



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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## Club News and Events

**Club No. 828338**  
**DBEDT for Business**  
September/October 2021

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### DBEDT for Business 2021-2022 Executive Committee Members

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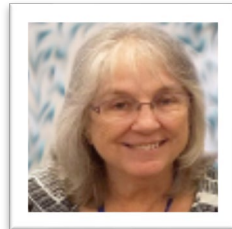
**RECOMMENDATION:** Joining the [Toastmasters District 49](#) Facebook group is a great way to learn more about what's going on throughout the state. Plus, a lot of helpful tips on making the most of your Toastmasters experience.

**MEETINGS:** Join us at 11:30 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month via Zoom.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87397802258>

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## Message from the President

During August and September, I visited seven District 49 Toastmasters Clubs to learn how other clubs conduct their meetings. Not only did I pick up some ideas for new things our club might try, but I also really enjoyed the experience of interacting with these other groups of people who are all traveling the same path we are. It was a lot of fun and I encourage everyone to give it a try. You can go to the list of clubs on the District 49 website (<https://district49.org/clubs/>) for a one-stop place to find a club with a convenient meeting time. Every club I contacted about visiting was very welcoming.

Here are a few of the ideas I think we might try. *Continued on page 2*

### Why join the DBEDT for Business Toastmasters Club?

- Diverse group makes meetings dynamic
- Members from the private and public sectors
- Members ranging from millennials to retirees
- Members who are just getting started to founders who have been with the club for over 15 years
- Convenient time and location
- Very supportive atmosphere
- Interesting speeches - no limit on topics
- You can have fun while you learn - lots of laughter at our meetings!



**SAVE THE DATE: Virtual OPEN HOUSE at 11:30 am October 26. Join us and bring a guest or two. Our theme: Public Speaking doesn't have to be Scary!**

**Club Documents Available:** If you haven't discovered this feature of the Club website yet, the Member Downloads (in the Members Only menu) has a number of useful documents. You'll find scripts for the meeting roles and report forms for the Timer and Ah Counter/ Grammarian; the green, yellow and red Zoom virtual backgrounds for the Timer; the Club Success Plans for the past few years; and, more.



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**KEEP INFORMED:** Check our [DBEDT for Business](#) website often for up-to-date information on club events and meetings.

**TRAINING:** Check out the District 49 website for training opportunities. <https://district49.org/>

**SPEECH CONTESTS:** Get the latest news on upcoming speech contests and find out the winners of past competitions. <https://district49.org/>

### Club Notes:

**Club dues** for October 2021-March 2022 were due by October 1. More information available by emailing [Dean Masai](mailto:DeanMasai@gmail.com), Treasurer, at [d49masai@gmail.com](mailto:d49masai@gmail.com).

**Pathways** can be confusing. Need help navigating through Base Camp? Got questions on what to do next? Pathways coaching is available by emailing [Joe Omura](mailto:JoeOmura@yahoo.com), VP-Education at [josephomura@yahoo.com](mailto:josephomura@yahoo.com).

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## President's Message (continued from page 1)

**Evaluations:** A couple of the clubs allow a minute after each speech for all members to provide feedback privately in the Chat. This provides more than one point of view to the speaker.

**Evaluations:** The Hilo club has the grammarian responsibilities shared by all members. They call it "communogrammarianism," which is a mouthful so I think we can call it the community grammarian. When the Ah-Counter and Grammarian roles are combined, the ums and ers get all the attention, not the evaluation of the use of proper grammar, the choice of words, the overuse of jargon, and the use of rhetorical devices like similes, metaphors, and alliteration. The old Competent Communicator manual had a project called "How to Say It" that focused on the use of language. A big advantage to sharing grammarian responsibilities is that it encourages all members to listen actively.

**Evaluations:** Several clubs consistently have the evaluators provide the project objectives. At the joint Aloha/Na Hoku Kai meeting, each evaluator spoke right BEFORE the speaker was introduced. That helps everyone understand the skills that are being developed by the project.

**Table Topics:** Several clubs don't call for volunteers, the Table Topics Master calls on someone, preferably someone who hasn't or won't have the opportunity to speak. We do that sometimes, but to be really effective in teaching impromptu speaking, we could always avoid asking for volunteers.

**Table Topics:** The most innovative and challenging (and fun) Table Topics session was at the Downtown Business Associates (DBA) club. The TT Master called it a game and shared his screen to show four slides for each speaker. The first was a picture with a question. It was followed every 20 seconds by another funny slide and the speaker had to work that image into the answer. I wish I could remember them all but the one that stands out was of a leaping dolphin, with a leaping cow right next to it! The speakers did a great job of pivoting the story to use the new image and I suspect they might have seen this technique before.

After our Open House on October 26, I think I'll start inviting myself to meetings in other Districts around the country and the world!