



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

District 60 Division E News And Events

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What's Coming Up?

Things you need to know!

International Conference

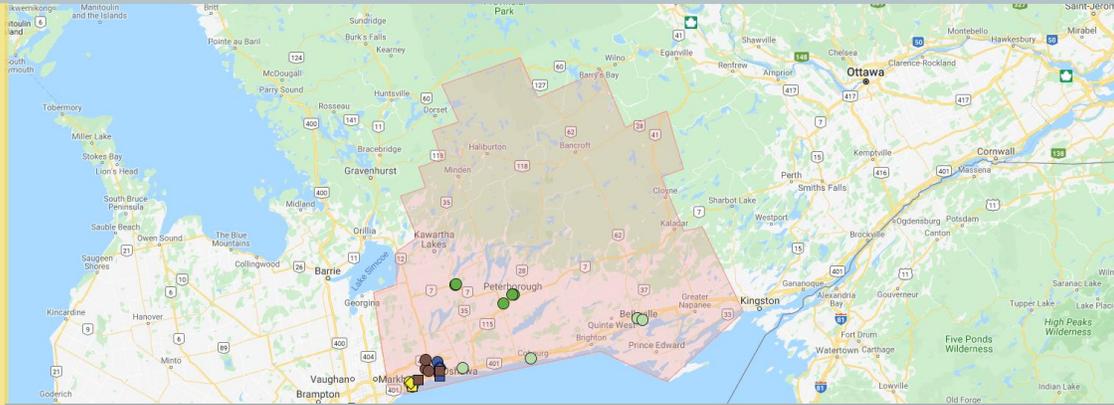
in-person conference [has been cancelled](#), watch for online details to come.

Check out more local events at the [District 60 Events Calendar](#)

Have you checked out the [District 60 podcast](#)?



Do you know a regular every-day District 60 Toastmaster who has a great story and who might be a terrific guest for a podcast episode? Please send names along with a short blurb about their story to podcast@toastmasters60.com.



Division E Director's Message



Welcome to our third newsletter! It's been a busy few months full of unexpected challenges. On the plus side, as our District Director Dawn Frail has said, there are many who can now add "managing change" and "leading in difficult situations" to their resumes. Spring is traditionally a time for new growth and new opportunities, and I know I'm looking forward to these in the coming Toastmaster year as one of two Program Quality Directors recently elected for District 60. Jennifer Magee, who's currently the Area 45 Director, will also be taking on new opportunities as your Division E Director for the coming Toastmaster year. I know the Division will thrive under Jennifer's enthusiastic leadership!



And now, I ask you: what's your new growth opportunity this spring? I encourage you to step out of your own comfort zone – that's where transformation occurs. Read on, as information on leadership opportunities abounds in Division E and in District 60.

Division Growth

Division E is growing again! Welcome to our newest club: DC Success Masters, a staff club at Durham College's Simcoe Street North location. The club has already embraced online meetings with gusto, and the recently chartered Whitby Toastmaster Pros and Ontario TechU Toastmasters are also thriving through online meetings.

Do you know a company or area which would benefit from a Toastmasters club? Submit leads to the link to the right, or contact Kris directly with any questions!

Submit Club Leads Here:

[New Club Leads](#)

Online Meeting update

Is your club meeting online yet? About 90% of Division E clubs are meeting online, and this is a great time to visit a new club locally, elsewhere in District 60, or even around the world. To find out more about diverse online clubs, why not check out Facebook groups dedicated to these such as [Toastmasters Online](#) and [Toastmaster Clubs with Online Attendance](#). One of my favourite things is visiting new clubs and learning about how they do things differently – I'm confident it's something you too will enjoy!



District Leadership

Is this for you?

District 60 leaders including the expanded District trio and Division Directors were elected via Zoom meeting on April 18th, and details are available [here](#).

Additional district leadership roles are available on an appointment basis. Why not see what you might learn as an [Area Director](#) or in one of many [district supporting roles](#)? Feel free to contact Kris, your Area Director, or any District leader with your questions!



Supporting Our Clubs:

Supporting clubs in retaining and gaining new members online remains a top priority. As a majority of attendees preferred an in-person workshop, we're hoping to host this in June. However, an online workshop is under consideration. Stay tuned for more details as we clarify this possibility!

We are enjoying a terrific workshop series online in late April and early May! This serves a dual purpose in educating members, and offering presentation opportunities for Toastmasters working to complete their Advanced Communicator Gold designation. More opportunities will be available soon – check out the [District 60 calendar](#) for details.



Club Officer Training

With Division E as the largest geographically within District 60, one might think Club Officer Training to be a challenge – not so! We achieved an incredible 68.7% of officers trained this year – the most in the entire District. Club Officers, you can give yourself a big pat on the back for your commitment to helping your clubs to achieve excellence.

Best of all, 5 clubs – nearly 20% - had all 7 officers trained, and each of these officers will receive a beautiful Toastmasters notebook in recognition. Congratulations to Oshawa Toastmasters, City of Oshawa Toastmasters (first time!), Spotlight Speakers, Whitby Intrepid Toastmasters, and ONTechU Toastmasters (brand new club!) in this achievement. Both Spotlight Speakers and Whitby Intrepid Toastmasters have achieved this in both training sessions this year. Of special note: Whitby Intrepid Toastmasters has had all seven club officers trained for the last 5 consecutive sessions. Way to go!



Contest Results

You've likely already heard that our Division and District contests had to be held online, and while this limited audience attended, we were still able to engage in some lively contests in Division E and throughout the District. Congratulations to all contestants – this was a challenging new opportunity and you all rose to it with a great attitude and outstanding presentation.

Our Division E winners were:

- 1st place: **Lynn Pineau**,
Area 42 (Ajax-Pickering Toastmasters)
- 2nd place: **Carolyn Wilman**,
Area 44 (Lunchtime Talkers)
- 3rd place: **Mary Pomeroy-Brown**,
Area 45 (Whitby Intrepid Toastmasters)

Lynn Pineau recently went on to compete at the District 60 contest, and did Division E proud, earning a second-place finish among some strong competitors. Well done, Lynn!

This could not have occurred without the support of the "Zoom Team" who supported eight division contests, the district contest and business meeting, and multiple information and education sessions related to these. Division E's own Bruce Richardson of Brooklin Toastmasters was a part of this team, and it's my pleasure to thank Bruce and all of the Zoom Team for their dedication!

Division E Winners



1st Place

Lynn
Pineau



2nd Place

Carolyn
Wilman



3rd Place

Mary
Pomeroy
-Brown

Zoom Team
Member



Bruce
Richardson

ELECTIONS

Club Elections Are Coming

Remember that "new growth in spring" concept? Here's a chance for you to take first steps in your growth as a Toastmaster. Your club, your area, and your division are all run by volunteers, and club officer elections should be planned for all clubs during the month of May.

Not sure what's involved? The [Club Leadership Handbook](#) includes details on the various club officer roles, and I encourage you to speak with leaders in your own club about how these might be a fit for you. Each club has its own unique style! An idea for clubs in the coming year – the Vice-President of Education is often a very busy role, and a club Pathways guide might offer a great support to members and the Vice-President of Education alike in the new year. Is this a role which could benefit your club?

While nominations can be made verbally during your club meeting, there are some options for a private vote at your club: Zoom offers a private polling feature, votes could be sent by private chat, and Survey Monkey also provides free options for this. Need more? Ask Kris, or start a conversation on the [Division E Facebook page](#).

Legacy Extensions

There's good news for those still completing some legacy designations! Toastmasters International recently announced that credit for selected roles within the Advanced Leader Silver designation will be extended until June 30, 2021. Extended areas include: club sponsor, mentor or coach; district leader; and the High-Performance Leadership project. Details on related Distinguished Club Program credits are noted here. Please note: The Advanced Communicator Gold designation will not be extended, so any projects or speeches towards this must be completed by June 30, 2020. Not sure what you still need? Check the links to the right or contact Kris for help.

Click Here:

[DTM](#)

[ALS](#)

[ACG](#)

Resources

[Division E web page](#)

Helpful web and social media information, contacts, and more!

www.toastmasters60.com

Our District page has plenty of information and links to support your club!

www.toastmasters.org

If you're looking for documentation on Pathways, contests, or more, it's here!



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Wishing you continued growth in 2020!

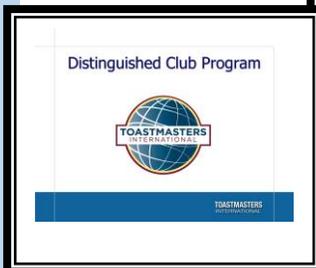
Division E Director,

Kris Nelson.

Distinguished Club Program

Changes to online meetings are a mixed blessing. Why? Some members experience challenges such as childcare, transportation or health in attending meetings in person. Online meetings offer these members the ability to participate in the meeting without the need to scale these hurdles. Online guests are another opportunity. With so many in isolation seeking opportunities for connection and self-improvement, guests are able to join meetings in a limited way while building up the nerve to participate in Table Topics, be seen on video, or join the club. If your club isn't already visible on social media, this is a great time to build that presence and attract online members to your meetings!

Online attendance can also be a consideration once in-person meetings resume – this is particularly easy if your venue has accessible wifi or internet connection, allowing a hybrid membership.



Pathways

How's your Pathways journey? I recently finished my first path, Effective Coaching, and started a third earlier this year. It was exciting to visit another Division E club's meeting and see that at least one of their members has done likewise!

Why multiple paths? For those who are working on Level 4 or 5 projects, this answer is likely obvious. These levels include exciting and diverse projects ... some of which also extend over longer periods of time. If you have frequent speaking opportunities, this creates a challenge, and many Toastmasters kept a Competent Communicator manual "on the go" for such a purpose. Having a second path accommodates this! How might multiple paths benefit you?

Still challenged? Pathways trainers are available within Division E, [just ask!](#)



Realignment

Each year, representatives from each Division meet to review the alignment of clubs, areas and divisions within District 60. The highest priority in this process is the well-being of clubs, including the ability of district leaders to serve the club's needs through area and division placement. With the growth we've seen in Division E this year, there will be some changes to area alignment beginning July 1, 2020. These changes will only affect clubs within Areas 44 and 45, which will split into Areas 44, 45 and 47. Not sure where your club will lie? Check out the [Division alignment details](#) here or feel free to contact Kris with any questions.

As has already been announced, our own District 60 and our neighbouring District 86 have both grown extensively since the last District realignment in 2008. As a result, on July 1st, 2021, the two districts will split into three, and Division E will become a part of the new District 123. For the 2020-21 year, our division boundaries will remain constant, and divisions in the new district will be reviewed again for the 2021-22 year. Information from Toastmasters International about the realignment is available here: <https://www.toastmasters60.com/district-reformation/>.

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WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

District 60, Division E
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<https://www.toastmasters60.com/division-e-2/>

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