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## **First Sunday of the Month - The Confident Evaluator**

This [Sunday, October 3, at 4:30 pm](#) will be the next First Sunday of the month training and educational event! Plan to attend to learn how you can be The Confident Evaluator. Lauren Merritt-Taylor, D36 2018-2019 Evaluation Champion, will encourage you to take on the evaluator role by sharing how this role improves your active listening and critical thinking skills. She will help you gain the confidence to provide objective verbal and written evaluations to any speaker.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

2021-2022 District 36 Monthly Member Education and Training Series

**Sunday, October 3, 2021; 4:30 pm**  
**Topic: The Confident Speech Evaluator**  
**Facilitator: Lauren Merritt-Taylor**

Do you shy away from being an evaluator? Taking on the evaluator role will help you to improve your active listening and critical thinking skill.

Join Past District 36 International Speech Semi-Finalist Lauren Merritt-Taylor who will take you through the steps to help you gain the confidence to provide objective verbal and written evaluations to any speaker.

## Contests Season is Here!

Attending the October 3rd **First Sunday of the Month** event will enable you to compete in the upcoming **Evaluation Contests**. This fall, Clubs, Areas and Divisions in District 36 will be conducting the Evaluation Contest virtually. (*The District contest will be in May 2022 with the Division Contest winners participating.*)

This particular contest is a fantastic learning opportunity for new Toastmasters to attend as you see multiple contestants all evaluating the same speech! Watch how the same feedback can be said in different ways, yet all contestants are providing encouragement and tips to improve to the test speaker. This contest is highly recommended for all to attend if you want to improve your evaluation skills.

## District Contest Calendar

To find out when a specific Area or Division contest will occur, check the new Contests Calendar on the [District 36 website](#). To learn how to work with the website calendar display, look at the information on pages 6-7 of the newly revived district newsletter also available on the district website [District Communications page](#).

## Dues Renewal and Contestant Eligibility

As a Chief Judge, one of the saddest decisions to make is determining that a contestant is ineligible to compete. This is often because the club has not paid the required dues to be 'in good standing'. At a minimum, 8 members, of which 3 were members during the previous six months, must have a 'PAID' status on the Club roster. Any contestant who is competing needs to also have 'PAID' by their name.

Congratulations to the 135 clubs who completed their dues payments by the **September 30th deadline**. We still have 40 clubs that need to complete their dues payments for October 2021-March 2022, otherwise their contestants

will not be eligible to compete in the fall evaluation contests.

Check the status of your club [here](#) to see if your club is 'Verified Complete'.

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Register at

<https://bit.ly/path21-22>

## Next Training - Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 pm

Our next [Pathways training](#) will be Tuesday, October 19, 7:30-9:00 pm. Are you progressing through your path? Did you need help in getting started? Join Karen and Frank Storey as they share their wisdom, enthusiasm, and tips to succeed in Pathways.

## Access District 36 Public Google Drive

Whenever possible, the district will provide the recordings of various training events in the [District\\_Public](#) google drive. Check this location, select which year of District 36 activities you want to review and then listen to the recordings and look at any handouts for that event.

This is one way that the District wants to help build a vibrant community of energetic and enthusiastic Toastmasters this year.

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## Share Your Knowledge as a Club Coach

Do you like to share your knowledge about Toastmasters? Do you like giving feedback? Yes, you can compete in the fall evaluation contests, yet another way to develop your skills at providing feedback is as a Club Coach. Club Coaches help assess ways to rebuild clubs that have twelve or fewer members.

Club Coaches interact with the club officers to improve the club culture. Take a look at these three articles about serving as a Club Coach: [Club Coaches](#), [Learn from my Mistakes](#); [A Total Turnaround](#); and [When Bad Things Happen to](#)

## [Good Clubs.](#)

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about more benefits when you serve as a Club Coach and the new District 36 training for Club Coaches coming soon.

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## In Memorial

We sadly announce the passing of two stalwart Toastmasters – Past District 36 Governor (1996-1997) **Joice Franklin** and 49-year-member **Helen Burkett**.

During **Joice Franklin's** year serving District 36 as its governor, she and the team achieved Select Distinguished District status. Joice earned a Distinguished Toastmaster award in 1994 for the Crown of Laurel Club #77. She also wrote an article, “**Join the Circle**”, published in December 1993, for the Toastmasters magazine. My [writing this is the current District Director] connection to Joice was through her husband, Bill. At the May 2001 district conference, Bill encouraged me to visit the U.S. Senate Toastmasters club where he was also a member. The Senate Club was the first club that I joined in District 36 in September 2001. A more complete recognition of Joice Franklin will be posted on the district website later.

**Helen Burkett** joined Toastmasters in February 1972, before the official date when women were allowed to join a club. Her membership application form had ‘*Herman Burkett*’ to hide the fact that she was female. A member of District 36 before the creation of District 27, Helen earned her first Distinguished Toastmaster award for the George Washington, University Club #1237 in 1978. Helen mentioned in her interview for the [July 2020 for the D27 podcast](#) that she earned 13 DTM awards during her long journey in Toastmasters. At her passing, Helen was 99 years old. A joint memorial service is being planned in conjunction with Districts 27 and 29, where Helen remained active until her passing.

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## District Council Meeting Wrap Up

We end this district broadcast message with thanks to all who registered and attended the District 36 Fall District Council meeting on Sunday, September 26,

2021. We did reach the quorum required to conduct business. The District Council members adopted the budget and confirmed the appointments of those Area and Division Directors who were not elected in May 2021. The district team provided updates and reports. A revised delegate's package will be available on the [district website page](#) soon. The district Trio thanks all who assisted in conducting the meeting with efficiency, effectiveness and professionalism. We are pleased to state the meeting lasted approximately half of the original scheduled time due to everyone who assisted and attended the meeting. The next meeting of the District 36 Council will be in May 2022. The specific date is yet to be determined.

We thank you for electing us to serve you, for renewing your commitment to yourself by paying your membership dues, and by helping us create a vibrant community of enthusiastic, energetic Toastmasters who are dedicated to helping themselves and others achieve their highest communication and leadership potential.

Thank you!

Bonnie L. Maidak, District Director, 2021-2022

AnnMarie Walker, Program Quality Director, 2021-2022

Gwen Miller, Club Growth Director, 2021-2022

