



# District 36 Newsletter

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## From the District Director

Bonnie L. Maidak, DTM



Did you know that District 36 created club officer training? Using the verb "created" is an overreach, however District 36 does have a historical role in how club officer training is structured in the present day.

Upon my request, past District 36 Governor (1985-1986) D. Anne Martin, DTM, recently provided information about this historical role. She later served the organization as an International Director in 1988-1990.

Our club members can be proud of our past leaders who identified a problem and determined solutions, which were later adapted by Toastmasters International Board of Directors for the benefit of all Toastmasters past, present and future.

I love interacting with each of you during the TLI events. We have great opportunities this winter with the TLI Team's efforts to **network** (open to **all club members** -- see pages 2 and 14 for more information), **learn**, and **share**. Let's continue to make District 36 a vibrant community -- while recognizing our history (District 36 will be 70 years old in May 2022!) -- which will help us create a better tomorrow -- as we dedicate ourselves to achieving our highest communication and leadership potential.

## District 36 History of TLI

D. Anne Martin, DTM, PID

[Prior to the mid-1980s] Toastmasters International provided a training manual entitled Club Officer Training. It was one comprehensive manual covering all offices. The Area Governor [the position now named as Area Director] was responsible for training club officers. Typically, a meeting room was scheduled and the officers from all clubs would assemble for "training". If you missed this session, any make-up or additional training was at the discretion of the Area Governor.

During my years as a club, area, and district staff officer I witnessed this process as somewhat "hit or miss" and determined that there was a more "tailored" aspect to training and that this "general" approach did not lend itself to a specific office or the opportunities for leadership inherent in each office. The quality of training for all club officers in any particular area was dependent on the interest and capabilities of the Area Governor.

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## Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) / Club Officer Training (COT)

Program Quality Director, AnnMarie Walker, DTM

### What Is Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)

It's the Toastmasters Leadership Institute, where Toastmasters from across the district come together to network, share ideas, and be inspired. It's where newly-elected club officers receive training on how to best serve their clubs.

**Who Should Attend?** Every Toastmaster can benefit from attending Toastmasters Leadership Institute! Even if you're not serving as a club officer, "electives" are offered that cover a variety of topics. Regardless of whether you're a club officer, you are welcome to attend, join in the fun, and meet the leaders and future leaders of your district.

**Why TLI** Each club needs a minimum of four (4) officers to be trained during each training period (June – August and December – February) to complete Goal 9 – Training of the Distinguished Club Program (DCP). The more officers trained the more successful your club will be in meeting the needs of its members.

Please note that only officers of record may earn the club's DCP credit for their role. Earning credit is accomplished by attending a training session for their officer role and signing in on the sign-in sheet provided for that session.

### Winter TLI Schedule is as follow:

#### December 4, 2021

- **9:00am-11:30am** (Core Officer Training) [Register here](#)
- **12:00pm-1:30pm** (Networking)- join one or more of several breakout rooms to visit and talk with other members or play some fun games. [Register here](#)

#### Networking Topics:

- Corporate/Government clubs
- VPE Beyond TLI: Tips & Tricks that can enhance this role
- Coffee and Conversations: how are you doing
- Chit & chat room-free flow conversations

- **2:00pm-4:30pm** (Core officer Training) [Register here](#)

#### January 9, 2022 [Register here](#)

- **2:00pm-4:00pm** (Core Officer Training)-This session will be a special session - here's why. There will be **TWO simultaneous "one-room schoolhouses"**
  - one room for officers who are new to their roles
  - one room for officers who have previously served

*(All officers in one room, this means, if an officer has multiple officer roles in one club or multiple clubs that officer can be granted credit for those roles in one setting).*
- **4:30pm-6:00pm** (Electives)

#### January 29, 2022 [Register here](#)

- **9:00pm-11:30pm** (Core officer Training)
- **12:00-1:30pm** (Electives)
- **2:00pm-4:30pm** (Core Officer Training)

#### February 10, 2021 [Register here](#)

- **6:00pm-8:30pm** (Core Officer Training). What makes this session special is that there will be **TWO simultaneous "one-room schoolhouses"**
  - one room for officers who are new to their roles
  - and the other room for officers who have previously served

*(All officers in one room, this means, if an officer has multiple officer roles in one club or multiple clubs that officer can be granted credit for those roles in one setting).*

Ready to take your leadership skills to the next level!

**Leadership Beyond**

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## Other Education and Training Programs

### Monthly Pathways Training Events

Each training event will feature the same content and is designed for members who are new to Pathways or for club officers to learn how to discuss Pathways with their members. Frank and Karen Storey will:

- cover the terminology, structure, and curriculum of Pathways
- show how to go through the initial choosing-a-path assessment
- demonstrate how to launch a project
- discuss the Tutorials and Resources, Evaluations parts of Base Camp
- and more!

### Monthly Pathways Training Event

#### "Choose Your Path Wisely: How to Approach Pathways"

- Saturday, December 4, 2021 ♦ 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
- Friday, January 14, 2022 ♦ 7:30 pm to 9 pm
- Monday, February 21, 2022 ♦ 7:30 pm to 9 pm
- Tuesday, March 15, 2022 ♦ 7:30 pm to 9 pm
- Tuesday, April 19, 2022 ♦ 12:00 pm to 1 pm
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022 ♦ 7:30 to 9 pm

\*Times are U.S. Eastern



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

### District 36 First Sunday Training Events

District 36 offers valuable education and training programs on the first Sunday of every month. These are specifically designed to meet our members' needs, share knowledge and enhance professional development for our members.

Join us on the First Sunday of the Month sessions at 4:30 pm for relevant educational program training opportunities for all club members and officers. The remaining schedule through the end of this Toastmaster year are listed below. We will share the topics and presenters as we get closer to each session.

**FIRST SUNDAY**

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

2021-2022 District 36 Monthly Member Education and Training Series

**Sunday, December 5, 2021; 4:30 pm**  
**Topic: Crafting an Effective and Engaging IceBreaker**  
**Facilitator: Bertram Reed**

You have chosen your Path, now what?  
Time to prepare and deliver your Ice Breaker Speech.

Join the 2020-2021 District 36 International Speech Semifinalist, Bertram Reed who will take you through the structure of crafting an effective and engaging Icebreaker.

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Sunday

District 36 First Sunday Training Events: Join District 36 First Sunday of the Month sessions at 4:30 pm for relevant educational and fun sessions for all.



- Feb 6, 2022
- Mar 6, 2022
- Apr 3, 2022
- May 1, 2022
- Jun 5, 2022

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## District Director's Leadership Skills Development and Education Series (DD LSDES)

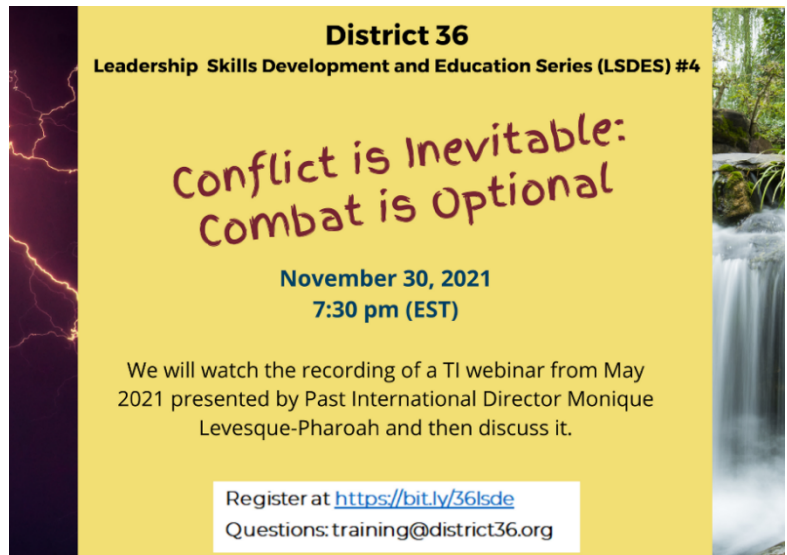
### November 30, 2021 DD LSDES Topic: Conflict is Inevitable, Combat is Optional

Join District 36 Director, Bonnie Maidak, in watching a TI webinar recording from May 2021 presented by Past International Director Monique Levesque-Pharoah.

The webinar "**Conflict is Inevitable, Combat is Optional: Next Steps**" provides some great tips on dealing with conflict.

When you [register](#), you will receive additional material for the session.

The recording of the session will be available in the D36Resources google drive location. See the bottom of this page for the D36Resources link..



### December 28 DD LSDES

#### Topic: Open Conversation About Your Leadership Journey



The December 28 DD LSDES will be an **open conversation about your leadership journey**. The District Director will be happy to meet with you if you want a respite from holiday activities and are interested in discussing your leadership journey.

### Upcoming DD LSDES Topics

Time Management will be the January 25th topic, Interpersonal Communications (DISC) on February 22nd, and the remaining months are still in the planning process. Future topics might include Strategic & Critical Thinking, Continuous Improvement / Growth Mindset, Humor, Ethics. Write to [training@district36.org](mailto:training@district36.org) to share your topics ideas.

**Be in the Know.....** check the following folder on the district google drive to access items from the District team. Examples are the TI-brand approved district virtual zoom backgrounds located in the 2021-2022\_District 36 Activities folder. Recordings from some educational events are also provided.

**District Public Shared Folder**  
<https://bit.ly/D36Resource>

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## Perspectives from Two Frequent TLI Instructors

Scott Meyer, DTM and Janice Strachan, DTM

We recently asked two frequent TLI instructors the following questions regarding TLI and club officer training.

**Scott Meyer, DTM**, past District 36 Director. responses.

1. Your Name: **Scott Meyer**
2. Your Education Level at Toastmasters International: **DTM**
3. Which TLI Club Officer Training have you taught? *President, VPE, VPM, VPPR, Secretary, Treasurer, or Sergeant at Arms: I've taught everything but VPPR. Most often I teach Treasurer, VPM or President.*
4. What did you enjoy about teaching at a TLI? *Sharing my experiences, meeting other Toastmasters and learning from the shared experiences.*
5. What do you bring to the session with your experience? *You actually answered your own question. I try to help attendees think forward and not simply react as issues arise. I do a couple things in my trainings.*
  - I encourage them to look around at the others in the class; these are great resources for you. Any issue you are experiencing is or has almost always been experienced by others, so look to your peers for help.

- The single most important duty of any officer is finding a replacement; assess your fellow club members and identify potential successors and start training them now.
6. What do you remember about attendees' reactions to the session? *Most have some sort of "a-ha" moment when something clicks with them. To help ensure that everyone walks away with something new, I often ask them to share one issue that they/their club is experiencing so I can try to address this and offer suggestions on how to address the issue.*
  7. What are some most important concepts that you mention in every session? *See #5; I think these are critical.*

All Club Officers should be proud of their continued progress in Toastmasters. Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) training is an awesome opportunity to refresh Core Officer knowledge, strengthen your club, and receive your credit for your DCP goal. All members are welcome to attend the electives.

The next TLI training is right around the corner for District 36. Please review [www.district36.org/tli](http://www.district36.org/tli) for times/dates and look for reminder emails from District 36 and your Area/Division Directors.

*(We thank Toni Ward, DTM, for her assistance with assembling this information.)*

### Feedback Comments from TLI Attendees

District 36 TLIs are worthwhile! Always something new to learn, excellent presentations.

The training was on point. The facilitators had both visionary and practical tips to give us.

I haven't taken a TLI class in a long time that provided such excellent material.

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## Perspectives from Two Frequent TLI Instructors

Scott Meyer, DTM and Janice Strachan, DTM

**Janice Strachan, DTM**, past TLI Education Coordinator, D36 Administration Manager responses.

1. Your Name **Janice Strachan**
2. Your Education Level at Toastmasters International: **DTM**
3. Which TLI Club Officer Training have you taught? President, VPE, VPM, VPPR, Secretary, Treasurer, or Sergeant at Arms: **In Summer 2021 TLI, I taught VPM and VPPR plus a couple of electives.**
4. What did you enjoy about teaching at a TLI? **I love when others in the class share their experiences and tips. They have such terrific ideas and I have learned many things from them during these discussions.**
5. What do you bring to the session with your experience? **Over the years, I have held every club officer role, and I have taken every club officer class more than once. I find that I am using the information that was shared with me by those excellent instructors to teach others. I have gathered examples of scripts for SAA, worksheets for grammarians and ah counters, social media tips, and evaluation methods. These resources help new officers build their own skills and those of their club members.**

6. What do you remember about attendees' reactions to the session? **Most participants in club officer training appreciate getting suggestions and examples of how to perform their role to the best of their ability. They love getting resources and ideas of the instructor and other participants. The evaluations I have received express gratitude for the value of the training they received.**

7. What are some most important concepts that you mention in every session? **I usually show them the Club Central site at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org), where TI has made available many officer resources. I also show them where to find their club's DCP report. Then I share the value of having a FTH club website and how that can help with their officer role.**

### Feedback and Comments from TLI Attendees

**This was one of the best officer trainings I have experienced. I learned something new even though this was my second consecutive year as a VPM.**

**I have served as president in the past, I still learned several new ideas and admired the enthusiasm.**

**I found wonderful supportiveness with the trainers and camaraderie in the cohort of fellow President's in training.**

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## TLI Attendance Recognition

### Goal 9a – 4 or more officers trained

Congratulations to all the clubs that achieved **Goal 9a- Having 4 or more officers trained** during the 2021 Summer TLI sessions. Listed by division, then area. See the next page for more clubs which achieved Goal 9a (they also achieved Dream Team status).

A 11	Revenooers Toastmasters Club	E 51	Hopeful Communicators Club
A 12	New Vision Toastmasters Club	E 51	Speak Lead Serve
A 12	S.E.C. Toastmasters	E 52	NIST Toastmasters Club
A 13	DC Aspiring Speakers Toastmasters Club	E 52	AZ Orators
A 13	DC Courts	E 53	Twinbrook Club
A 14	GAO Club	E 53	Gene Toasters Toastmasters Club
A 15	United States Senate Club	E 53	Sodexo Toastmasters By Frances Nam
A 15	PeaceMasters	E 53	Bioreliance Speaks! Toastmasters Club
A 16	Federal Triangle Club	E 54	Turning Point Club
A 16	National Press Toastmasters Club	E 54	Derwood Communicators
A 16	Ariel Rios Toastmasters Club	E 54	Spiritually Speaking Toastmasters
A 16	EPA Breakfast Toastmasters Club	E 55	Business Oriented Toastmasters
B 21	Professionally Speaking	E 55	EasyTech Toastmasters
B 22	Dupont Circle Toastmasters	E 55	Effective Communicators
B 22	Politically Speaking	E 56	Lewis Smith Toastmasters Club
B 23	GSA Toastmasters Club	E 56	Universally Speaking Toastmasters
B 23	Clara Barton Advance and Conquer	E 56	Francophones du Monde
B 23	Talking Heads of State Club	E 56	Montgomery College Global Leaders & Speakers
B 23	Stately Speakers Club	F 61	B M D Toastmasters Club
B 23	Diplomatically Speaking	F 61	Toasted by Proxy Club
B 24	Word Bankers Club	F 61	Speech Regulators
B 24	IMF Toastmasters Club	F 61	The FDA Metroparkers
B 24	IFC Toastmasters Club	F 63	N I H Club
B 25	OPM Our People Matter Toastmasters	F 63	Locke and Key Toastmasters
B 25	F D I C Club	F 64	NRC Toastmasters
C 31	Talk For Change Toastmasters Club	F 64	Executive Toastmasters Club
C 31	Unity Toastmasters	F 64	PMA Toastmasters
C 32	VA Gaveliers Club 2920	F 64	Articulate Accountants Toastmasters
C 32	IDB Development Speakers	F 65	Bethesda Evening Speakers Club
C 32	Just Us Watchdogs	F 65	ASCE Toastmasters Club
C 32	Viva Toastmasters for Mental Health Professionals	F 65	Tally Ho Club
C 33	Friendship Heights Toastmasters	F 65	PMI Montgomery County Toastmasters Club
C 34	M Street Verbalizers Club	G 71	Tip Top/NOAA Club
C 34	EventSpeak	G 71	Speakers Corner Club
C 35	Capital Toastmasters I	G 72	Silver Spring Toastmasters Club
C 35	Toast of K Street	G 72	Holy Cross-Words
C 36	Peacetimers Club	G 73	Plant Industry Station Toastmasters Club
C 36	Capitol Hill Speakers Club	G 73	FDA Muirkirkers Toastmasters Club
C 36	PHOENIX RIZING	G 74	Khalsa Toastmasters
D 41	The St. Augustine Toastmasters Club	G 74	Top Notch Toastmasters
D 41	Woodridge DC Toastmasters	G 75	Agricultural Research Center Club
D 42	Goddard Club	G 76	Harry Diamond Club
D 42	Space Speakers Toastmasters Club	G 76	White Oak Toastmasters
D 43	Riverside Toastmasters Club	G 76	Voice of Burtonsville
D 43	Wiley Toastmasters Club	G 76	ALC Advanced
D 44	Rivertech		
D 45	Professionals Reaching Out for Success (PROS)		
D 45	MBC Toastmasters Club		
D 45	Prince George's County Women's Bureau		
D 46	Triple-Crown Club		
D 46	Go Pro		



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## TLI Attendance Recognition

### Dream Team – all 7 officers trained

Congratulations to these clubs that made Dream Team (ALL Seven officers trained) for the past Summer TLI season. These clubs have earned 25 District 36 "Dollars".

Div	Area	Club Name	Div	Area	Club Name
A	11	Pepco Powertalk Club	E	51	Greater Olney Toastmasters [GOT]
A	11	PowerToasters Toastmasters Club	E	51	Germantown Toastmasters Club
A	13	AARP Toastmasters Club	E	51	Wheaton Community
A	13	FTC Toastmasters	E	52	Speak AZ Toastmasters
A	16	Ambassadors Of Speech Club	E	54	Vagabond Toastmasters Club
B	21	Dupont Circle of Speakers Club	E	54	Sunrise Toastmasters Club
B	24	PAHO / WHO Club	E	55	Montgomery Village Toastmasters Club
C	31	Speakeasy in Downtown DC	F	62	Parklawn Toastmasters Club
C	31	Japanese-English Toastmasters Club	F	62	USPeakers
C	33	Maryland Advanced Toastmasters	F	65	Great Seneca Power Talkers Club
C	33	Cathedral Heights English - Spanish Toastmasters	G	71	Daniel Leadership Toastmasters Club
C	36	Global Business Leaders	G	71	Kemp Mill Toastmasters
D	41	DTM Leaders Toastmasters Club	G	72	She Leads She Speaks
D	42	Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club	G	74	White Oak Evening
D	42	Take Flight Toastmasters	G	75	Crown Of Laurel Club
D	43	Federal Center Club	G	75	Columbians Toastmasters Club
D	44	NTL Advanced Speakers Club	G	75	Jim Whitney
D	44	Greenbelt Toastmasters	G	75	The Restored
D	45	UMGC Power Speakers	G	76	Chesapeake Toastmasters Club
D	46	Speakers On Nebo Way			

### Feedback and Comments from TLI Attendees

I am very glad that I am a member of District 36. Their support is incredible and high class. Enjoyed our Summer TLI sessions.

Gave me very practical next steps on how to lead the club this coming year.

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## Thank you to these TLI Instructors from Summer 2021.

Without you sharing your knowledge, our TLI training would not be such a success!

Anthony Moriera  
Bonnie Maidak  
Bruce Holmes  
David Davis  
with co-trainer Tina Lignon  
Frank and Karen Storey  
Glenda Dickonson

Ivonne Vaughn  
Janice Strachan  
Jay Moore  
Jill Vanderweit  
Jim Dooley  
John Kinsman  
Lillian Cooke

Pamela Timus  
Peter "Tan" Tantisunthorn  
Robert Antoinin  
Sandra Coles-Bell  
Scott Meyer

## A Special Message to Corporate / Government Clubs

*Bonnie L. Maidak, DTM*

I recently heard from an Area Director that one of her club Presidents, from a corporate club, stated that they didn't see any need to go to officer training. "Their club's doing just fine, thank you very much, and they don't need to go to officer training." I was stunned by this club president's comment.

You might be wondering "what is a corporate club?"

The simplest answer is that corporate clubs are hosted by corporations or companies or non-profit foundations or government agencies (on any level such as county, state, or federal). The degree to which any entity provides support can range from allowing the group to use conference room space only, to providing refreshments for each meeting, to paying the membership dues, to tying promotions and professional development performance plans to active participation in Toastmasters meetings. Entities may allow the club to be open to non-employees or closed to only employees of the organization.

I contacted Past International President, Pat Johnson, DTM, who wrote "A Handbook for Building and Sustaining Vibrant Toastmaster Programs in Corporations" (available from the TI Store). She is a past Region Advisor for Region 10 (Europe) and is now serving as a Region Advisor for Region 2 (southern part of the U.S. West Coast). She also moderated a panel discussion during the 2021 Virtual International

Convention on "How Toastmasters Can Advance Your Career". If you did not watch this session from the convention, you missed so many great ideas about how to explain the benefits you receive by participation in the Toastmasters program in your corporation or government agency.

I wanted to hear what Pat would say to this club President. "If you're a leader, you go to training. I don't care how long you've been around; you're still learning." She paraphrased a quote seen on the desk of another International President, "When you're finished learning, you're done" -- 'done' as in you are dead.

My conversation with Pat contained many ideas that I want to share with our corporate and government clubs. This is why I am facilitating a networking session at the December 4th TLI (see page 2 and 14 for more information). Come and talk to me about what your club is facing. I want to help you or your club be better!

By not wanting to attend training, this club officer is cutting off themselves and their club members from hearing new ideas from other attendees, about new programs being sponsored by the district, about updates from Toastmasters International or networking with other attendees. My feeling of sadness for this club remains.

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## Similar Yet Different: Trainer vs. Speaker

District 36 wants excellent trainers to lead TLI classes. Do you know the similarities and differences between a good speaker and a good trainer?

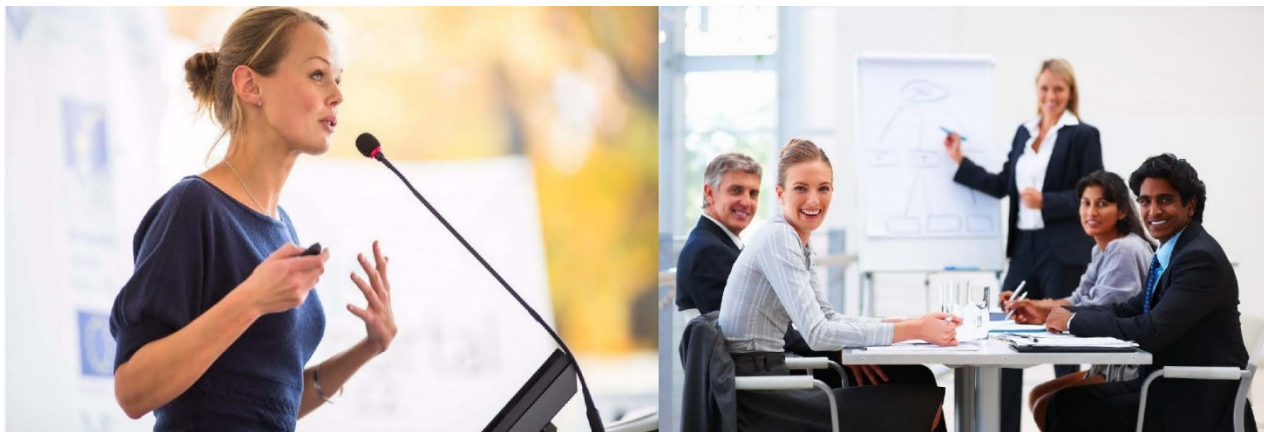
Here are some similarities for a trainer and a speaker:

- Both involve an audience
- Both involve speaking in front of a group
- Both require connection with the audience
- Both require communication skills and specific content area knowledge
- Both aim for certain results

Maybe you have some of these skills and can easily make the transition from being a good speaker to an excellent trainer. Let's take a look at some of the differences between a trainer versus a speaker. If you think you might to make that transition, you may want to attend a future "Speaker to Trainer" workshop.

<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Trainer</b>
<i>Content/Venue Topic</i>	Event/Conference Can be broad, may be required to align to the event	Class/ Workshop/Seminar Pre-arranged
<i>Purpose</i>	Inform / Persuade / Entertain; Convey Message	Change participants' behavior, Convey Message
<i>Audience</i>	May not know prior to the speech	Should be clear what the audience will receive
<i>Style Method</i>	One-way communication, mostly Tells them what you are going to tell them, tells them, tells them what have told them	Two-way communication Determines what they know; Determines what they need to know. Fills in the gap; Using specific training guidance or materials
<i>Tools &amp; Techniques</i>	Storytelling, body language and etc.	+ role-plays, exercises, case studies, demonstrations, visual aids, Q&A, and more
<i>Talking and listening</i>	Mostly talking, with some audience interactions	Talking and listening through class discussions and activities
<i>Feedback/Evaluation</i>	Applause / Audience engagement	Knowledge/value obtained by the trainees

Thanks to Annie Bai, DTM, who presented this material at the May 2021 District 36 session of TI's "From Speaker to Trainer" workshop.



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## Leading Your Team

Toni Ward, DTM

You have heard these words before: **"There's no 'I' in Team!"**

Each Toastmasters year, club officers are elected to lead our clubs. Your club's success depends not only on the club officers, but also each team member taking a leading role in your club. One of my VPE's TLI Instructors once said, "Your club is the main story; however, your executive team members are the protagonists who bring it to life."

The advantages of being a club officer and member include the following:

- 1) Building your leadership skills;
- 2) Participating in leadership events;
- 3) Networking;
- 4) Including Toastmasters International – Club Officer on your resume; and
- 5) Making it part of your Performance Evaluation at work for communication and leadership development.



The best thing about being a club officer is that each officer has a part to play in the success of the club along with engaging the rest of the club members. Toastmasters is your "Leadership Playground." Everyone can learn by doing and receiving free training and mentoring from experienced Toastmasters.

There are some things a club officer can do to enhance his or her ability to assist in their club's success by attending Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) training. One was held during the Summer, and another is upcoming this Winter. Attending TLI is also an easy Distinguished Club Program (DCP) goal. See Club Officer Tools: [Toastmasters International -Club Officer Tools](#) and Club Officer Roles: [Toastmasters International -Club Officer Roles](#) for more information.

We all can advance by hearing words of encouragement while attending TLI training. "A Great Leader Creates **More Leaders**" is a pertinent quote.

### Attendees' Comments about our TLI Summer Sessions

I always look forward to being recharged by the biannual Toastmaster Learning Institute (TLI) Trainings. This year, I was amazed by how well the zoom training was performed. The content was comprehensive and the trainer conscientiously answered everyone's questions.

**This TLI training gave me the boost I needed for making major improvements to increase club involvement.**

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## Mark Your Calendar! Join Us!

### Celebrating the Holidays & You

Date: Dec 18, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm EST

Virtual

Register: <https://bit.ly/d36Party>

Invited: All D36 members and friends

*'tis the season*

TO BE JOLLY

Join in the fun!

Get ready for an ugliest sweater contest, silly holiday jokes, fun holiday stories, and a holiday sing-a-long.

Prizes will be awarded!



### Save the Date

May 13-21, 2022

## DISTRICT 36 ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE



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## District 36 History of Toastmasters Leadership Institute

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Each year, any number of area governors were in the very early stages of leadership development and would not have the experience to answer questions or fully develop the training.

I put together a committee and we began to brainstorm ideas for training. What came from these sessions was a training delivery system that we called Toastmasters University. We would develop classes that would cover the duties and responsibilities specific to that office. In addition, we would develop a selection of electives from which a student could choose for personal growth. The time sensitive burden of training all officers within an area would not be borne solely by the area governor. Our thinking was that e.g., the training for Club President would be some required core classes and an elective. The need to "change classes" would provide a sense of energy and also different people in the different classes which would enhance discussion and new ideas. In order to keep track of these multiple classes, former toastmaster Ed Fox and DTM Susan Ellsworth began to work on a system of data base management. At the conclusion of each 50-minute class, the student's registration card would be "marked" to be turned in at the end of the day to the data base managers who would print out, as appropriate, a "diploma". The "status" of a diploma was also thought to be an incentive for attendance and something to take back to the club to perhaps

encourage more individuals to attend. By having specific criteria and subject matter for each office, a toastmaster whose first club office might be, e.g., Sgt at Arms, would be exposed to the specific duties and responsibilities (in addition to the synergy of new ideas) with each session of TMU as she/he took the classes for the offices leading to club president. She/he would also be exposed to officers from different clubs rather than only the officers in the club's Area, thus expanding the opportunities for ideas and creativity.

This idea came to fruition and was introduced to Toastmasters President Helen Blanchard (the first woman to be International President) when she made a visit to District 36 in May 1986. We armed President Blanchard with documentation, and she took the concept back to TI Headquarters. In 1993, the Board of Directors examined a working model of Toastmasters University and recommended that the name "Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)" be used instead of "Toastmasters University." The Board further recommended that, after September 1, 1993, the terminology "university" and "college" cease to be used for Toastmasters training programs.

Thus, the concept of "TLI" began in District 36 (in the living room of Doris Anne Martin) by a team of motivated toastmasters that included Dick Fath, E.J. Burgay, Ed Fox, Susan Ellsworth, and Jay Aul.



### District 36 Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)

#### December 4, 2021

#### Winter TLI Kickoff with Networking Sessions

- 9:00am-11:30am (Core Officer Training)
- 12:00pm-1:30pm (Networking Sessions)
- 2:00pm-4:30pm (Core officer Training)

Register at [www.district36.org/tli](http://www.district36.org/tli)

### Networking Sessions

#### 12:00pm-1:30pm

Join one or more of several breakout rooms to visit and talk with other members or play some fun games.

#### Corporate and Government Clubs

Corporate and Government Agency affiliated clubs are set up differently from community clubs

Share what happens in your corporate / government club with the District 36 Director

#### VPE Beyond TLI:

Tips & Tricks that can enhance this role

#### Coffee and Conversations:

Check in: How are you doing?  
Share a cup of coffee with  
District 36 Program Quality Director

#### Chit & Chat Room

Open Topic Discussion  
Chat with District 36 Club Growth Director

*District 36 will be a vibrant community of enthusiastic, energetic Toastmasters who are dedicated to helping themselves and others achieve their highest communication and leadership potential.*