

JLP Toastmasters

President's Message

In just two years we've created a Toastmasters' Club with an astounding 37 members that's also been recognized as a President's Distinguished Club, which means we satisfy Toastmasters International's highest standards while maintaining a fun atmosphere. Among all that fun, our Club officers have been busy developing strategies to make 2018-19 another year of highest distinction while bringing you increased opportunities for member training, committee involvement, social events, and recognition. I cannot express my thanks enough to our Club officers for their dedication to our members' growth, contributions to our Club Success Plan, and leadership of our new committees.



In this edition of JLP TM newsletter, we'll start by celebrating our members educational accomplishments and the four—yes,

four—members we gained in August. You'll also learn about prizes we can win if you renew your dues by September 17, our upcoming Second Anniversary Celebration, our new Leadership Punch Cards, our Mentor and Orientation Programs, New Agenda Rules, Committee Updates (including all Sip & Speak dates for the year), and how to order a name tag.

August's Educational Award Earners



August's New Members

August brought us the pleasure of adding three new members and a transfer from another Toastmasters' Club. Welcome to *Stephanie Meyer, Monique Joseph, Shari Baird* and *Nelly Perumean, CC*. We look forward to getting to know each of you.

Renew Your Dues by September 17 to Help Us Win Prizes!

Member dues must be renewed this month and the District is awarding prizes if we renew early!

- 1. Clubs that renew 85% of their club base membership by September 21 will win three prizes: (i) a \$50 Tl gift card, (ii) a Toastmasters prize pack for each member, and (iii) a chance to win a catered club social!
- 2. Members who renew by September 17 will receive a Toastmasters prize pack!
- 3. Clubs that have 100% of their membership base paid by September 30 will receive a Toastmasters insulated water bottle for each member.

Let's all renew before September 17 to win all of these three prizes! Renewing is quick and easy—just Venmo your payment (\$45 for International Dues + \$5 for Club Dues) to Danielle Brown, IP1 (@Danielle-Brown-131), or Katie Honecker Stephens, CL (@Kathryn-Stephens-3). Don't Venmo? Arrange to pay by credit card by emailing JLPtoastmasters@gmail.com.

Celebrate JLP Toastmasters' Second Anniversary on Oct. 6.

Two years ago, Ashley Law, CC, took an important step toward her dream of becoming a public speaker when she gathered an intrigued group of women together to charter a JLP Toastmasters Club. During our October 6 meeting we will celebrate the second anniversary of the Club's first meeting and those original members who made our Club possible. We will also conduct our annual initiation of members, present awards, and enjoy some morning treats and coffee. To accommodate the celebration, we will have only four speeches that day.

Who will be Toastmaster of the Year?

Will it be another JLP Provisional? These Leadership Punch Cards will help us determine this year's winner. 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 Celebration Meeting.

Mentor Program

Jenn Klocke, CC, our VPE, has assigned mentors to all new members and any other member who requested one. If you volunteered to be a mentor, but didn't get assigned a mentee, you will be assigned a mentee when one is available. If you would like a mentor or mentee, please contact <u>lenn</u>.

Orientation Programs

Are you new to Toastmasters or Pathways? Jill Kipnes and Jenn Klocke, CC, are designing an orientation program, where you can learn the secrets of being the Timer, Evaluator, Grammarian, etc., and obtain practical information about navigating the Pathways program online. Stay tuned for more information.

New Agenda Rules

- 1. Are you getting close to finishing your Competent Leader Manual, Competent Communicator Manual, or a Pathways Level? Once you have only one project or functionary role remaining to complete your manual or level, contact <u>Jenn Klocke</u> *before* an agenda opens to find out if you can receive priority for the needed role on that agenda.
- 2. Does your next project include a speech that is longer than 10 minutes? Let <u>Jenn Klocke</u> know before you sign up, so she can remove one of the speaker slots to keep our meeting timely.
- 3. 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.

Committee Updates

Education Committee

The Education Committee will be meeting in the near future to plan a Club speech contest for February 2019.

PR Committee

Follow JLPToastmasters on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>—and, add to the conversation.

Social & Reception Committee (SRC)

Jill Kipnes hosted our August Sip & Speak with a fun football theme and tailgate-style food. Thanks for your wonderful hospitality, Jill!

The SRC has selected preliminary dates for future Sip & Speaks, but they 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. Let <u>Cindy Brown</u>, MS2, know if you would like to host or have any questions. Here are this year's dates (subject to change):

- a. <u>September 23 Sunday Brunch</u> (Hostess Needed)
- b. October 20 Saturday Evening Halloween" Sip & Spook Party (Katie's House—Central Phoenix)
- c. November 4 Sunday Brunch (Hostess Needed)
- d. December 8 Saturday Evening (Holiday Party)*
- e. January 23 Wednesday Evening (Hostess Needed)
- f. February skip this month due to Rummage
- g. March 10 Sunday Brunch (Hostess Needed)
- h. April 10 Wednesday Evening (Hostess Needed)
- i. May 1 Wednesday Evening (Hostess Needed)
- j. June 8 Saturday Night (End of Year Celebration)*
- *December & June Sip & Speaks will be replaced with celebrations (fun only/no speeches).

If you're interested in practicing your leadership skills by joining a committee, please click <u>here</u> to sign up.

Pathways Tip

If you are working in one path and decide you want to switch to another path, you won't be charged an additional fee as long as you make the exchange within 30 days of the original purchase. The cost for printed materials will not be refunded when changing paths. If you have questions on Pathways, contact <u>Jenn Klocke</u>, VPE or <u>Cindy Brown</u>, our Pathways Champion, for more information.

Name Badges

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 – Vice President of Membership Shelly Myers – Vice President of Public Relations Danielle Brown, IP1 - Treasurer Kim Ogletree – Secretary/Parliamentarian Michele Bichko, CC, CL – Sergeant-at-Arms Jeanne Figueroa, CC, CL – Immediate Past President

The officers make up the Executive Committee and meet each month following the Saturday meeting.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting (RSVP) Sunday, September 23, 2018 @ 10 a.m. – Sip & Speak (Social) (RSVP) Saturday, October 6, 2018 @ 9 a.m. – JLP Toastmasters' 2nd Anniversary Celebration & Meeting (RSVP)

Thursday, October 18, 2018 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting (RSVP) Saturday, October 20, 2018 @ 6 p.m. – Sip & Spook Halloween Party! (RSVP)

Have a Question or Suggestion?

Email questions to <u>ILPtoastmasters@gmail.com</u> and it will be forwarded to the appropriate officer to answer.



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