

JLP Toastmasters

President's Message

Welcome to October! What an exciting way to kick-off the fall season. We started with a fabulous Anniversary Celebration, have a fun Halloween Sip & Spook Costume Party set for the 20th, and will close October with a fantastic meeting on the 25th. On top of that, kudos must be given to Jill Kipnes, IP1, for her first membership drive's success. Not only did JLP Toastmasters earn the Smedley Award for signing up at least five new members in August and September, but we blew it out of the park by having the most new members of any other large club in Arizona! We also earned all the prizes the District offered for renewing our dues early, so stay tuned for more information about those prizes. In the meantime, through this month's newsletter, please join us in recognizing our fellow members' accomplishments, welcoming our new members, learning a Pathways' tip, celebrating our members' professional highlights, and staying informed with our Committee Updates. Boo!



September's Educational Award Earners

Congratulations to all our members who completed a manual or Pathways' level in September. Well done!



September's New Members

Five new members joined our club in September. Welcome to Toastmasters *Christine Faber, Kylene Flechsig, Alicia Jenkins, Leigh Jensen, and Courtney Roach*. We look forward to getting to know each of you on your Toastmasters' journey.

JLP Toastmasters Celebrated its Second Anniversary on Oct. 6.

October 2018 marked the second anniversary of our JLP Toastmasters club. Over the past two years, JLP Toastmasters has grown to 35+ committed members and reached outstanding levels of achievement. Many members were recognized at the Celebration for their contributions and achievements, including Immediate Past President, Jeanne Figueroa, CC, ALB, who was recognized for her excellent leadership of and positive impact on our club before, during, and following her Presidency.



Time to Celebrate!

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Education levels of our members

Competent Communicator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanne Figueroa • Jenice Hughes • Jenn Klocke • Ashley Law • Emily McCarthy • Nelly Penumean • Meghan Wilson 	Competent Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele Bichko • Katie Honecker-Stephens • Meghan Wilson
Advanced Communicator Bronze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele Bichko • Sara Mayer 	Advanced Leader Bronze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanne Figueroa • Sara Mayer
Pathways Level 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle Brown • Claudia Collins • Kristen Fox • Lauren Hubert • Jill Kipnes 	Pathways Level 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Brown

As of September 30, 2018

Pathways Tip

When beginning your next level, preview the entire curriculum before starting. Although you will want to follow the projects in order, sometimes one of your upcoming projects will be to take on a specific meeting role to develop certain leadership skills. For example, in Level 2, you will be asked to take on the role of Table Topics Master to develop your listening skills and practice providing immediate feedback to participants. If you know ahead of time that you will have to fulfill this role, you can go onto the website and sign up for that role for a future meeting. You can also contact [Jenn Klocke](#), CC, about your role assignment and ask if she would place you in the role before a meeting's agenda is posted, which are generally posted 30 days in advance. Performing a role is less prep work than preparing your next speech, so jump on the agenda and sign up for your upcoming role!

Member Highlights

Our members are taking their Toastmasters' training on the road. Check out some of their exciting speaking and leadership opportunities:

Ashley Law, CL, CC, recently starred as a guest host for the show *Why Arizona*. Her first episode featured Sweet Dee's bakery in Old Town Scottsdale, had no outtakes, and resulted in the film crew calling her a pro!

Shari Baird will be moderating two panels in Washington, DC on October 23, 2018, at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Food and Nutritional Conference and Expo. Shari also practices her leadership skills by chairing the Academy's Quality Management Committee.

Michele Bichko, CL, ACB, will be speaking in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 24, 2018, at the national conference for the American College of Lifestyle Medicine.

Are you speaking at a conference or giving a presentation in the next month? JLP Toastmasters would love to hear about it! Please send [Shelly Myers](#) a picture of you speaking/presenting and a brief description of the event and your topic.

Committee Updates

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee will be planning an open house in January or February 2019 as part of our next membership drive. The Committee is considering holding two open houses a year, with one in the fall for Provisionals and one in the spring for Sustainers. If you have questions regarding membership or would like to help with any of the open houses, please reach out to [Jill Kipnes](#), IP1, our VP of Membership.

PR Committee

The newsletter is changing to a monthly format to provide more timely updates. A Newsletter folder can be found on the home page of our club [website](#), where we will be uploading old and current issues of the newsletter to the folder for easy reference. We are looking for a Toastmaster to help update/maintain the club website. If you are interested, please email [Shelly Myers](#).

Social & Reception Committee (SRC)

Based on low turn-outs at our Sip & Speaks, SRC has proposed reverting to having Sip & Speaks every other month. As such, the November Sip & Speak has been canceled. Our next social event will be the October 20th Sip & Spook Halloween Costume Party, followed by the no-speech Holiday Party on December 8th. The next regular Sip & Speak will be on January 23rd if someone volunteers to host it.

The following are selected preliminary dates for future Sip & Speaks, but some dates need hostesses who will provide a free space (e.g., home, community room, etc.) that can accommodate 15-20 attendees. The SRC will help you throw the event and has a handy guide that answers many questions. Here are this year's dates (subject to change):

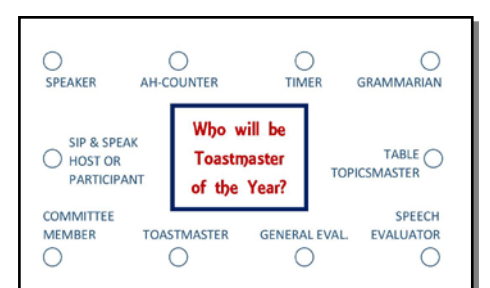
- October 20 - Saturday Evening Halloween "Sip & Spook" Party (Katie's House—Central Phoenix)
- December 8 - Saturday Evening Happy Holidays Party* (Jeanne's House – details to be announced)
- January 23 - Wednesday Evening (Hostess Needed)
- March 10 - Sunday Brunch (Hostess Needed)
- May 1 - Wednesday Evening (Hostess Needed)
- June 8 - Saturday Night End of Year Celebration*

* December & June Sip & Speaks will be replaced with celebrations (fun only/no speeches).

The next SRC meeting will be November 12th. If you would like to submit a question for SRC or if you would like to host a Sip & Speak, email [Cindy Brown](#), MS2. And, remember that guests are always welcome at Sip & Speaks.

Who will be Toastmaster of the Year?

Will it be you? Leadership Punch Cards will help us determine who will be this year's Toastmaster of the Year. Pick up a card at your next meeting. Have Jenn Klocke, CC, or another officer punch it after you complete a role. And, don't stop at just one punch per role, because you improve your skills each time you take on a role. Credit can be given for any role completed since July 1, 2018. Finally, submit your card(s) at (or before) our April 6, 2019 meeting to be in the running for our Club's "Toastmaster of the Year Award," which is presented at the Junior League of Phoenix's May GMM.



Agenda Rules Reminder

- Are you getting close to finishing your *Competent Leader Manual*, *Competent Communicator Manual*, or a *Pathways Level*? Once you only have one project or functionary role remaining to complete your manual or level, contact [Jenn Klocke](#), CC, before an agenda opens to find out if you can have priority for the needed role on that agenda.
- Does your next project include a speech that is longer than 10 minutes? Let [Jenn Klocke](#), CC, know before you sign up, so she can remove one of the speaker slots to keep our meeting timely.
- Ever wonder if there's a preferred speaking order? There is. The preferred order is to have members with less experience (e.g., ice breaker) speak before members with more experience, based on the number of speeches they have given in Toastmasters. Please keep this desired order in mind when you sign up. The Toastmaster-of-the-Day or an officer may rearrange the agenda's speaking order if speakers sign up out of order.

Name Badge

Contact [Shelly Myers](#) if you're interested in purchasing a magnetic Toastmasters' name badge.

Who are Your Club Officers?

Katie Honecker Stephens, CL – President
Jenn Klocke, CC – Vice President of Education
Jill Kipnes, IP1 – Vice President of Membership
Shelly Myers – Vice President of Public Relations
Danielle Brown, IP1 – Treasurer
Kim Ogletree – Secretary/Parliamentarian
Michele Bichko, ACB, CL – Sergeant-at-Arms
Jeanne Figueroa, ACB, ALB – Immediate Past President

The officers make up the Executive Committee and meet each month following the Saturday meeting. Members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 20, 2018 @ 6 p.m. – Sip & Spook Halloween Party!
Thursday, October 25, 2018 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting
Saturday, November 10, 2018 @ 9 a.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting + Officers Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 2018 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting
Saturday, December 1, 2018 @ 9 a.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting + Officers Meeting
Saturday, December 8, 2018 – Holiday Celebration – details forthcoming
Thursday, December 13, 2018 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting

Have a Question or Suggestion?

Email questions to JLPtoastmasters@gmail.com and it will be forwarded to the appropriate officer to answer.



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