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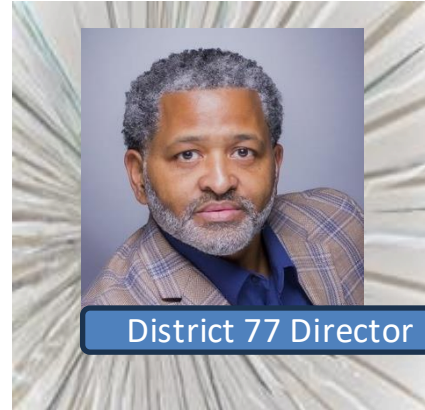
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Breaking New Ground

The Realigned Toastmasters District 77



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Theme for District 77 2026/2027

"IMPACT"



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A newsletter for District 77 Toastmasters, covering Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama providing inspiring information for everyone!

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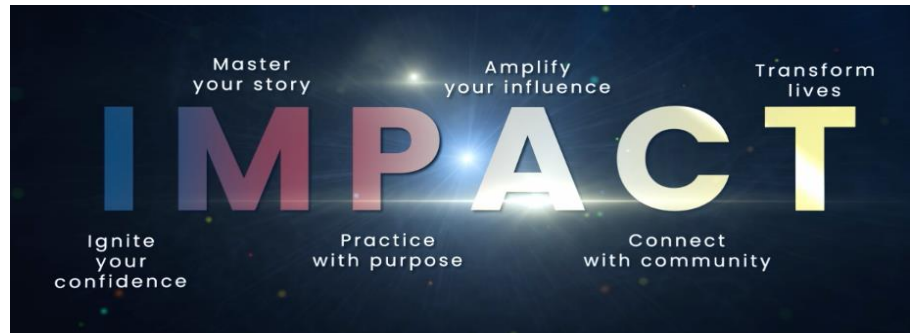
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I = Ignite Your Confidence

M = Master Your Story

P = Practice With Purpose

A = Amplify Your Influence

C = Connect With Community

T = Transform Lives

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We are looking for member, club, area, division and/or district achievements.

To submit information to the Newsletter

click on the link below

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Dr. GAYTAN GLOVER, Sr. DTM
District Director-Elect
District 77, 2026-2027

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY FORMED DISTRICT 77

THE IMPACT TEAM!

On behalf of the District 77 leadership and team leaders, please accept our warmest welcome.

I would like to personally welcome every Toastmaster of the new District 77, “**The Impact Team,**” to this club year. This is your year to ignite your confidence, master your story, and practice with purpose. Step up, amplify your influence, connect with the community, and transform your life—and the lives of those around you.

There is no better way to start this year than by writing down your goals, making them clear, and reviewing them daily. Do that and watch the doors of your communication and leadership skills open wider than ever before.

We look forward to meeting you throughout this club year. See you soon!

Click the link below to see the District Director’s Vision Video

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WELCOME TO THE NEW DISTRICT

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As your Program Quality Director, I am honored to support our members, clubs, and leaders throughout this exciting year. I am passionate about helping others grow in confidence, strengthen their communication skills, and discover their leadership potential.

Our 2026–2027 theme, **IMPACT**, reminds us that every speech, every evaluation, and every act of service creates a positive difference. Whether you are just beginning your Toastmasters journey or continuing to build on your success, District 77 is committed to providing opportunities for learning, leadership, and achievement.

Thank you for being part of our District. Together, we will inspire growth, celebrate accomplishments, and make a lasting IMPACT in our clubs and communities.

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District 77, 2026-2027

WELCOME TO A NEW TOASTMASTERS YEAR!

It is an honor to serve as your District 77 Club Growth Director. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work alongside so many passionate leaders as we continue building clubs that change lives.

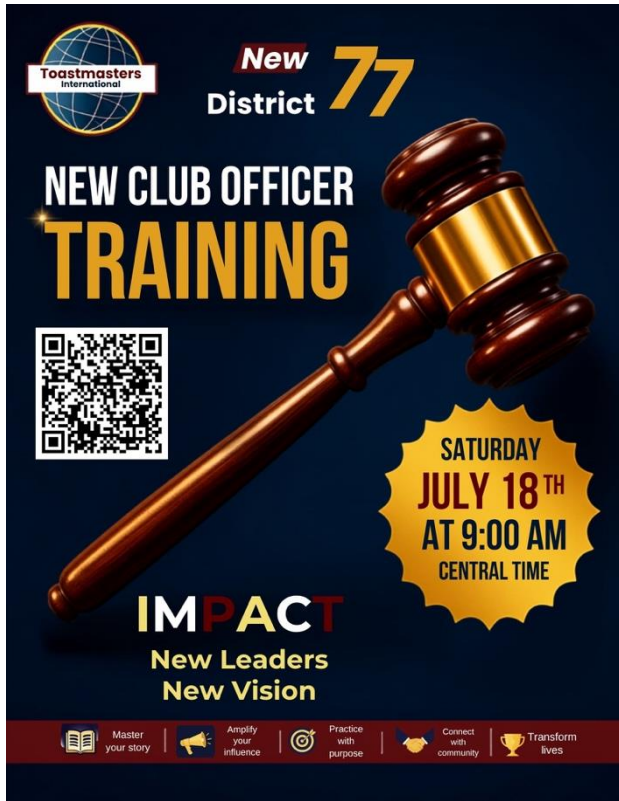
Toastmasters has given me far more than stronger communication skills. It has given me mentors, friendships, and opportunities that have shaped who I am. That's why I believe every new club and every new member matters. Behind every membership is a person looking for a place to grow.

Our theme this year is **IMPACT**. The way club growth will make an impact is through three pillars: **Build. Grow. Belong.** My hope is that together we will strengthen our existing clubs, expand our reach into new communities, and create an environment where every member feels valued.

Thank you for everything you do to serve District 77! I can't wait to see what we will accomplish together.

Christopher Little
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What Is Happening: Announcements, Celebrations.



To Big Easy Toasters, Visiting Guests, and Friends. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our July 8 meeting as we officially kicked off the new Toastmasters year.

Our 2026–2027 theme: **"Elevating You: The Journey Begins."**

It was a fantastic meeting filled with learning, encouragement, and fellowship.

Big Easy Toasters, District 77
BigEasyToasters@gmail.com

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (Central Time)

Join us on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89834233991>

Meeting ID: 898 3423 3991

Passcode: 1996

July 7, 2026

Dear Toastmasters Club President and/or Club Secretary,

Your club, as stated in the [Bylaws of Toastmasters International](#), is entitled to two (2) votes in each matter presented for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). For those votes to be cast, your club must first designate a proxyholder. As Club President and/or Club Secretary, it is your responsibility to complete the proxy assignment process, which is the first of [three steps](#) to ensuring that your club's votes are cast at the ABM. Your club's designated proxyholder will be responsible for completing Steps 2 and 3.

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CLUB OF THE MONTH

MAKE AN IMPACT

Recognizing clubs that **Recruit, Inspire, Speak, and Encourage** while strengthening District 77 one meeting at a time.

IMPACT THROUGH

- RECRUIT**
Invite others. Grow together.
- INSPIRE**
Ignite ideas. Build confidence.
- SPEAK**
Share your voice. Lead with impact.
- ENCOURAGE**
Lift each other up. Celebrate growth.

WINNER RECEIVES

- Official Certificate
- Digital Club Badge
- \$25 TI Store Voucher
- Feature on District Website
- Spotlight in Newsletter & Social Media
- Entry for Club of the Year

HOW IT WORKS

- NOMINATION PERIOD**
1st–10th of each month
- WHO CAN NOMINATE**
Any active club officer or member
- WINNER ANNOUNCED**
By the 20th of the month

NOMINATE YOUR CLUB TODAY!

Nominate Your Club [Nominate Your Club](#)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS4uV93U3tpLpm0yng9G56hXMeP9r1nA_a5dc3KTPHCA/viewform

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Leaders Building Leaders

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#ToastmastersD77
#ClubOfTheMonth

Members, please ensure your email address is set to receive District 77 communications so you do not miss any important updates.

New District 77 Officers for 2026-2027



District 77 2026 - 2027 District Officers



Gaytan Glover, Sr., DTM
District Director - Elect



Nicole Powell, DTM
Program Quality Director - Appointed



Christopher Little, DTM
Club Growth Director - Elect



Lessie Hayes, DTM
Public Relations Manager - Appointed



Judith A. Kidd, DTM
Administrative Manager - Appointed



Carol Skelton, IP5
Finance Manager - Appointed



Elena Fadairo, DL4
Division L Director - Elect



Tanya Palmer, PM5, MS4
Division M Director - Elect



Jackie Townsend, PM5, EC5
Division N Director - Elect



Gweness Schafer, PM5, EC5
Division O Director - Elect



Jennifer Smit, DL4
Division P Director - Elect



Hollie Domiano, VC4
Division Q Director - Appointed



The Importance of Realigning

Realigning deals with struggling or under-resourced Toastmasters clubs ensuring long-term viability by pooling membership numbers, reducing administrative fatigue, and centralizing costs. This allows the newly formed, consolidated club to maintain vibrant, high-energy meetings and meet the minimum 20-member charter requirement without compromising quality.

The New District 77 Division Names

Division L: “Rocket Launch” Division • Division L covers central-to-northern Alabama. The Division includes the city of Huntsville and part of the city of Birmingham.

Division M: “Memphis / Music” Division • Division M covers the metropolitan area of Memphis, Tennessee. The Division also includes northern Mississippi.

Division N: “Vulcan” Division • Division N covers central Alabama, including the cities of Birmingham and Montgomery. The cities located along I-85 are also included.

Division O: “Capital City” Division with Jackson and Baton Rouge • Division O stretches from Central Mississippi to Southeast Louisiana, excluding the New Orleans metropolitan area. The Division is book-ended by Jackson, Mississippi on the north end and Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the south end.

Division P: “Panhandle” Division • Division P covers the Gulf Coast of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. The Division includes the cities of Pensacola, Florida, Mobile, Alabama and Biloxi, Mississippi.

Division Q: “French Quarter” Division Q covers the New Orleans metropolitan area. The Division also stretches westward to include the cities of Garyville, Morgan City and Lafayette.

Dear Toastmaster,

Since the Pathways learning experience launched in 2017, we've continued to invest in improving the program—from new projects and updated content to a fully redesigned Base Camp experience. Our goal has always been to provide a practical, hands-on education experience that helps members build invaluable communication and leadership skills.

To continue delivering on that promise in the face of rising operational costs, path pricing will soon undergo its first increase in nine years.

Beginning July 1, 2026, the price of Dynamic Leadership, Engaging Humor, Motivational Strategies, Persuasive Influence, Presentation Mastery, and Visionary Communication will increase to \$35 USD.

Vintage paths, Basic Training for Toastmasters and The Communication Series: Entertaining Speaker + Storytelling, will remain at \$60 USD. Toastmasters remains one of the most affordable ways to build communication and leadership skills. A year of Toastmasters membership, plus a path, costs significantly less than many standalone public speaking or leadership courses, while offering something those courses cannot: ongoing practice, peer feedback, real-world application, and a supportive global community.

As always, every member will continue to receive their first path free, ensuring everyone can get started in Pathways right away.

Thank you for being part of Toastmasters and for your continued investment in your personal growth. We are excited about what's next for Pathways and look forward to continuing to serve you.

Chartering Clubs Made Easier — Good news for club growth: the club charter process is now simpler! The [Application to Organize](#) is still the starting point, but the remaining charter requirements have now been streamlined into a single form—the [Club Charter Requirements Form](#).

A banner for the Toastmasters International 2026 Convention. The background is a stylized illustration of a city skyline with mountains in the background, all in shades of purple and blue. In the center, there is a white rectangular box containing the text "TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL" in a bold, sans-serif font, with "2026 CONVENTION" below it in a slightly smaller font. Below the white box, the text "VANCOUVER, CANADA | AUGUST 19-22" is written in a white, sans-serif font.

**TOASTMASTERS
INTERNATIONAL**
2026 CONVENTION

VANCOUVER, CANADA | AUGUST 19-22

Wide-Open Communication: 2026 International Convention
Mark your calendar for four days of inspiration, recognition and connections.

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