulfill their roles and responsibilities. This includes contacting Area Directors at least monthly to discuss progress in the Distinguished Area Program, club visits, and the Distinguished Club Program.

The Division Directors participate in Division Director Training provided by the District. They report regularly to the District Director, Program Quality Director, and Club Growth Director on Division progress.

The Division Director plays a vital role in the success of the Areas and clubs within his/her Division. He/she is recognized as a district officer and must attend district-sponsored training and events.



Division C Director, Tanja Duff  
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### ***Division Council***

The Division Director serves as Division Council chair, holding at least two Division Council meetings each year.

At Division Council meetings, the Division discusses each Area's and each club's plan, goals and progress in their Distinguished programs, and the need for assistance.

The Division Director reviews club officer training plans and achievements at the Division Council meetings. The Division Director also discusses plans for Division speech contests at Division Council meetings.

## ***Distinguished Programs***

Division Directors are responsible for their Division achieving Distinguished Division recognition.

It is also the DD's job to assist Area Directors and clubs in achieving distinguished recognition.

## ***Speech Contests***

The Division Director coordinates Division speech contests and assists the Area Director with Area speech contests.



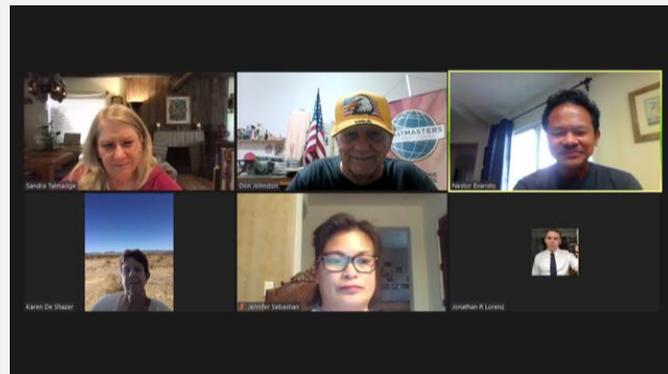
If you haven't met your Division Director, take a few minutes to send him/her a note of congratulations and support.

Division D Director,  
Maria Ortiz  
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club to be recognized as President's Distinguished. New member Carl Stewart recruited three new members.

\*Evangeline Johnston, DTM gave a presentation to a local non-profit community organization.

\*Dual member Nestor Evaristo is mentoring new member Jonathan. Jonathan is educating himself for future club leadership roles.



\*Member Eva Corbett gave a substantial contribution to the club to help with membership recruitment.

\*New member Bonny Toy helps with Facebook administration and club promotion via social media. All of our members and officers work hard to make our club a success. We are truly blessed to enjoy such a community and support each other.

## **Focus on Clubs**

### **Colorado River Toastmasters #932959**

By Karen De Shazer

**V**ice President -Membership Gunnar Fritz completely revamped our Facebook page and made it more contemporary and responsive to inquiries by prospective members. He promoted it to myriads of local community websites and interest groups.

\*Secretary/Treasurer Sandra Talmadge kept our meeting minutes and dues collections in balance. She ordered recognition awards for club members. We will present them in person if possible when we resume hybrid meetings this summer.

\*Member Karen De Shazer was named TM of the Year and Gunnar Fritz Sparkplug of the Year. Sandra did all this for our club while serving as Area C2 Director.

\*Don Johnston and Jennifer Sebastian serve as club coaches. Our membership increased to enable our

The Colorado River Toastmasters club meets every Tuesday at 6:45 pm. For more information, visit us at [crtoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org](http://crtoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org).



Evangeline Johnston, DTM

## Saturday Morning Live Toastmasters, #2470

By Jan Richardson

Saturday Morning Live Toastmasters has been active since 1988. The focus of our club meetings, in addition to the Toastmasters guiding principles, is to ensure that humor is injected into the club meetings. We celebrate our funny bones!

Membership in our club has been very diverse over the years, with members representing countries around the world, including Mexico, India, The Philippines, Russia, Vietnam, and Brazil to name a few. Like some other clubs in our city participating in the ZOOM world, we have welcomed guests from other countries, such as Australia. We currently have one member living in Georgia...we love that she has stayed with us after moving cross country!!! Because of this, when we can once again meet in person, we plan to go hybrid, running our meetings simultaneously on-line and in a conference room.

One of the great things about SML Toastmasters is our close-knit group. Our members support and encourage one another toward success, together negotiating the bumps and fears that people experience when challenged with public speaking. We have watched our members grow exponentially. In fact, our own Natalia Trodahl recently won the Area D3 International Speech contest. She went on to win the Division D contest as well.

With the 2021/22 year upon us, several of our members have stepped up to the plate to support not only our club, but also the district leadership. Maria Ortiz is moving from D3 Area Director into the position of Division D Director! Two of our members have also stepped up to support the District as D2 and D3 Area Directors. Jan Richardson will be the new D3 Area Director, and Jane Dow returns for a second term, this time as D2 Area Director. Way to go, SML Team!

### This year's SML Executive Team:

President – Steve Goldstein, DTM  
Vice President Education – Jane Dow  
Vice President Membership – open  
Vice President Public Relations – Jan Richardson  
Secretary – Eugene Zolnay  
Sergeant at Arms – Vernon McBride

Saturday Morning Live (SML) Toastmasters meets

the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10am, currently on ZOOM. Come be our guest! WE LOVE GUESTS and of course, new members! Contact Steve Goldstein at [SteveTMNV@gmail.com](mailto:SteveTMNV@gmail.com) for an invitation to our ZOOM meeting.

Follow us on social media: Instagram: #saturdaymorninglive\_tm or Facebook: Saturday Morning Live Toastmasters, Club #2470



## Brag About Your Club

Is your club special? Do you have a story to tell? Send your story to [d115cgd@gmail.com](mailto:d115cgd@gmail.com). Please include your meeting day and time, location, Zoom link, photos, and social media contact information.



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