



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

District News and Events

Welcome to  
the District 59

January-February-March 2021

# When Members SHINE

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Our members are actors.  
Let us put a spotlight on YOU!



**We are happy to introduce the second issue of District 59 Newsletters for 2020-2021.**

This represents three months of our District's life. We hope you'll enjoy what our contributors have share.

A lot is happening in our Divisions, and there is a lot coming very soon, as you are preparing your conferences and their contests.

As you already know... **this newsletter is yours.**

**So... here it is! Enjoy it!**

This newsletter has come to fruition thanks to **kind contributors**. Special thanks to: Mansur, Robert and Arnout from the Core Team ; Siegfried whom I was blessed to interview ; Arthur, Kiemthin, Andy and their teams.

**Read. Share . Give us feedback.**



**Dear Members,**

During our District Executive Committee meeting and District Officer Training, I shared the phrase 'Let's Be Better'. This phrase came up because of a few reasons.

First, the training I have participated in has made me reflect on my term so far. I'm incredibly proud of what all of you have achieved so far, and it made me consider my shortcomings: issues I could have resolved sooner, conversations I could have handled better, and more. As District Director, I do my best to serve you, but I can be better. **So let's be better.**

Second, the coronavirus has changed everything. I consider events such as mid-year and Club and District Officer Training to be the icing on the cake, and this would have been the time when we would have had the opportunity to see each other in person and give each other a hug. Toastmasters is a family and family looks out for each other. Everyone has had to rise to the occasion in one way or another, and we need to make sure that the people we care about are doing well, even if we can't meet them physically. **So let's be better.**

Third, and on a brighter note, the second half of our term just started. We can take the feedback we have received from others and consider how we can be better speakers and leaders. If you've been a member of our organization for a few years, you may recognize the sentiment that you would do things differently if you could start your term all over again. Fortunately, we still have until June 30 to apply the lessons we have learned in the first half. You may even want to nominate yourself for a district leadership role to try again. **So let's be better.**

You know what the best part is? The next months are the best part of our term to be better.

The International Speech and Evaluation Contests are great opportunities to hone our skills as speakers and leaders. I compare it to shining a diamond in the rough: **the more effort you put into it, the brighter your diamond shines.**

We've already accomplished so much in the first half of our term, which means **there are also plenty of opportunities to thank each other for the contributions we have made.** Make no mistake, these are trying times and we owe a great deal of gratitude to the people who help us to recognize them. I often find myself thinking about how I can thank our District Officers. If you have ideas, let me know!

Finally, we can be better by further serving in leadership roles. This is the best time to consider nominating yourself for a role in your club or in our district. District leadership has brought me so much and allowed me to develop myself as a leader and as a human being. It's honestly the best I can wish for you.

Dear members, let's be better.

**Robert van der Meer, DTM**  
District 59 Director 2020-2021.



**DISTRICT 59 TEAM 2020-2021**

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TOGETHER... LET'S ROCK THIS YEAR!

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A discussion  
with **Arnout NEDERPELT**,  
D59 Program Quality Director  
2020-2021.

# PQD Talks'

## Dear Members of our District,

Have you considered how much you've learned over the past year?

As we pass the milestone of 1 full year of pandemic, our lives have changed – our clubs have changed. Temporarily in some ways, but other elements of our club meetings may remain different even after this is over.

We did not ask for this pandemic. We did not ask for all the pandemic countermeasures. We did not ask to start meeting online. But when the pandemic hit, we took up that challenge. We stuck with our clubs, supporting our fellow Toastmasters in these times. With limited off-line contact, our bonds with the members who stayed in our clubs grew – as we ourselves grew as leaders.

And now, with the vaccination programs providing hope for a safe return to live meetings, it is time to reflect. How well do you handle a crisis? How did you respond? What lessons have you learned? What would you do differently if another crisis hit?

You have grown over the past year, so consider also taking the next step. Take up a role as club leader, Area Director, Division Director, or join the district core team. Look for how you can contribute – and keep on growing towards the potential I see in you.

Contact the PQD!  
[pqd@district59.org](mailto:pqd@district59.org)





# Introducing the new Speechcraft digital experience!

At the end of February, CGD Helena Ruiz-Fabra hosted several webinars whose purpose was to provide the opportunity to learn more about the new Speechcraft digital experience, directly from the experts who helped create it.

The presentations included a demonstration of Speechcraft content, marketing tips, and a live Q&A.

District leaders received guidance on how to support clubs in hosting a quality Speechcraft training that adheres to Toastmasters policy and protocol.

To come: other promotional events will be organised by the District 59 marketing and community programs team during the month of March.

So stay tuned!

*For more information, contact the team:*  
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**THROUGH-BACK:  
YOUR FREE PATH**

> its was available till March 31st\* if you renewed your October membership by December 31st

**WE HOPE YOU DID NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY**

\*Find the complete information on <https://www.district59.org/free-path-2020-2021/>

# Dutch Marketing Project Takes Off!

 by **Mirjam Stoffels**, Toastmasters Eindhoven - Division E

*In October 2020, this message found its way into many Dutch Toastmasters email boxes: 'Your mission (should you choose to accept it) is to make Toastmasters the go-to place for people who need to improve their public speaking and leadership skills, so that our clubs continuously grow with new members'.*

Toastmasters has so much to offer, but not enough people know about Toastmasters yet. That is going to change in the Netherlands because the Dutch Marketing Project has taken off! A group of VPPRs along with Toastmasters with marketing skills in various areas have accepted the mission that Arthur Bennink and Merel Dekker have set before them.

A core team consists of (at this point) 15 enthusiastic creatives (project managers, art directors, graphic designers, web designers and web masters, content writers and photo- and videographers). We are in the process of creating marketing and public relations material intended for use in all current and prospect clubs in the Netherlands. An attractive Toastmasters branded (all within the corporate brand guidelines, of course), ready-to-use communications package is being designed. Our hope is that it will be appealing to the diverse audience of the Dutch clubs.

Within this team, we have joined forces in an effort to serve the Dutch Toastmasters clubs on a national level with:

- a brand new website
- videos and visuals templates
- online advertising campaigns
- email campaigns
- articles and blogs
- social media

In addition, we have designed specific communication aimed at the four personas of Dutch Toastmasters members. We defined these 'types' after in-depth research into our national membership.

One of the beauties of the Dutch Marketing Project is that each team member can use the project they are working on as part of their level 4 or 5 Toastmasters Pathways Journey. These projects include Public Relation Strategies, Building a Social Media Presence, Write a Compelling Blog and Lead in Any Situation.

Isn't that a real win-win for everyone?

If you want to join us or want to start a marketing project in your own division or area and need tips, feel free to email us at [info@toastmasters.nl](mailto:info@toastmasters.nl).



## Be A Happy Mentee, Mentor, Networking pair thanks to the **ODYSSEY PROJECT**

The Toastmasters Odyssey Project was initiated to offer the possibility to find a Mentor, a Mentee, or a Networking Pair and then to establish and follow-up this relationship.

With this initiative, the problem of finding a Mentor is solved: Register to Odyssey, wait until the next round starts and a mentor-mentee-networking pair will be assigned to you.

---> **more information/contact**  
[on D59's blog.](#)

**When a lot of people hear, “Write an article for this newsletter,” they think, “Well, I’m not a writer, so that doesn’t apply to me.”**

*I’m here to tell you that it does apply to you: You’re a speaker. The skills needed for giving a good speech (coming up with an idea and organizing that idea) are basically the same skills needed to write a short article, like one for this newsletter.*

by **Andy Baker**,  
Division C Director

# Great Idea!

## You Should Write That Down!

Here are four quick and easy outlines to follow that can’t miss. They will help you put some words on paper so that you can spread the news of what’s been going on in your club, area or division. News of what is happening in your corner of the district is interesting to the rest of Toastmasters of District 59.

### 1. The Listicle Article

This is an article that’s based on a list. If you’ve flipped through a magazine or website in the last couple of years, you’ve seen them. For example, Five great ways to spice up an online meeting. Six unconventional ways to find new members. Three things I wish I’d known before joining Toastmasters. In fact, this article is a listicle. Is the listicle played out? I don’t think so. It’s a useful format and listicles are easy to scan. They’ll be around for a while.

### 2. The Interview Article

An interview article can be as simple as question, answer, question, answer.

*Interview Magazine* is famous for that. Should it be edited to make it more concise and to improve the flow? Yes. Should you run it by the interviewee before submitting it? Yes. Interviewing and spotlighting our local members who have done something out of the ordinary (like write a book) is a great way to motivate members around the District and let members get a glimpse of what Toastmasters are doing when we’re not in meetings.

### 3. The How-to Article

Perhaps you or someone in your area/ division who has done something extraordinary (or even just a bit out of the ordinary). You should tell people how this was done. Maybe it’s an interesting meeting format. Maybe it’s an

innovative way to recruit new members. There are many things we do that feel easy to us, but other people have no idea how you did it. It might feel too complicated to try. Help your fellow Toastmasters by explaining it to them.

### 4. The Information article

Sometimes articles are just about announcing that something is happening because you want people to attend. It could be that something has already happened, and you want the members who could not attend to know what it was and how it went.

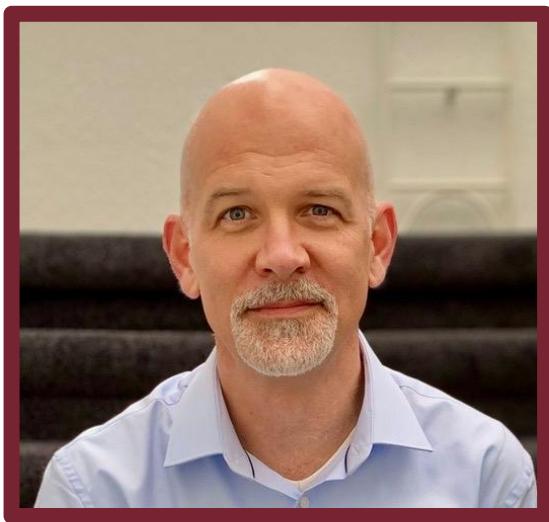
Maybe there’s a change in policy. Maybe there’s a volunteer opportunity coming up.

These are great reasons to write an article. People need to know. Maybe you’re the person who needs to tell that story.

### Some Tips

In outlining your article, I encourage you to think of a few things: what’s your point of view? Why are you writing about this? Why does this matter? Perhaps it’s obvious, but make sure that’s

clear to the person reading. How will this help, or how does it apply to, other Toastmasters? They are the target audience of articles of this newsletter. Make sure you include that connection. Think beginning, middle and end. It really is very much like a speech. In fact, it's almost easier than giving a speech. If you get to the end and think, "What was the point of that?" It's just a matter of re-writing, punching it up. We rarely get that opportunity with a speech.



Run it by someone whose English is really good. I would say 'native speaker,' but there really are quite a few members of District 59 who are excellent non-native English speakers. Ask this person for feedback. Does it flow? Does it leave me thinking, 'so what'? How is the punctuation and spelling?

In terms of length, I'm going to suggest that 300-500 words is a good amount to shoot for. You don't need to be overly verbose. This article, by the way, is right at 750 words.

Lastly, I guarantee you have an article in you. You know something that the rest of us don't. You have had an experience that we haven't. Share it with the rest of the District. There are people who will help you.

**Give it a shot!**

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*As Divisions, Areas, Clubs, Teams and Members, you are contributing - creating! - to the District's health, and we the District Team are very grateful of this inner wealth.*

Division C

# “What’s Your Plan B?”

an interview of Sabyasachi Sengupta  
by Andy Baker

**Most longtime Toastmasters of District 59 are familiar with Saby Sengupta. He is a regular contestant on the District stage and was the Speech Evaluation winner in 2015 in Porto. He was also the Contest Master for the Humorous Speech Contest in 2017 in Milan where he managed to get the audience singing (Wim-o-weh. The Winner Speaks Tonight). Many of you know him as a speaker, a banker and an all round nice guy. But did you know that he has also recently added another item to his CV: author. I was recently able to catch up with Saby in Amsterdam, and I asked him about his new book, What’s Your Plan B? Turn Adversity into your Benefit.**

## What was your inspiration for the book?

In 2018, just before going on a sabbatical, I bumped into a colleague whose husband had just been laid off after working for the company for 30 years. He was 55 and didn't know what he was going to do. It made me realize that this could happen to any of us. Companies go bankrupt, economic crises happen, people lose their jobs. It got me thinking.

I asked people if they thought having a Plan B was a good idea to protect yourself from crisis and adversity. A lot of people said, "I don't believe in having a Plan B." But when 2020 came along, I realized that this is the perfect time for a book. And it's not just about a year like 2020. Having a Plan B can protect you from any number of things that happen to us.

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## Where did the title come from?

Well, let me start by saying that having a Plan B does not exclude having a Plan A. What it means is that along with your master plan (your Plan A), you need to have several actionable plans to combat the things that can happen on your path to achieving your master plan. What if you happen to have a horrible manager who is not letting you grow? What if your company or sector gets hit by hard times? All of these factors can affect your master plan. Does that mean you should change your Master Plan? I don't think so. I think it means that you should change your actionable plans. Maybe the career trajectory that you had planned changes.

Maybe you have to take a course to fill in a gap in your experience.

Maybe you need to take a sabbatical.



## Is having a Plan B only about dealing with huge crises like a worldwide pandemic or a sudden lay off?

No, having a Plan B is about dealing with adversity. Adversity could mean getting laid off, but it could also mean just being miserable, bullied or drained. It could mean finding yourself as a part of a difficult-to-deal-with team or just that your career is headed in the wrong direction.

## What does having a Plan B have to do with public speaking and Toastmasters?

Well, not surprisingly, one of the skills that I mention that can always help you to always stay relevant in the job market is public speaking. Another skill that we hone at Toastmasters is networking, especially during crisis. Public speaking helps us to be precise and concise so that we're not wasting the time of the people we need to help us by nagging, complaining and whining. These elements help us to network better and stay relevant. You might even make an alternate career in teaching, training, coaching, a keynote speaker or even an entrepreneur. Public speaking is a huge catalyst in making a successful Plan B.

## Where could someone find your book if they'd like to pick up a copy?

All over. It's on Amazon. In the Netherlands it's on Bol.com. You can read about it on my website: [sabyachisengupta.com](http://sabyachisengupta.com).

## Any last thoughts?

Yes. We are all storytellers. There is an author in all of us. Start small. We are excellent at generating ideas. Don't be afraid to write a book. Small efforts add up. Look at me.



# 2021-22

## Looking for its Leaders

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (DLC) PROCESS

Lately, on [www.district59.org](http://www.district59.org)

. The long-time work of updating the website is progressing.

. Go check the District's blog, with several new articles, among them Division B's Canva webinar, with a video of the workshop inside.

**Make the website yours. That will be our reward.**

### The Video Corner

Don't miss the most recent videos published on the District's YouTube channel!

Stay tuned for:

- . Regional Advisor Pat Johnson's workshop on club coaching at our DOT
- . Div. F Director Carol Bausor's workshop at the District to dynamize your online meetings!
- . and more...

**Subscribe to remain up-to-date!**



Understanding Leadership in the District

All candidates are known by the DLC - *deadline was Feb. 28th*. The interviews were the next step, and the team will soon be able to share with us the results of this very careful process. Then at the District Conference in May the election / nomination process will get to its end with the District Committee Meeting's vote. Stay tuned! **Good Luck! to all the candidates**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPZXQeAfnZY&list=PLNUKyPGldZfxQaYOySd7d11Li\\_Q1krXeP](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPZXQeAfnZY&list=PLNUKyPGldZfxQaYOySd7d11Li_Q1krXeP)



2 videos are available on the YouTube channel respectively about the Division and Area Director roles



	<b>Division Director - Role and Responsibilities</b> Toastmasters International - District 59
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WITH MANSUR, JEAN-PHILIPPE AND RUZICA

3 Toastmasters decided to create a podcast about leadership. One complete first series will be dedicated to Toastmasters' leadership roles. Welcome to **THE LEADERSHIP SOUNDBOX**



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# Rotterdam...

## Where Workshops flourish

How workshops fit perfectly in a Toastmasters club environment

*Article by Denise Thomassen, District 59 Parliamentarian, with Tania Yordan's help.*

The mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a supportive and positive learning environment in which all members have the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills, competencies that promote self-confidence and personal growth.



### At **Toastmasters Sprekershaven**

**Rotterdam** we believe that workshops perfectly fit this mission statement. Workshops are a great addition to our regular meetings since a workshop requires participants to take a hands-on approach and immediately implement the skills they are learning, propelling personal growth further and faster. For us, workshops are a perfect example of 'dedication to excellence', one of the core values of a Toastmasters club. In addition, workshops give us a perfect opportunity to provide insights into a more specific topic.

We plan new workshops almost every month. Examples of the workshops we have given in the past few months include 'Storytelling', 'Body language & use of voice' and 'Presenting on video'. The workshops are always hosted by one of our club members, depending on the member's interests, experience and expertise.

Our workshops are almost always fully booked and the reactions are overall very positive. We also see this reflected on the number of new members joining the club and at the same time it is an extra stimulant to keep the club membership attractive for our long-term club members.

To contact the **Toastmasters Sprekershaven Rotterdam** club and meet its members:

*Note that they currently meet online, via Zoom.*

**Website:**

<https://toastmasters.nl/clubs/sprekershaven-toastmasters-rotterdam>

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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/sprekershaven-toastmasters-rotterdam/>

**Facebook:**

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**Instagram:** @sprekershaven



## Meet your fellow Toastmaster

**members!** We love to share who you are, your experience... because Toastmasters International is not just an organization. We are humans. Growing together. In this newsletter, meet Siegfried Haack! He was District 59 Director just two years ago, and is the chair of Paris Toastmaster international Convention. Enjoy his words and experience ...and learn more about what a Toastmasters path can be!

**Interview by Sabrina Kecheroud,**  
PR Manager of District 59

### Siegfried, could you tell a little bit about yourself?

I am 57 years old, living in the extreme south-east of France, and I have two passions in life: selling and public speaking.

Actually, I have been working 35 years in the selling world, and nothing can make me more sad than the people I meet who have a good product without being able to present it efficiently. And lots of salespersons have this problem!

I was extraordinarily lucky to spend a summer in the United States selling books – encyclopedias for students - door to door. That's when I realized that the Americans have a real natural technique in selling: they are very structured, efficient, and at the same time their selling practice carries ethics. The first sentence I was taught there was: "Above all, don't ever lie". And this has remained part of my philosophy till today. So, I implemented what I had learned in my first job when I became a salesperson in France, and realized we were still far from that spirit. In my career, I concluded that the best salespersons are those who, even when they do not have the best product, are able to present it in the best manner.

It is the same in our daily life, regarding our own personal messages. Here again, obviously those who have skills in presenting their message are the ones who manage to get that message across. It is a real waste to have an excellent message without this skill of conveying it. What this means is that these people's message lacks of a structure, an objective, or the necessary qualities to get to their conversation partner ...or public. This is the why I created my business: Consultant, Trainer, and Speaker, helping my clients to sell more by presenting their products, services, and their messages in a way that creates both interest and sales.

### How about your path as a Toastmaster?

I discovered Toastmasters in 2009, and I created the first Club of Southern France in September 2009: Toastmasters Côte d'Azur. Then I created another Club:



D59 Members

# To Where Passion Leads... - Siegfried Haack

Toastmasters Sophia Antipolis. As a matter of fact, I fell in love with this organization as it helps people to develop their public speaking skills, their ability to communicate, and to become better leaders by better presenting their product, their offer, their message, and themselves. Also, by putting themselves in the position of guiding others, it helps them become better leaders as well. This is what I really like in Toastmasters.

In 2012 I won the French Speech Championship of the District in Luxembourg. After receiving the trophy, I ran to my hotel room and made a selfie with it. I wanted to

be sure I was not dreaming!

Besides this, I had the opportunity and honor to climb the ranks of the organization, up to my District Director term two years ago. It's a such beautiful journey ...I am not about to put an end to.

### **And can you tell us about your experience outside of the District?**

I have had the opportunity to attend three International Conventions: Vancouver, Chicago and Denver. It is a fantastic experience... attending the World Championship of Public Speaking, with the best speakers of the world, is just extraordinary. There were also workshops hosted by super inspiring trainers. In addition, I have excellent memories of the Districts' trio trainings as well as the governing part, with the Board of Directors where we decide of the future of Toastmasters and elect the new International President.

### **What about Paris 2022?**

Actually, Paris should have happened as the International Convention location in 2020, but the Covid situation made TMI change it for 2021. With the health situation not improving, TMI finally decided that the convention would take place in Nashville in 2021 – before they announced more recently that this year's Convention would be online – and then Paris would wait till 2022.

### **What exactly is the role of the team?**

I am so lucky I have an excellent team, among them several former District Directors from all around Europe and a few leaders from our District. It is particularly important to say that we do not organize the Convention. Actually, we manage the volunteer team. The volunteers will help us welcome all the attendees. There will be around 200-250 volunteer Toastmaster members fulfilling the mission of ensuring that the attendees – we are expecting 2000 to 3000 people – from all around the world have the best experience. That means guiding them if they get lost in the Palais des Congrès's corridors, registering them at their arrival and giving them their badges... all the reception part. The volunteers will be divided into about 15 committees.

### **How about social activities?**

The social activities are part of the organization of TMI headquarters teams, with the contests and workshops. About the social activities, we will be helping hands, but the initiative will come from TMI, as we will be here for logistic support.

### **Could you give us one or two examples of a committee so that we can have an idea of how your part of the event will be managed?**

As the Convention is composed of individual events, we will participate as helping hands for the logistics, welcoming of these internal Convention events. For each committee, there is a chair, so for example we have a Registration Chair. For the Opening Ceremonies, with the flag parade, there is

an Opening Ceremonies Chair. Also, there will be a TMI marketplace for attendees who would like to buy goodies and other Toastmaster material, so there is a Marketplace Chair. There will be other roles like: Hospitality Desk Chair, Board of Directors Chair, Education Sessions Chair, etc.

As I said, I am lucky to have the support of great leaders from all around Europe. Among them: former District 59 Director Joao de Mendoza, former District 59 Director Ana Isabel Lage Ferreira, former District Host Chair Mike Rafferty, IPDD Piotr Chimko from District 108, also from Districts 91, 95, 109 and 110.

### **Can we say that you are gathering Europe around Paris to welcome the Toastmasters from the world ?**

Yes, indeed. I announced that Paris would welcome the International Convention at the Denver Convention. It was during the judges' deliberation for the World Championship of Public Speaking. Just imagine... 2,500 people waiting for the World Champion to be announced! That was quite a crazy situation. I was given just 5 minutes, and here was my message: « This will not be a Parisian or a French event, not but European, as all Europe is welcoming you ».

### **Can we be proud that the International Convention is coming to Paris?**

First, it is the first time in history a Toastmasters Convention will take place in Europe. A very few others took place out of the United States: in Canada and in Asia. TMI chose Paris, but I am not aware of the reason why.

### **Of course, it could be easier for Toastmasters from Division A (Paris and Western France), but how can we share how valuable this experience can be for Toastmasters all around our District?**

It is an *all-in-one*. You will find the familiar communication and leadership dimensions, education with all the lectures and what you will learn through them, and inspirational with the World Championship of Public Speaking, where each attendee will be able to witness the level of the best public speakers in the world in person and compare them with your own skills and abilities. The Convention is also a unique opportunity to meet Toastmasters from all around the world, among them champions, finalists, and also top leaders of Toastmasters International. Along with this, the Board of Directors offers the opportunity to see how the top governing of TMI works and what their concerns are for the Clubs and Members, etc. All this in three or four days. Coming to this concentrated event makes you gain years in your Toastmasters path to become a better communicator and leader. Let's imagine a young singer who could have immediately an access to Sinatra and any of the other best singers in the world... being able to touch them – in a non-covid world – having a direct talk with them, getting direct feedback. Frankly, it is just a crazy experience!

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- **April 10th** Div. A and C Conferences
- **April 17th** Div. D & G Conferences
- ~~**April 20th** Div. A Conference~~
- **April 24th** Div. F & B **(25th)** Conferences
- **April 27th** Div. E Conference

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- **May 5-9th**  
District 59 Online CONFERENCE
- May 8th DCM2 - closing of our administrative Toastmasters year.

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- **July 1st**  
Official beginning of D59 2021-2022

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**PQD's Note!**

Thanks for your efforts to hold the Division contests in early April and for planning backwards from that for Area and Club contests.

# Save the Dates

All Toastmasters years are running through an organizational agenda, and this year is not an exception.

Dear District Officers and all fellow Toastmasters of the District 59, here are the District Meeting dates you need to save on your agenda.

**We count on you to share the word, encourage presence ...and come!**

Also Divisions A to G plan events all through the year. **Stay tuned on [www.district59.org/events](http://www.district59.org/events)**

Division A

**Saturday** | **Division A**  
**April 10th** | **Conference**



# Next 2Come

[www.district59.org/events](http://www.district59.org/events)

Division F

**Saturday** | **Division F**  
**April 24th** | **Conference**



Division B

**Sat-Sun.** | **Division B**  
**April 24-25th** | **Conference**



Welcome to the **Contest Season!**  
These weeks **opportunities** to learn and travel beyond geographical limits are **plenty**. *Be in!*

## Welcome to the District 59

January-February-March 2021

# Stay Tuned

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## In the next Newsletter, we will keep on *rocking this year!*

### **Still to come**

- > news of the District 59 online Conference taking place between May 5th and the 9th

### **Still missing**

- > Share with us if you were among the lucky Clubs welcoming Intl. Pdt. Richard Peck for his World Tour

### **Together...**

This Newsletter is also yours. Remember we would be glad to share your articles fitting our editorial slant and on our website, and/or maybe here. > [prm@district59.org](mailto:prm@district59.org)

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