



# Toastmasters District 18 Newsletter

May 2023



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## Congratulations on a Great Spring Conference



D18's first post-pandemic conference on April 22, 2023 was a resounding success.

District 18 was able to get back to the business of hosting a fantastic in-person conference at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

Highlights included presentations by Cyril Junior Dim, the 2022 World Champion of Speaking on "It Takes a Village – Building a Circle of Trust" and Toastmasters Immediate Past International President Richard Peck, DTM, who presented the "SOAR to Success" Educational



## Thank You Carmen Lee Pow, DTM



District 18's Spring Conference would not have been a success without the energy, support and guidance from **Carmen Lee Pow, DTM**. As the **D18 Conference Advisor**, Carmen spent countless hours assisting D18's Conference Committee so this conference would meet the District's high standards of excellence. Thank you, Carmen Lee Pow, for your exceptional service, commitment and leadership!

District 18 bestowed its **2023 Communication and Leadership Award to Rajan Patel, the founder of Dent Education**. Rajan shared his inspiring story of how as a young entrepreneur, he

helped develop the Embrace babywarmer device for prematurely born babies, after deciding to “make a dent” in the lives of others.

Rajan’s Embrace babywarmer has now saved the lives of over 500,000 babies in more than 25 developing countries, at less than 1% of the cost of an incubator. Rajan’s realization that he could “make a dent” then brought him to Baltimore, Maryland where he co-founded Dent Education, a nonprofit that empowers disadvantaged youth in Baltimore City.



Rajan has worked with over 500 high school students in Baltimore City to become innovators and entrepreneurs. Visit his nonprofit [Dent Education, Inc.](#) to donate.

## D18 Contest Winners

D18 hosted three outstanding Speech Contests in April:

- Table Topics
- Humorous
- International

Each Division was represented by phenomenal speakers. Thanks and congratulations to all of the amazing Toastmasters who competed! You represent the absolute best of District 18.



## International Speech Contest



### Congratulations:

1st Place  
Felicia Rowe  
2nd Place  
Ashlin Price  
3rd Place  
Mansur Hasib

Felicia Rowe will represent District 18 in the Quarterfinals of the International Speech Contest.



Contestants were:

- Timmie Mirza Division A
- Ashlin Price Division B
- Mansur Hasib Division C
- Beth May Division D
- Felicia Rowe Division E
- Kiona Leah Division F
- Norma Johnson Division G

## Humorous Speech Contest

Contestants were Margaret Russ for Division A, Tamika Daniels for Division B, Freeman Bagnall for Division C, Ken Matos for Division

## Table Topics Speech Contest

Contestants were Achala Bhat for Division A, Natasha Tierra for Division B, Veronica Schroeder for Division C, Gerry Stephens for

D, Gregg Harris for Division E, Wanda Danney-McLaurin for Division F, and Norman Johnson for Division G, and they were all awesome!

**Congratulations:**

1st Place Greg Harris  
2nd Place Margaret Russ  
3rd Place Ken Matos

Division D, Gregg Harris for Division E, David Klyce for Division F, and John Berkley for Division G, and they rocked the house!

**Congratulations:**

1st Place Gregg Harris  
2nd Place Achala Bhat  
3rd Place Veronica Schroeder

## Congratulations DTMs



DTMs were congratulated by:

- Current District Director, Kannan Sankara
- Immediate Past District Director, Ben Crist
- Past District Director, Cynthia Williams (pictured taking selfie)

The **Distinguished Toastmaster**

**(DTM)** award represents the highest level of educational achievement in Toastmasters. [To earn the DTM](#), you need to:

- Complete two learning paths
- Serve as a club officer for two six-month terms or one annual term, help prepare a Club Success Plan, and attend Club Officer Training
- Serve a complete one-year term as a District leader
- Serve successfully as a club mentor or coach
- Serve successfully as a club sponsor or conduct a Speechcraft or Youth Leadership program
- Complete your DTM project

At this year's Spring Conference, Toastmasters who earned their DTMs during the pandemic were invited to the Walk of Fame, along with DTMs from the current Toastmasters year.

Celebrating their achievement of DTM for the current year were:

- Jim Book
- Hector Javier Cardona
- Merlyn Clarke
- Tammy Wylie
- Freeman Bagnall

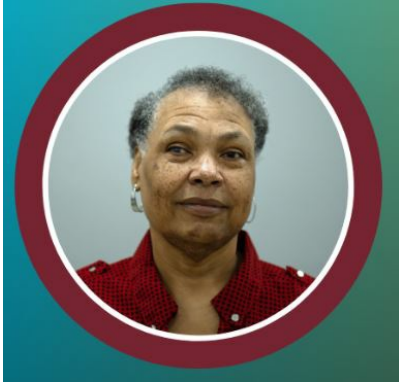
### Watch the Video On YouTube

[View the DTM Video](#)

[How Do I Get My DTM?](#)

## Congratulations D18 Trio Elect

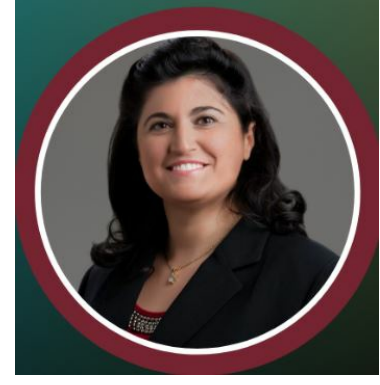
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AnnMarie Givans  
District Director



Wesley Gibbs  
Program Quality Director



Catherine Damavandi  
Club Growth Director

## District 18 End of Year Picnic



Bring your family and friends and join the fun as we celebrate the end of another Toastmasters year!

Sun, June 25, 12pm – 5pm  
Johns Hopkins House, 2173 Johns Hopkins Road, Gambrills, MD 21054 ([map](#))

Please sign up to bring a dish to share:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48A9A828A7FE3-2023>

POC: [AnnMarie Givans](#) D18 PQD

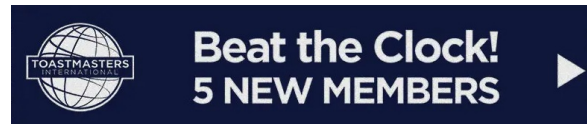
Delicious food, fun, games, prizes, and more!

### Membership Building

Program Dates: May 1 – June 30



- Have an open house (virtual or in-person)
- Reach out to members who didn't renew
- Think about potential guests from outside your immediate geographic area



It's time for the annual Beat the Clock! Toastmasters International membership building campaign to help clubs finish the year strong. TI awards any club that gains 5 new, reinstated, or dual members from 5-1 to 6-30:

- "Beat the Clock!" ribbon for your banner
- 10% off coupon for the TI store

This is a perfect opportunity for your club to promote itself, gain members, and increase participation while also winning prizes.

## Calendar of Events

Find zoom details & POCs on the [D18 Calendar](#)

2022-2023 Clubs Earning Distinguished Club Program Status



## Get Info & Register Here

### **ALOA Toastmasters Meeting**

Sat, May 13, 11:00am – 12:30pm

### **Toast of Severna Park - Open House**

Independent Publishing

Tue, May 16, 7PM

**REVISED link:** [Register in Advance](#)

### **Polished Professionals Advanced Toastmasters Meeting**

Sat, May 20, 10am – 12pm

### **Southern Delaware Toastmasters - Open House**

Tue, May 23, 6pm

Artificial Intelligence is Here

in-person and [Zoom](#)

### **ALOA Toastmasters Meeting**

Sat, May 27, 11:00am – 12:30pm

### **Mastery Monday**

Mon, May 27, 7:30pm - 8:30pm

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 871 3744 7701

Passcode: 787492

### **All Hands**

Sun, May 28, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 809 739 5269 (no password)

Distinguished = Get 5 of 10 goals  
Select Distinguished = Get 7 of 10 goals  
Presidents Distinguished = Get 9 of 10 goals

### **Amazing Division A**

Select Distinguished

- Greater Newark Area
- Club 328 JPMC TM Club

Distinguished

- Siemens Healthineers TM Club
- Bank of America: Take the Lead TM Club

### **Champions Division C**

Select Distinguished

- Toast of Severna Park TM Club

Distinguished

- Global Transformers TM Club
- Asbury Town Neck Area TM Club

### **Dynamic Division D**

- Select Distinguished - Frederick TM Club

### **Excellent Division E**

Select Distinguished

- CMS TM Club
- Patuxent TM Club

Distinguished

- Owings Mills Community TM Club
- Randallstown Network TM Club
- Hola TM Club

### **Fantastic Division F**

Distinguished - Highway Masters TM Club



## Club Officer Checklist

### **All Officers**

- Conduct club officer elections
- Conduct executive committee meeting with each officer reporting on activities/accomplishments/plans
- Review the club's goals for the current year [Distinguished Club Program](#) (DCP)
- Submit new club officer list through the Club Business section of the Toastmasters International website

before June 30 deadline - [login required](#)

### Treasurer & VP Membership

- Promote the [Beat the Clock](#) membership campaign (May 1 – Jun 30) during meetings and other outreach
- Begin collecting member dues to meet the April 1 deadline for submission

### VP Public Relations

- Manage club outreach

### VP Education

- Meet with each member to discuss his or her educational goals and determine which award(s) he/she will achieve in the next six months
- Encourage those who are close to completion to set a June 30 goal

### Sergeant-at-Arms

- Facilitate and verify all scheduling for meetings (virtual or in person)
- Make sure members have meeting appointments and info to access/attend



## Club Growth Corner

### Club Growth Director (CGD) Office Hours With

[Wes Gibbs, D18 CGD](#)

**Date:** Fridays (excluding US holidays) **Time:** 7pm to 8pm

Preregistration is required, send an email to [Wes Gibbs, D18 CGD](#) to preregister

Office hours will not be held if there are no preregistrations

## Club Challenge



**D - 18 PQD OVER ACHIEVERS CLUB QUALITY CHALLENGE**

**Fourth Quarter  
April 1st - June 30th**

8 raffle tickets towards  
Grand Prize  
when you

- \*Complete 9 DCP Goals**
- \*Maintain Charter Strength 20 members  
or  
Maintain 3 Members Above Base**
- \*Submit On Time Club Officer List**

**A TOTAL OF 9 GOALS, REQUIRED MEMBERS,  
& ON TIME OFFICER LIST  
SHOULD REFLECT ON THE DCP CHART BY  
JUNE 30, 2023**

**You will Earn**

- \*A Certificate of Fame**
- \*Social Media Promotion  
for your club**
- \* Winner's Trophy**



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Please share the information in this newsletter. Get your members involved!

Check out the [Toastmaster Magazine](#) and the [Toastmasters Pathways](#) web pages.