

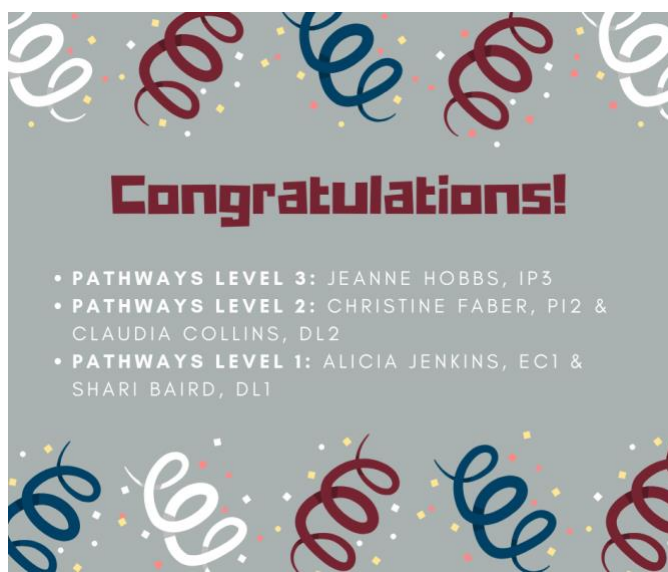
# JLP Toastmasters

## President's Message

As we approach the end of our 2018-19 Toastmasters' Year, I hope you'll agree that we have much to celebrate (but I'll get into more of that next month). I hope you'll also agree that an evening that begins with sunset, ends under the stars, and is filled with delicious food, drinks, awards, and fun conversations is a perfect way to celebrate our Club and members. But we need you to join us. All you need to do is register via Cindy Brown and bring your favorite beverage if it's not already being provided (see below). We'll take care of the rest. In the meantime, join me in congratulating your newly elected Executive Committee. Each of the ladies you've selected has proven herself as a leader and I'm confident that our young Club will be even stronger next year.



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



## April's Educational Awards

Congratulations to Jeanne Hobbs, IP3, ALB, Christine Faber, PI2, Claudia Collins, DL2, Alicia Jenkins, ED1 and Shari Baird, DL1, for completing a Pathways level in April. Well done!

## April's New Member

April brought us the pleasure of adding a new member to our Toastmasters' Club. Welcome to *Melissa Watson*. Welcome to JLP Toastmasters!

## Announcing our 2019-20 Executive Committee

**2019-20  
JLP TOASTMASTERS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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  
 Immediate Past President: Katie Honecker Stephens



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Thank you to everyone who attended our May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting! The club reached its quorum and the nominating committee closed voting at the end of the meeting.

## The End of the Year Celebration

It's time to celebrate each other! Join us for an evening of unique awards, casual conversation, delicious food and drinks. Significant others and friends are always welcome!

This a BYOB event. Iced tea and water will be provided.

### Advanced Registration Required

Cost: \$17 per person to register for this special event. If you opt to round up your payment to \$20, the additional \$3 you donate will be allocated to a "slush fund" and used for Club incentives and snacks at our meetings. Please Venmo your fee to @Cindy-Brown-100 with the subject "TM June Party" or mail your check to Cindy Brown, 4602 E. Morning Vista Ln, Cave Creek, AZ 85331.

You may also pay with cash before or immediately after our May 23 or June 1 Toastmasters' Meetings.

R.S.V.P. and payment due by June 1, 2019 at Noon.

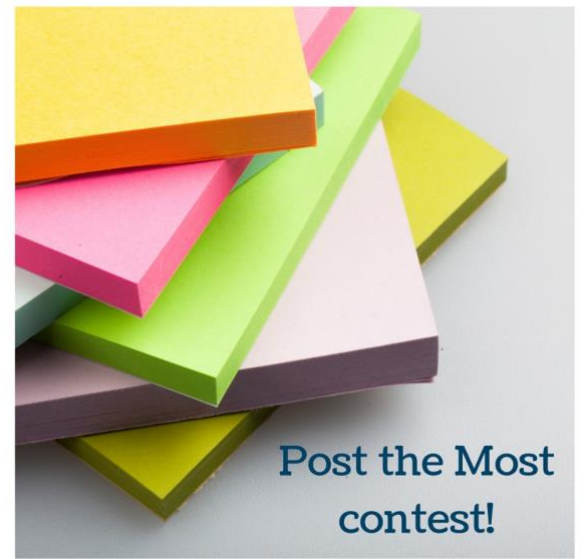


## Announcing our new membership drive contest – Post the Most!

Between May 20th and June 29th, we'll be 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 beginning on May 20th, promoting the May 23rd meeting.



## Member Highlights

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, three of our JLP Toastmasters served as emcee, moderator and panelist at the first JLP Wellness Summit. Ashley Law, CC, served as emcee for the all-day event, Katie Honecker Stephens, CL, moderated a break out session where Michele Bichko, ACB, ALB, served as a panelist on Lifestyle Changes: Mind, Body, Nutrition.



## Role of the Month – TIMER

Taking on this role improves time management skills.

One of the skills Toastmasters practice is expressing a thought within a specific time. The timer is responsible for monitoring the time for each meeting segment and each speaker. As Timer, you will:

- acquire the timing/signaling equipment from the sergeant at arms and know how to operate it;
- explain the timing rules and demonstrate the signal device if called upon to do so;
- throughout the meeting, listen carefully to each participant and signal them accordingly;
- when called to report, announce the speakers' names and the time taken; and
- after the meeting, return the timing/signaling equipment to the sergeant at arms.

## Table Topics Tip

Unless you're a beginner, try not to give a long introduction. Instead, after you state your name, jump in—answer the question or express an opinion, and do so at the start. This is easier for closed questions (*e.g.*, "What was your favorite holiday?"), but you can also do it for open questions (*e.g.*, "Talk about holidays."). So long as you can seize your little idea and turn it into something concrete. (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 [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 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, May 23, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting

Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 9 a.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting

Saturday, June 8, 2019 – End of the Year Celebration (details on [Facebook](#))

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

Saturday, July 6, 2019 @ 9 a.m. – JLP Toastmasters' Meeting

Thursday, July 25, 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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