

JLP Toastmasters

President's Message

We did it! Another successful JLP Toastmasters' year is in the books. Thank you for letting me share this past year with you as president, during which, I've been honored to watch our club continue to grow. During the 2018-19 year, we began working with committees; instituted the Leadership Punchcard program; continued our fun Sip & Speak events; added Halloween, Holiday, and End-of-the-Year Celebrations; maintained more than 30 members; won the first two membership drive contests (we are still in the third); held our first Member Training Session; earned more than 25 education awards; and had four of our members qualify for the Triple Crown Award by earning three or more educational awards since July 1. As a result, JLP TMs is the club to watch in Arizona.



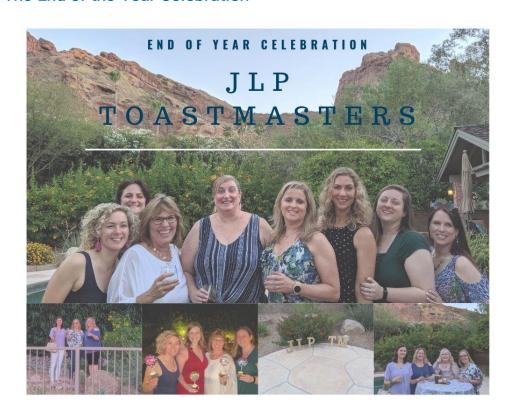
As our End-of-the-Year Celebration demonstrated, the spirit of JLP Toastmasters is more than "just" a public speaking club. We are women who endeavor to educate, empower, and elevate ourselves, our fellow members, and ultimately our friendships. Under the leadership of the new Board and with your help, I am certain that we will further foster these talents over this next year. Please join us for the July 6 meeting for the Induction Ceremony.

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

May's New Member

It is a pleasure to welcome a new member to our Toastmasters' Club. Welcome Karin Gerlach to JLP Toastmasters!

The End of the Year Celebration



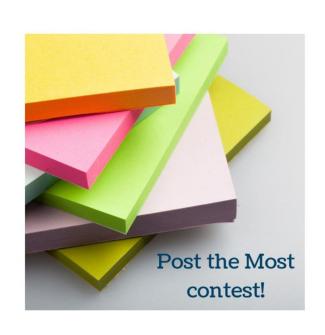
There was much to celebrate on Saturday! Another year achieving the President's Distinguished Club, Smedley and Talk Up Toastmasters awards! A beautiful evening in a beautiful location celebrating our June birthdays, our members and an exciting year of accomplishments.

The Why I am a JLP TM membership drive campaign going strong!

Until June 30th, we're asking all members to "Share" their own "Why I am a JLP TM" post on their personal social media page(s) for a chance to win prizes—and bragging rights!

Your Membership Drive Committee will track of how many posts each member has "Shared" on FB and/or Instagram. Prizes will be awarded to the JLP Toastmaster member who posts the most and/or has the most new members join our Club by June 30, 2019.

Look for "Why I am a JLP TM" posts on <u>JLP Toastmasters AZ!</u>



Member Highlights



Proud to share the accomplishments of our member, Alicia Jenkins. She was recently published in the June/July 2019 issue of Workspan Magazine. Her article is titled "Putting Your Mouth Where Your Money Is." Looking forward to hearing more, Alicia!

Role of the Month - TOASTMASTER

Taking on this role improves organization, time management and public speaking skills.

The Toastmasters is the meeting's director and host. A member typically will not be assigned to this role until they are thoroughly familiar with the club and its procedures. As Toastmaster, you will:

- acquire a meeting agenda from your vice president of education.
 - Work with the general evaluator to ensure all club participants know their roles and responsibilities.
 - Introduce speakers during the club meeting, including their speech topic, project title, objectives, delivery time, etc. during your introduction.
 - o Ensure smooth transitions between speakers during the club meeting.

Table Topics Tip

Remember the rule of three. You can put some structure into your speech by breaking it down into three main points that justify your opinion or reinforce it. (For example, "My best holiday ever was in Tibet, and there are three reasons why.") You don't need them all before you start: Instead, you can think of the first point while answering the question, then think of the second point while talking about the first, and so on, it's surprising how often this works. (Source: https://www.toastmasters.org/magazine/magazine-issues/2017/july2017/tabletopics)

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. Let's keep planning more Sip & Speaks! 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 Alicia Jenkins, EC1, or Jenice Hughes, CC. 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 Jeanne Hobbs, IP3, ALB, 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 Jeanne Hobbs, IP3, ALB, 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

Jeanne Hobbs, IP3, ALB – Vice President of Education (appointed early to fill vacancy)

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 Hobbs, IP3, 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, June 20, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting

Saturday, July 6, 2019 @ 9 a.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting & Officer Induction Ceremony

Thursday, July 25, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting

Have a Question or Suggestion?

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

