

MONTHLY ***NEWS FLASH***

September 2023

Toastmasters District 123



Our Leaders at the Convention

The 2023 annual Toastmasters International Convention in Nassau Bahamas was a great success for District 123. For the District Leaders that attended, it was one week of training, inspiration and friendship. Personally it was an amazing opportunity to re-energize in the amazing toastmasters program. The highlight for me was seeing Mary Pomeroy-Brown compete in the semifinals. I am already Looking forward to the next convention in California. That will be amazing as we celebrate 100 years of Toastmasters.

By Leslie Benfield, District Director 123

[Read more on the blog,](#)



Our District leaders and Region Six Adviser Wendy Williams pose for a photo on the 1st Day of Training at the Convention

Membership Contest

Can your club add five new, dual, or reinstated members before September 30? Accomplish this goal and you'll qualify to receive a Smedley Award ribbon.

Is your club planning an Open House event? If so you should consider adding it to the Events page on the [District website](#). Learn more about Membership Building [HERE>>>](#)



New Leader Appointments!

District 123 welcomes Area D74 Director, Kesha Christie, of Ajax Outspoken TM, on left, into the District Leaders family. Also joining the Leadership is Area N12, Lorraine Durnford-Hill of Barrie TM club.

Also new on the Leadership team are Ray Lim, alignment Chair and Credentials Chair Michelle Rich, PDG.

If you would like to join the District Leadership team email DD@Toastmasters123.org





MARY POMEROY-BROWN

Representing D123 at the Toastmasters International Convention Nassau, Bahamas

District 123 BLOG

Laila's TI Hybrid Convention Experience in the Bahamas

Hello my Fellow Toastmasters, District Leaders, Friends & Guests.

It was a thrill to be able to attend this year's Toastmasters International, Convention ONLINE over the 4 days of the Convention from Aug 16-19, 2023. I missed meeting others in person this year, but the online experience was also extremely rewarding.

We could meet other Toastmasters online from around the world and connect with each other.

[Read more about Laila's experience on our blog page](#)

Table Topics Contests

Table Topics Contest Club Dates

Table Topics is an impromptu speech | all contestants are assigned the same topic | told to them when they are introduced by the contest chair.

Clubs run contests Sept 15-Oct 15. Areas will conduct their Area Contests after Oct 15th. Contests are a great way to invite guests from other clubs to help out.

Resources for the Club contests and contest rule book can be found [HERE>>>](#)



Our Website

Check out our NEW and improved D123 Website experience! From upcoming events on our calendar to great tips and tricks and resources on our [BLOG page](#):

Pathways Resources

Find helpful resources to navigate our education program

Our Blog

Our Blog page has some great info like how to...

[Promote your Event on the Website Blog](#):

[Club Status Blog](#):

[Meetup - Tips & Tricks](#):

Calendar of Events

The District is continually updating it's calendar with upcoming events, workshops and training. See what we have instore for September [HERE>>>](#)

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MOMENTS OF TRUTH WORKSHOP

Learn Effective Strategies to Conduct Moments of Truth

Moments Of Truth

What is Moments of Truth? Clubs to run MOT workshops this month. Part of The Successful Club Series, Moments of Truth outlines how to create a positive first impression of your club, and recognize and deal with situations critical to club success in English. Find out more about MOT and resources [HERE>>>](#)

On Sep 23, 2023 01:00 PM David Gadallah will be presenting a Moments Of Truth Workshop. Learn Effective Strategies to Conduct Moments Of Truth

Register in advance <https://bit.ly/3suaFKr>

Tips And Tricks

How to Have An Open House to Remember?

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

Who has low membership? We ALL do! It's a common October and April lament!

Here are some tips that will help you setup an Open House to remember. Check out our [BLOG page](#) with great tips on having an Open House to Remember by Michelle Rich DTM, PDG

Celebrating our Members



Since
1924



CONGRATULATIONS MARY POMEROY-BROWN

District 123 Congratulates our 2023 International Speech Champion for her exceptional performance at the Toastmasters International Convention in Nassau Bahamas.

[LEARN MORE](#)  District 123  <https://toastmasters123.org/>

SUBMIT DUES ONLINE

Club officers can submit payments using Club Central

September is renewal of club dues

Club Dues deadline Sept 30th | Minimum 8 members to be in good standing for upcoming contest qualifying.

Is your Club using Self Pay?

Did you know that Toastmasters clubs can allow members to submit their Club Dues using Self-Pay. For more information on Renewals contact Club Growth Director Heather Drakes via email CGD@Toastmasters.org



PRM Team

Promoting and Supporting
Clubs

Public Relations

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

As the Public Relations Manager, I am responsible for coordinating publicity efforts in the District. By establishing and maintaining lines of communication between the District and its members, as well as between the District and the public, I work to increase awareness of Toastmasters through all available media.

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Tell Us

Celebrating a club anniversary? Want to write a story for the next newsletter or recognize a club member that has accomplished something extra ordinary. Do you have any feedback on the newsletter? Let us know what you think!

Contact us at prm@toastmasters123.org

