



## TOASTMASTERS District 46 Newsletter

**Discover new paths. Enjoy the journey.  
A District Member's Transformative Journey  
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Welcome to the first edition of your District 46 Newsletter. Every month, we will introduce you to one of your District leaders — or let them tell their own story. We will also let you know about upcoming events. Finally, and most importantly, we will leave room for one of you to share a story, best practices, experiences, or your opinion. Check out our section, **Member Corner**. This month, we learn how Greenspeakers club member, Tamanna Mohapatra, visited several clubs virtually and discovered a “welcome, collaborative spirit” in her journey to Advanced Communicator Gold — a District Member’s transformative journey!

### Introductions-----from your District Director



Hello, fellow Toastmasters. I say “fellow” because I am one of you, who has enriched my communication and leadership skills through my club memberships. I want each member and prospective member in our District to have the same opportunities. As Dr. Ralph Smedley observed, “Ours is the only organization I know dedicated to the individual. We work together to bring out the best in each of us and then we apply these skills to help others.”

We are living in a time of profound challenge that requires us to change. Remote meetings — and the eventual return to normal in safe conditions — require creative thinking. Your leadership team is engaged, helping you develop the skills needed for now and then.

### -----from your Program Quality Director

Hello, fellow Toastmasters. As your Program Quality Director, I am responsible for all aspects of education and training within the district.

While we have specific measurable goals for Program Quality (Distinguished clubs, Pathways enrollment, contest participation), I see these as indicators of club excellence. They indicate whether members find what they are looking for in a Toastmasters club. I am excited about the District’s theme for this year: “Changing Lives Together”. The PQD team's goal is to put tools and programs in place that add value to clubs with one **outcome** in mind: Every member can't wait for their next club meeting. If that happens, the Distinguished Club Program goals will take care of themselves.



## s to check out this month:

- **Toastmaster August Magazine** is online and it has some great articles, including a great one on historical speeches. [Check it out here](#).
- **The new Toastmasters year** started July 1. Want to say hello or ask a question to your newly appointed Area Directors? [You can do so through this link](#).



From July 1, 2020 onward, all speeches given by Toastmasters are based on the Pathways education program. To ensure that we have all the knowledge and tools to get the best out of Pathways, more sessions planned for September and beyond, including:

- September 3: Pathways for Freshly Minted Toastmasters, Kuei Fan
- September 15: Secrets of Compelling Storytelling (TM), Leadership Roundtable Toastmasters
- September 24: Pathways - Wrapping up Level 5, Kuei Fan

[Details can be found here](#). Stay tuned for additional help in the form of a dedicated Helpline and Office hours. For Pathways-specific questions, please contact D46 Pathways Chair, Kuei Fan at [kueifan@hotmail.com](mailto:kueifan@hotmail.com). Nine on-demand videos are also available [online](#).

### **District News:**

District officers should save the dates and check [District 46 website](#) for details and instructions for the following:

- September 3: The first District Executive Committee meeting will include district nominations and budget review.
- September 23: The first District Business Council meeting will include District nomination approvals and budget review and approval.

### **Achievements of the Month (July):**

- Division Director of the month: Alicia Wyatt, ACB, ALB
- Area Director of the Month: Sarah Cossette, DL2
- Area Director of the Month: Nicole Howerton, ACG, ALB
- Area Director of the Month: Alisa Ryu, ACB, ALB



This section is yours! Let's hear from you. Say something to the whole District using the written word instead of a speech- a story, an experience, a best practice; all are welcome. Try to keep it at about 200 words. Send your submissions to [d46prm@gmail.com](mailto:d46prm@gmail.com).

This month, we hear from Tamanna Mohapatra, ACG, Area Director Area 53, Division E:

I belong to a Manhattan-based club ([Greenspeakers Club of NYC](#)). Between March and June of 2020, I gave 20 speeches, delivered a two-hour training session, and mentored another member through her three speeches — all as part of my Advanced Communicator Silver and Gold goals. There was a lot of hard work, planning, and determination involved in getting here, BUT I couldn't have done this without the welcoming and collaborative spirit that was common across all the clubs I joined as a guest.

As with everything else in our world today, this story has a pre-Covid and Covid side to it. Pre-Covid, I was only planning to complete my ACS award before June 30.—But then many clubs began to hold their meetings online, and I was able to participate as a guest speaker at many of these clubs. That's when I decided to join as many club meetings as I could with a three-fold goal: to search for online communities to commiserate through the shared experience of living in a Covid world; to focus on a goal to distract me from the confusion and isolation that surrounded many New Yorkers; and lastly to complete my ACG award before June 30.

The guest clubs I had the honor of visiting and speaking at included [Ringers](#), [Pride](#), [Traffic](#), [Jade](#), and [NYC Power Speakers](#). I would like to thank those clubs for their support and showing their belief that Toastmasters is one global club. So, if you want to achieve some goal all you have to do is plan and ask. The goal is yours to conquer.