



Racing Towards Excellence

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May 6, 2023 is a very important date for two reasons. First, it's the date of the D115 Annual Conference, and second, it's Derby Day! It will be the 148th running of the Kentucky Derby.

Many of you know that Jan and I were born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. We moved to Las Vegas in 1995. In Louisville and in many places



around the world, the Kentucky Derby is a very big deal.

The Derby is the longest, continuously running horse race in the world. Since 1875, the fabled race has been run at historic Churchill

Downs. Here's a few facts about the Derby.

The horses are all three-year-old Thoroughbreds. The course is 1 and ¼ miles, or 10 furlongs long. In case you are wondering, the standard linear measure in the Imperial system was the mile, which was divided into furlongs, chains, yards, feet and inches. The mile was based on a Roman measurement of 1,000 paces. The word 'furlong' comes from 'a furrow long', or the distance that could be ploughed by an ox without a rest.

The very first Derby was run with a crowd of 10,000 people, and 15 horses. Today, attendance exceeds

150,000 people. The total purse is \$3 million with \$1,860,000, a trophy, plus a blanket of red roses going to the winner. The Derby is known for excellence. It is the first leg of the famed Triple Crown of racing. The winner of the Derby each year becomes a part of history, and horse-racing lore.

Because the Derby is known far and wide for excellence, I have chosen the theme, *Racing Towards Excellence*, for this year's annual conference.

Although D115 is a very young District, it is filled with people committed to achieving excellence. In fact, we already have a number of Triple Crown winners this year.

A Toastmasters Triple Crown winner doesn't have to compete in a race. He or she just has to complete three or more educationals in a program year. A current list of this year's winners is shown on page 2. If you aren't on the list, don't despair! You still have time. To quote a well-known Toastmaster - It ain't June 30 yet!

If you'd like more information about the Kentucky Derby, visit www.kentuckyderby.com.

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DISTRICT TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS (So Far)

Adina M. Blazek, PM3	3	PM1 , PM2 , PM3
Alexandros Lazarou, SR5	3	SR3 , SR4 , SR5
Anthony S. Harrell, EH5	3	EH5 , PM2 , PM3
Dana L. Wall-Oakley, DTM	4	MS1 , EH4 , EH3 , VC4
Darrell Jensen, EH5	3	EH3 , EH4 , EH5
Edda R. Bevilacqua, DTM	7	DTM , EC1 , PM1 , PM2 , PM3 , PM4 , PM5
Karen De Shazer, DTM	3	EH3 , EH4 , EH5
Kim Walker, EH5	3	EH3 , EH4 , EH5
Kristin Harrell, DTM	3	LD4 , TC4 , LD5
Malcolm Grissom, EC4	7	EC4 , EH3 , PM3 , PM4 , PM5 , EC2 , EC3
Phyllis Wall, DTM	3	EH2 , EH3 , TC3
Ric Gould, EC4	5	DL5 , EC2 , EC3 , EC4 , LD3
Sandra Talmadge, DTM	4	DL5 , SR1 , SR2 , SR3
Susan Friesen, DTM	3	EH1 , EH2 , PM4
Tanja M. Duff, PM3	3	PM1 , PM2 , PM3

F E B R U A R Y

Wake Up With Toastmasters

Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM

[FaceBook.com/TMD115CGD](https://www.facebook.com/TMD115CGD)

Email anitadellacroce@gmail.com if you are interested in being a guest on the show.

Educational Enrichment Night

Saturday, February 11, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

6:00 PM

*New Member Orientation – Ken Richardson

*Mentoring Best Practices– Phyllis Tribby

*Pathways Help Desk - Dana Wall Oakley

7:00 PM

*Introduction to Pathways – Ken Richardson

*Pathways Help Desk – Dana Wall Oakley

*Closing the Membership Sale –Guy Dawson

Register via this link or the QR code:

<https://bit.ly/3AVQ42F>



Game Night

Saturday, January 28, 2023 6:00-8:00 PM.

Register via this link:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcocuuzotGNP2K_gPRj-T90QWZpbMO0sP](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcocuuzotGNP2K_gPRj-T90QWZpbMO0sP)

Contest Season

Contest season has begun, at least at the club level. Here's an updated list of upcoming Area contests. Please note the change in date and venue for Division D Areas.

Division A



District 115

Division A – Area Contests

February 25, 2023, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Palo Verde High School

333 S. Pavilion Center Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89144

Zoom: bit.ly/3huPeni



Division B



Areas B2 & B4
March 18, 2023
11:00 AM MT
Chamber of Commerce
136 N 100 E
Saint George, UT. 84770
bit.ly/3hDZ2LL




Areas B1 & B3
April 1, 2023, 9:00 AM PT
5725 W. Badura Ave. #100
Las Vegas, NV 89118
bit.ly/3PGhOij



Division C

Division C – All Areas

MARCH 4, 2023
Palo Verde High School
333 S. Pavilion Center Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89144
bit.ly/3PTUJsB





Division D



NEW DATE



NEW VENUE: Centennial Hills Library
6711 N. Buffalo, 89131
Zoom: bit.ly/3WBimbx




Educational Achievement January, 2023

Award	Date	Name	Club
<u>EH1</u>	01/26	Monica Valerio, EH1	Toastmasters In the Kitchen
<u>IP3</u>	01/25	Rush Wickes, IP3	Grand Central Toastmasters
<u>PM2</u>	01/24	Jodi Lynn, DTM	Windjammers
<u>SR3</u>	01/24	Sandra Talmadge, DTM	Colorado River Toastmasters
<u>IP1</u>	01/23	Joy Rattanatham, IP1	Storytellers Toastmasters
<u>PM1</u>	01/23	Barton Firch, PM1	Storytellers Toastmasters
<u>PM1</u>	01/23	Joy Rattanatham, IP1	Storytellers Toastmasters
<u>PI1</u>	01/18	James Thelin, PI1	Cedar City Toastmasters
<u>SR1</u>	01/18	Dan K. Maruyama, SR1	Cedar City Toastmasters
<u>DL1</u>	01/17	Paul Mangual, DTM	Chamber Voices
<u>MS1</u>	01/17	Dana L. Wall-Oakley, DTM	Holistic Toastmasters
<u>PM4</u>	01/10	67485533	Tub Thumpers
<u>EC5</u>	01/07	Karen Moirao, DTM	Henderson Toasters
<u>VC1</u>	01/07	Ivy Goldstein, VC1	Saturday Morning Live
<u>DL3</u>	01/06	Suzanne King, DL3	Chamber Voices
<u>DL2</u>	01/04	Suzanne King, DL3	Chamber Voices
<u>EH4</u>	01/02	Dana L. Wall-Oakley, DTM	Windjammers

Congratulations!



Club Officer Training

Every six months, the District offers Toastmasters-approved training for all club officers. Clubs receive Distinguished Club Program (DCP) points for having a minimum of four club officers trained during each of the two annual training periods – June through August, and November through February.



This year, D115 has offered three training opportunities. These included two online and one in-person session. To date, 38 of 49 clubs (77.55%) report having four or more officers trained. More clubs are expected to meet the minimum requirement by the end of February.

For officers unable to attend any of the D115 trainings, they can attend online training from other Districts. Here's a link to district websites around the world.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/district-websites>

Searching for a class that works for your schedule may be a bit tedious but it is well worth it. Not only will you contribute to your club's DCP you will be better prepared to serve in your elected role.

If you do attend training in another district, please be sure to have the PQD send a confirmation to krichardsonlvnv@gmail.com.

For more information on club officer training, including video tutorials, please visit the TI website using the following link.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/club-officer-tools/club-officer-roles>

Area & Division Directors

Stepping up to District Leadership typically begins at the Area or Division Director levels. Both are essential to the success of the District. The roles are summarized below.

Area Director

As Area Director, you serve as the direct liaison between the District and the clubs. Area Directors are appointed by the District Director. Area Directors conduct club visits twice a year within their respective areas to understand and support club needs. In turn, these visits help District leaders understand how to support and meet the needs of each club. The success of the District depends on ADs understanding and reporting the needs of the clubs we all serve. Area Directors are eligible for re-appointment for one succeeding term only. Although not required, it is recommended that Area Directors have experience as members of the District Council.

Division Director

As Division Director, your job is to lead and support the Division through the supervision and support of the Area Directors. One of your primary goals as Division Director is to ensure that each club achieves its mission and fulfills its responsibilities to its members. To achieve this, you coordinate Division activities, set Division goals, and assist in the training of Area and club leaders. To serve as Division Director, you must have served at least six consecutive months as a member of a District Council. The Division Director may be re-elected to one succeeding term.

If you are ready to become a District Leader, please complete the application found on our website, <https://d115tm.org/become-a-district-leader/>.



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