

JLP Toastmasters

President's Message

"It is a curious thing, Harry, but perhaps those who are best suited to power are those who have never sought it. Those who, like you, have leadership thrust upon them, and take up the mantle because they must, and find to their own surprise that they wear it well."

—J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows



This is one of my favorite quotes and is quite fitting as we enter March, when you are provided the opportunity to nominate someone and be nominated to carry our Club's mantle into 2020. The "power" you'll gain is the power to change lives, because Toastmasters changes lives—both your life and the lives of other women. While I'm confident that each of you is qualified to serve on our Club's Executive Board, Toastmasters will also train you, so you can fulfill your duties for our Club and share those skills outside the Club. There's still time for you to nominate yourself or another member for any officer position, but nominations close on April 6, 2019, so act fast.

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



February's Educational Awards

Congratulations to Michele Bichko and Christine Faber for completing a manual or Pathways' level in February. Well done!

Talk Up Toastmasters!

The Talk Up Toastmasters membership drive runs from February 1 through March 31 and is a great time to introduce your friends to JLP Toastmasters. Invite them to a meeting or a Sip & Speak! Share your magazine! And, remember to invite them to our Thursday, March 21 meeting.



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

Officer Elections Are Here!

Welcome to Election Season! An important part of Toastmasters' training is learning about leadership. Our club needs leaders who can move it forward and work with and motivate others.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club Executive Committee

- ▶ Club President
- ▶ Vice President Education (VPE)
- ▶ Vice President Membership (VPM)
- ▶ Vice President Public Relations (VPPR)
- ▶ Secretary
- ▶ Treasurer
- ▶ Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA)
- ▶ Immediate Past Club President

If you are interested in serving as an officer on the Executive Committee, click [here](#) to submit your nomination. Would you like to nominate another club member for a leadership position? Click [here](#) to submit a nomination.

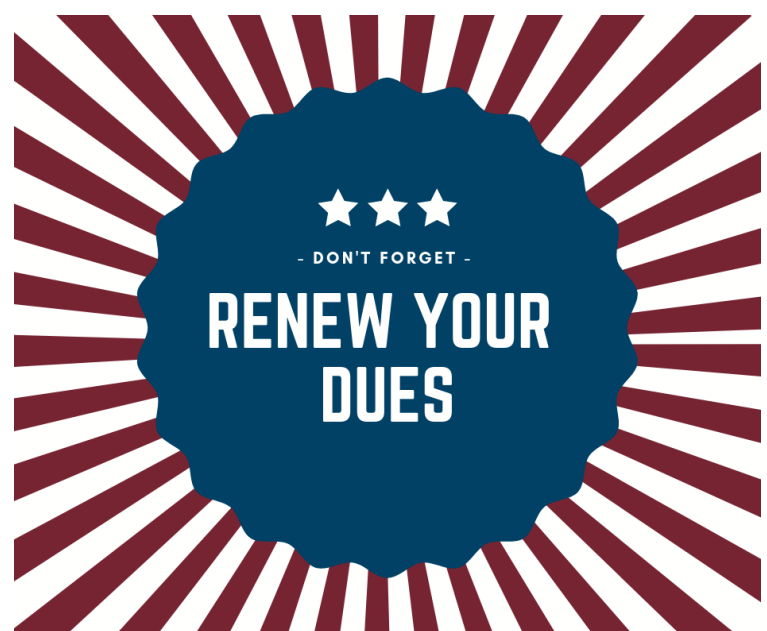
Click [here](#) for additional information on the roles of the club officers. And, continue to watch [Facebook](#) for updates from your nominating committee. Nominations will be accepted until April 6th.

Dues Reminder

Our members' timely repayment of their dues is one of the requirements for maintaining our Presidents Distinguished Award. Please remember that you only have a until the end of March to timely renew your dues. How do you pay? You can contact a JLP Toastmasters Officer to process your payment, bring your dues to the March 21st meeting, or submit your dues via Venmo.

Venmo? You can send your payment to Danielle Brown, Katie Honecker Stephens, or Shelly Myers.

@Danielle-Brown-131
@Kathryn-Stephens-3
@Shelly-Myers-6



Role of the Month – AH COUNTER

Taking on this role improves observational and listening skills

The purpose of the Ah-Counter is to note any overused words or filler sounds used as a crutch by anyone who speaks during the meeting. Words may be inappropriate interjections, such as *and*, *well*, *but*, *so* and *you know*. Sounds may be *ah*, *um* or *err*. As Ah-Counter you:

- When introduced during the club meeting, you will explain the role of the Ah-Counter.
- In the Ah-Counter's log, record overlong pauses, overused words and filler sounds relied upon too often by all speakers, such as *and*, *but*, *so*, *you know*, *ah*, and *um*.
- During the meeting's evaluation portion, you will report your observations when called upon.

Table Topics Tip

If you can, just stop panicking about Table Topics. Remember, everyone in the audience has been in your position, has probably dried up at some point and is wanting you to do well, so you don't need to worry about their reaction.

(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 (*fun only/no speeches*).

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 [Jenn Klocke](#), CC, *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 [Jenn Klocke](#), CC, 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
Jenn Klocke, CC – 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, March 21, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting
Saturday, March 30, 2019 @ 10 a.m. – Tentative date for Member Orientation Program
Sunday, March 31, 2019 @ 11:59 p.m. – Talk Up Toastmasters' Membership Drive Closes and Dues Renewal Deadline
Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ 9 a.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 @ 6 p.m. – Sip & Speak
Saturday, May 11, 2019 @ 9 a.m. – Club Officer Election

Have a Question or Suggestion?

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

