



CITY SPEAKERS NEWSLETTER

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March 2014

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Venue

St Botolph's Church
Aldgate High Street
London
EC3N 1AB

It seems like an absolute age since Christmas, and I suspect that that's because the New Year has started with a bang! We've had plenty of meetings, plenty of new recruits, and plenty of speeches. It's been an action packed few months, and we've heard some excellent Ice Breakers, as well as speeches from our more experienced members. Now that we're all warmed up to 2014 – lets keep the momentum going with an action packed schedule. In this edition of the newsletter, we recap on the start of the year and look at what's coming up in the next quarter...

Ed Patmore, Editor

What's been happening?

Christmas Party



That's not to forget that we had the awesomest Christmas party to cap the year off to. Free for members, we met at Pieminister on Leather Lane for a night of booze, pies, and strictly no speeches!! With a good choice of seasonal pies & ales, and plenty of chatter – it was good to see so many members before the Christmas break.

www.cityoflondontoastmasters.org/2013/11/06/christmas-party

New Year Rush

Of course, after the excess of Christmas and New Year, it was time to get some New Year resolutions started. Many people chose to start the New Year by finally tackling their fear of public speaking. We've seen a welcome surge in visitor numbers over the last few months, and it's been great seeing so many new faces. We'll be listening with interest to the speeches everyone produces, and on hand to offer support and advice when needed.

www.cityoflondontoastmasters.org/2014/01/09/new-years-resolutions



An extra special welcome to all our new members since the last newsletter:

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| • Eugenie Vebraite | • Thomas Hunt | • Mallory Giardino |
| • Paul Naples | • Jelony Osa-Okuongae | • Rachel De Cesaro |
| • Felicitas Weber | • Mahir Hamurcu | • Russell Lester |



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International Speech Contest & Evaluation Contest

www.cityoflondont toastmasters.org/2014/02/10/contest-time



It's contest season for Toastmasters, and we got the ball rolling with our club contest on the 4th March. It was an excellent night, with some inspired speeches and evaluations.

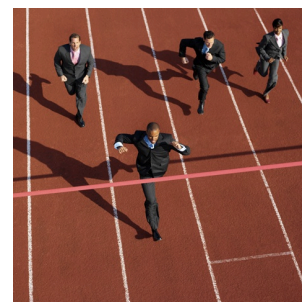
Look out for the full review on the website soon, and details of the Area contest will follow once they're finalised.

Our Vice President Education Ga Lok Chung took both crowns, and will represent City of London Toastmasters at the Area Contest in April

People nearing their 10th speech

As well as all the new faces, some of our the experienced members have been going strong to steam through their speech projects - Eeking ever closer to their elusive Competant Communicator awards:

- Sam Borrow is on his last speech
- Scott Spencer also only has only 1 to go
- Ed Patmore is coming up fast and has now completed 8 speeches
- Isaya Taingwa had stalled at 6 speeches, but is getting ready for his 7th
- Dimos Mouskovias is at the halfway point
- Juliette Valencia only has 50% of her CC left to complete
- Vincent Cheung has made it past speech 5 already!



Picture of the Quarter

*Previous President & current President
both needing a beer to cope
at the CoLT Christmas Party*

Grammarian's Word

Contest

a race, conflict, or other
competition between
rivals, as for a prize.

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The Committee

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Monika has joined us on the committee since the last newsletter - taking over as Vice President of Membership. It's great to have Monika on board, and she's already doing a great job keeping track of all the new starters and getting them registered. Here's what Monika had to say....

VP Membership: [Monika Bochra](#)



Why did you decide to join the committee?

I wanted to be more involved with the club and practice my organisational skills.

What does your role involve?

I'm responsible for welcoming new members and ensuring they have all they need to start their Toastmasters adventure.

What are you hoping to achieve in for the club in the next year?

I love the enthusiasm and energy of our new members. I would like our club to be not only a creative and stimulating place to be but also a fun one.

Get Involved

Why not follow in Monika's footsteps and get involved with running the club. It's a great way to tick off the projects in the Competent Leadership manual, and a great way to help keep City of London Toastmasters as the best club in London.

If you'd like to help out, or simply have an idea to make City of London Toastmasters even better, just have a chat with a committee member at the next meeting, or drop us an email at:

committee@cityoflondontostmasters.org

Join the conversation

Tell us what you think on any of our social media channels, and remember that you can stay up to date with all the club news, information, tips, tricks, and forthcoming events there to.



Grammarians' Word

Encourage
to inspire (someone)
with the courage or
confidence (to do
something).



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Conference



King Laoire Conference District 71 Toastmasters

Great Britain and Ireland

Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin
9th – 11th May 2014



It's nearly time for the District 71 conference, with the contests bubbling up so that the contestants are competing against the whole of the UK and Ireland!

This year it's going to be a big one, since next year our District is being subdivided (as a result of us growing so big). This is the last chance to see the best Toastmasters in the whole of the UK and Ireland all brought together in one place.

The conference will be taking place on May 9th – 11th in Dublin, and is being billed at the GREATEST, most ENJOYABLE and FUN conference EVER!!

If you've never attended a conference, you may be wondering what it's all about. Here's just a bit of what you can expect:

- Be inspired by our best International Speech and Evaluation Speakers.
- Learn from experienced speakers and leaders through our educational workshops.
- Socialise and network with our diverse membership, from first time attendees, to conference regulars, and create lasting bonds and friendships
- And of course enjoy the Craic (extreme fun!).



Last years conference in Torquay was excellent fun – there was Freddie Mercury, speeches on Scotch, Cream Teas, and the City of London Toastmasters minigolf challenge. Lets see if we can better that this year with an even bigger CoLT contingent!

Find out more at the conference website:

www.kinglaoired71conf.com

Let us know if you're going:

committee@cityoflondontostmasters.org

www.facebook.com/cityspeakers



Grammarian's Word

Winner

a person or thing that to
succeeds by striving or
effort

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Regular Meetings

Regular meetings continue on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month. Every meeting is a great opportunity to put your speaking or leadership skills to the test, so sign up for any free slot on D71.

<http://d71.org/portal.php?page=1&c=119>

Unbelievable Truths



Ever wanted to lie through your teeth and reap a roaring applause for it? Or maybe you think yourself gifted in distinguishing truths from lies? Join us on April 29th for a special event where you will have a chance to play 'Toastmaster's Unbelievable Truths'. Speakers will be tasked to deliver a speech of lies into which they embed a few truths, which members of a panel are tasked to spot.

More details will follow in the coming weeks.

International Speech Contest & Evaluation Contest

Following on from our club contest, our double winner Ga Lok goes on to compete at the Area Level contest. The more support he gets at the next level, the more cheer we can create, the more people that support him – the more likely it'll be that he goes all the way! The next level (Area) contest is going to be hosted in our normal venue (St Botolph's church) on April 2nd so let's show the other clubs in the area how City of London Toastmasters fill pews with clapping and support.



Advice Corner



Many people struggle to think of an inspiring speech topic, and spend ages looking for suitable material or titles.

Instead, try keeping a list of ideas with you and adding anything you come across that interests, excites, frustrates, angers, or otherwise causes you to stop and think.

That way, when it comes to writing your next speech you can pick whichever seems to be the best fit for the project you're working on.

Next Meetings

6.30 for 6.45pm

Guests are welcome.

- 18th March
- 1st April
- 15th April
- 29th April
- 6th May
- 20th May