

MONTHLY **NEWS FLASH**

October 2023

Toastmasters District 123



Table Topics Contests

Areas run contests **Oct 16-Nov 15**

Divisions run contests **Nov 16-Dec 17**

District finals for table topics at the District Spring Conference **May 4, 2024**

Contest resources can be found [HERE>>>](#)

Open Houses Run Sep 1-Oct 31

Hold an open house to showcase Toastmasters, get club involvement, and increase membership.

Need a Speaker or Want to be a Speaker?

The [District 123 Speakers Bureau](#) can connect you with dynamic Toastmaster Speakers to enhance your next OPEN HOUSE event.



Toastmasters in Your Community

District 123 Director Leslie Benfield, PQD Mark Blackmore, CGD Heather Drakes, along with Lisa des Vignes and Vikas Ramrakha attended the Navratri Garba event in Ajax and Courtice to promote Toastmasters to the South Asian community in the Durham Region.

Send us your pictures promoting Toastmasters to prm@toastmasters123.org



Should my Club run a Speechcraft?

Toastmasters International offers clubs the option to run a Speechcraft program that provides a short 6- 8 week introduction to Toastmasters. This is a great tool for Non-toastmasters to learn communication skills and is a great tool for recruiting new members. For more information contact cgd@toastmasters123.org
Find out more about Speechcraft [HERE>>>](#)

Pathways Primer

November 6th | 12 pm - 1 pm

Pathways Workshop:

New to Toastmasters and Pathways? D123 Pathways Champion Tony Nelson will guide you through the basics of Pathways. By the end of the session, you'll be on your way in the Toastmasters education system!

Register for this event [HERE>>>](#)



Base Camp Manager

October 18 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Pathways Base Camp Manager:

Are you a Pathways Base Camp Manager? In this session, D123 Pathways Champion Tony Nelson will guide you through as a Base Camp Manager! Register for this event [HERE>>>](#)

Find more Pathways resources [HERE>>>](#)



Free, Free and Free. Create and advertise your club meeting on [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) using the D123 account

Contact:

clubpromotions@toastmasters123.org

[Learn More>>](#)



JUDGES TRAINING

District 123 will be hosting a Judges Workshop to train qualified Toastmasters on how to judge a speech.

FRI OCTOBER 20TH
7:00 PM– 8:30 PM

Facilitator: Mary Szatcker DTM
Co- Facilitator: Ken Weinberg DTM
Email us for more details
pqd@toastmasters123.org



Club Growth



Does your Club need a Club Coach?

If your club has 12 or less members, you may qualify for a Club Coach. This program assist in rebuilding your club membership and restoring club quality. Find out more information [HERE>>>](#)

How to Become a Club Coach?

Are you an experienced Toastmaster looking to give back to the Toastmasters community, or considering completing your DTM? Find a Form to fill out [HERE>>>](#)

WANTED:

Members looking to become new club mentors, club coaches, club advisors, demo/kickoff team members. Find out more information [HERE>>>](#)

Check out the D123 website for ongoing and upcoming **Club Growth Incentives**

District Conference, tickets coming soon!

Save the date!!

May 3-4, 2024

For more information email
Program Quality Director
Mark Blackmore
PQD@toastmasters123.org

The Table Topics and International Speech Contests finals will be in person at the conference.

The Annual Business Meeting and elections will be at the conference.



Mystery Conference Venue

Celebrating Club Anniversaries

Club Name	City	Area	Years	Charter Date
Chez Nous	Brampton	B 21	9	2014-10-10
Brampton North	Brampton	B 22	3	2020-10-28
City of Brampton	Brampton	B 22	13	2010-10-07
Excellence & Beyond	Scarborough	D 73	6	2017-10-25
Pickering Powerhouse	Pickering	D 74	28	1995-10-01
Toastmasters Whitby Pros	Whitby	E 81	4	2019-10-01
Lindsay & District	Lindsay	E 84	*40*	1983-10-01
Spotlight Speakers	Oshawa	E 84	*15*	2008-10-23
CM	Toronto	G 51	7	2016-10-28
OPS North Bay	North Bay	N 12	11	2012-10-01

Celebrating a club anniversary? Want to write a story for the next newsletter or recognize a club member **Contact us at prm@toastmasters123.org**

District Recognition and New Appointments

District 123 will be adding more Of the Year awards to include Club of the Year & other awards | Zack Dawood DTM has been appointed as the Recognition Chair.

Newly appointed: Ray Lim as Alignment Chair | Lan Gu as Audit Chair | DLC Chair - Jacklyn Payne DTM | David Bethune as Logistics Manager

A big welcome to the D123 family: S + A TM | Div C | Area 62 chartered Jul 19th & CAIP TM | Div A | Area 44 chartered Sep 29th



Our Blog

District, Division, Area and club news, tips, recognition & more.

Post **YOUR** blog [HERE>>>](#)

For past newsletters you can find them [HERE>>>](#)

**How to Have
An Open House
to Remember?**

[Tips And Tricks](#)

Clubs arrange Open Houses to attract new members & showcase their clubs.

**Who has low membership? We ALL do!
Here are some tips that will help you setup an Open House. Check out our [BLOG](#) page.
by Michelle Rich DTM, PDG**

Triple Crown Winners

Recipient	Division	Club
Wayne Tuttle	B	Raising Champions Advanced Toastmasters
Beverley Grant	D	Excellence & Beyond
Chantel Maccuish	E	Embassy Toastmasters
Christophe Begue	G	Downsview Toastmasters Club
Heather Drakes	E	Embassy Toastmasters
Hermine Jordine	D	Excellence & Beyond
Jacklyn Payne	B	Brampton Toastmasters
Jitesh Parikh	E	Toastmasters Whitby Pros
Joshua Glover	E	Bowmanville Toastmasters Club
Margaret Pearson	N	Seasoned Speakers Advanced Toastmasters Club
Mark Blackmore	E	Embassy Toastmasters
Maurice Warburton	B	Brampton Talks Toastmasters
Michelle Rich	E	Bowmanville Toastmasters Club
Roma Bhati	B	Brampton Be Your Best Toastmasters
Sharon Cardie	E	Toastmasters Whitby Pros
Tina Hall	N	Barrie's Small Business Club

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District key dates!!!**

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**D123 PODCAST
Coming Soon**



Call for Nominations for District 123 Leadership positions for 2024-2025 is open!

[Learn More>>](#)

Email: DLC@toastmasters123.org



PRM Team

Promoting and Supporting Clubs

Public Relations

Establishing and maintaining lines of communication between the District and it's clubs, as well as between the District and the public working to increase awareness of Toastmasters through local news media and social media.

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