

# JLP Toastmasters

## President's Message

Just as April's showers bring May flowers, our members' efforts also will bloom this spring. First, on Monday night, April 29, we will hold our first orientation program for potential, new, and existing members to bolster your Toastmasters experience. We'll then slide into May with elections on Saturday, May 11 to bring us a fresh executive team to lead us into 2020. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for reviewing and thoughtfully considering all the nominations you received to narrow down the large number of exceptional nominees for only seven electable positions. And, to our members, please remember that who becomes an officer is up to you! The Nominating Committee is comprised of three members, representing less than 10% of our entire membership. If you are still interested in running for an officer role, it's not too late. You can nominate yourself on Election Day and let the members decide. Finally, I hope you will all mark your calendars for our last Sip & Speak on May 1 as well as our End of the Year Celebration on Saturday, June 8, where you can take in the sunset with your fellow Toastmasters, friends, and significant others from the base of Camelback Mountain while enjoying food, drinks, and the multitude of awards we'll be giving out to our members—maybe even to you!



We hope you enjoy this month's JLP Toastmasters' newsletter.

## Talk Up Toastmasters Results!

Our Talk Up Toastmasters membership drive ran from February 1 to March 31<sup>st</sup>. This year the membership drive brought us five new and reinstated members! Welcome to JLP Toastmasters to our new and transfer members: *Jennifer Buehler, Neha Purohit, Samantha Tran, Katya Lancero* and welcome back to *Sabrina Showers*.



**Talk Up Toastmasters!**  
Membership Contest February 1 - March 31  
**Add 5+ Members**

## Get out the Vote!

### 2019-20 NOMINATION SLATE

President: Shelly Myers  
Vice President of Education: Jeanne Hobbs  
Vice President of Membership: Jill Kipnes  
Vice President of Public Relations: Cindy Brown  
Treasurer: Stephanie Meyer  
Secretary: Shari Baird  
Sergeant at Arms: Alicia Jenkins

We appreciate all members who submitted a nomination for themselves or another club member. Here is our slate of nominees for the 2019-20 club executive committee. Voting will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup>. At the election meeting, each position will be voted on separately. For each position, members will have the opportunity to stand up and suggest another nominee for the position. Each nominee will be allowed to give a short speech on qualifications for the position. An electronic voting option will be available.

RSVP on [Facebook](#).

## Our Member Orientation is Just Around the Corner!

Mark your calendars for the inaugural Toastmaster's Orientation on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The orientation will be held at JLP Headquarters. This is a great opportunity for new members or reinstated members to learn about all things Toastmasters, from Pathways to club etiquette to mentoring and everything in-between. Please take advantage of this time so you can optimize your Toastmaster's experience! RSVP on [Facebook](#).

## District 3 Spring Conference

Click here to register for the District 3 Spring Conference happening May 17 – 18, 2019, in Phoenix. The Keynote Speaker will be Pres Vasilev, 2013 World Champion of Public Speaking. Register [here!](#)



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**SPRING INTO ACTION!**  
**DRESS IN THEME ATTIRE FOR CLUB PRIDE POINTS!**



## Role of the Month – GENERAL EVALUATOR

Taking on this role improves critical thinking, organization, time management, motivational and team-building skills.

The General Evaluator evaluates everything that takes place during the club meeting. In addition, the General Evaluator conducts the evaluation portion of the meeting and is responsible for the evaluation team: the speech evaluators, Ah Counter, Grammarian and Timer. As General Evaluator, you:

- Identify and confirm meeting assignments with the Timer, Grammarian, and Ah-Counter.
- Contact your team several days before the meeting to ensure they each know their tasks and responsibilities.
- Recruit members to fill vacant roles on your team before or at the meeting.
- Explain the purpose and benefits of evaluations to the group.
- Confirm the club meeting program and/or checklist with the Toastmaster.
- During the meeting, take notes and report on all club proceedings to evaluate things such as timeliness, enthusiasm, preparation, organization, performance of duties, etc., and make any suggestions for improvement.

## Table Topics Tip

Go with the first little idea that comes into your head. Sooner or later, a little idea will pop into your head. Even if it's just a little idea, start talking about it. Don't reject it in the hope that a bigger idea will come along: The little idea must be expressed first. If you reject it, it will sulk and block the bigger idea from ever getting through.

(Source: <https://www.toastmasters.org/magazine/magazine-issues/2017/july2017/tabletopics>)

## Upcoming Sip & Speaks

We love our Sip & Speaks! It's hard to get full conversations in before or after our normal meetings, so Sip & Speaks were our answer. They serve two purposes: they create (1) more speaking spots for our members to practice their skills and (2) a more casual, social opportunity for us to really get to know each other. The following are the dates for our upcoming Sip & Speaks (subject to change):

- May 1 - Wednesday Evening (Nelly Perumean will be our hostess – details to be announced)
- June 8 - Saturday Evening End of Year Celebration (a party at the base of Camelback Mountain with food, drinks, and numerous awards).

Let's keep planning more Sip & Speaks to take us through the summer and into fall. The main requirement to host is that you can provide (or borrow) a free space (*e.g.*, home, community room, etc.) that can accommodate 15-20 attendees. The Social and Reception Committee (SRC) will help you throw the event and has a handy guide that answers many questions. If you have a question for SRC or would like to host a Sip & Speak, email [Cindy Brown](#), MS3. Remember, guests are always welcome at Sip & Speaks.

## Agenda Rules Reminder

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 [Katie Honecker Stephens](#), CL, *before* an agenda opens to find out if you can have priority for the needed role on that agenda.
2. *Does your next project include a speech that is longer than 10 minutes?* Let [Katie Honecker Stephens](#), CL, 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.

## Who are Your Club Officers?

Katie Honecker Stephens, CL – President  
Vacant (contact club president) – Vice President of Education  
Jill Kipnes, IP2 – Vice President of Membership  
Shelly Myers – Vice President of Public Relations  
Danielle Brown, IP1 – Treasurer  
Kim Ogletree – Secretary/Parliamentarian  
Michele Bichko, ACB, ALB – Sergeant-at-Arms  
Jeanne Figueroa, IP2, 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

Thursday, April 18, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting  
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 @ 6 p.m. – Sip & Speak  
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 @ 6 p.m. – Junior League of Phoenix May Celebration (Member of the Year Announced)  
Saturday, May 11, 2019 @ 9 a.m. – Club Officer Election  
Thursday, May 23, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting  
Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 9 a.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting  
Saturday, June 8, 2019 @ 7 p.m. – End of the Year Celebration (a party with food, drinks, and numerous awards)  
Thursday, June 20, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting

## Have a Question or Suggestion?

Email questions to [JLPtoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:JLPtoastmasters@gmail.com) and it will be forwarded to the appropriate officer to answer.



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