



# Simi Valley Toastmasters #3533

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## THE LEADER LETTER



July 2015

Keeping You Connected

### Mission Statement

Simi Valley Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

Meeting date:  
Every Thursday

7:15PM



Simi Valley Moose  
Lodge 1902

4860 East Alamo Street  
Simi Valley, CA 93063

### CLUB AND DISTRICT LEADERS

#### Updated Speech Contest Rulebook

You can now purchase a printed copy or download a free version of the Speech Contest Rulebook ([http://www.toastmasters.org/Shop/Speech%20Contest%20Rulebook\\_1171](http://www.toastmasters.org/Shop/Speech%20Contest%20Rulebook_1171)), which is effective July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016. Read about the changes. (<https://www.toastmasters.org/Resources/Contests/Speech-Contests/Annual-Speech-Contest-Rulebook-Changes>)



#### Time Is Running Out to Register for the Annual Convention

Early-bird registration ends July 19, so register today to take advantage of the discounted rate! For convention updates, follow us on Instagram @toastmastersinternational, on Twitter @toastmasters, like our Facebook Fan Page (<https://www.facebook.com/ToastmastersInternationalOfficialFanPage>) and join the Facebook event (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1624705144410870/>). Don't forget to use the hashtag #TICov15.

### CLUB LEADERS

#### For New Club Officers

The Club Officer Tools webpage (under Leadership Central) [<https://www.toastmasters.org/Leadership-Central/Club-Officer-Tools>] offers a variety of resources to help you become a successful club leader. Log in, and you will find:

- An overview of each officer role, the Club Leadership Handbook, as well as other important links.

- The Foundation of Knowledge [<http://sas-origin.onstreammedia.com/origin/toastmastersinternational/eLearning/COT/Foundation/story.htm>] online learning module, where you can learn about the Distinguished Club Program, the Toastmasters education program and the structure of the organization.
- Also, be sure to explore Club Central [<https://www.toastmasters.org/sitecore/content/Toastmasters/Home/Login?returnUrl=/My%20Toastmasters/profile/club%20central>] where you can add new members, pay dues and submit education award applications.

#### Assign Your Club Proxy

This month, club presidents and secretaries will receive proxy information via email for the Annual Business Meeting held at the convention. Toastmasters clubs hold the most important voting power in the organization. Make sure your club collaborates to determine who will carry its vote, which officer and



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director candidates [<https://www.toastmasters.org/About/Board-of-Directors>] to vote for and how to vote on Proposal A [<https://www.toastmasters.org/About/Board-of-Directors/Proposal-A>]: Amendments to the Bylaws of Toastmasters International.

## DISTRICT LEADERS

### Reporting Requirements Due July 15

District directors must fulfill certain reporting requirements [<https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/district-leader-tools/district-management/reporting-requirements.aspx>] by July 15 to access the reserve account and place supply orders. District directors will receive confirmation for each completed report. For one of the requirements, send email to [<mailto:districtfinancialreports@toastmasters.org?subject=Financial%20Reporting%20Requirements>] the District Finance team the following:

- A signed District Signature Form [<http://www.toastmasters.org/~media/E15C0D4F64544F9B99F5D2D75CDF94D7.ashx>].
- Copies of all related signatory documents required by your bank.

District Treasurers: Send Your Year-End Audit Report

Please submit your 2014–2015 Year-end Audit Report and supporting documents to World Headquarters by August 31.

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### For New District Leaders

Be an informed leader by reviewing the

District Leader Tools webpage [<https://www.toastmasters.org/Leadership-Central/District-Leader-Tools>] for useful resources and information. There you will find links for the District Leadership Handbook and the District Recognition Program, which will help you get off to a good start in the new program year.

### New Districts

On July 1, two districts reformed as a result of club expansion. We welcome District 98 in India and District 90 in Australia. Australia, reformed from Districts 41 and 70, respectively.

### District Leader Training

Training for district directors, program quality directors and club growth directors will be held August 10–11 in Las Vegas, Nevada, prior to the convention. This month you will receive details about pre-work, which will help you get the full benefit of your training experience.

### International Officer and Director Visits

If you have been notified that an international officer or director will visit your district, ensure your time together is well spent. Begin planning now for your visitor's participation in the district conference, corporate recognition visits and new club-building opportunities.

### Finance Manager Training

Once your district appoints a finance manager, they will be emailed helpful training materials and links to webinars and e-learning tools. Personalized instruction can also be requested by contacting District Finance [<mailto:districtfinancialquestions@toastmasters.org?subject=Finance%20Manager%20Training>].

### Thank You, 2014–2015 Region Advisors

Congratulations to the 2014–2015 team of



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Go to club website for more information:

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region advisors for completing a successful year! Thank you for your dedication and support to district officers.

## Region Advisor Application Process Opens July 15

Are you interested in serving as a region advisor [<https://www.toastmasters.org/Leadership-Central/District-Leader-Tools/Region-Advisor-Tools>]? If you would like to be considered, or would like to encourage another member to apply for this volunteer position, online applications for the 2016-2017 program year will be available online beginning July 15. Only electronic applications will be accepted.



Theme: ***“Leadership”***  
Thursday July 9, 2015



We had one speaker tonight, Greg Seymour, DTM, but as usual he did a fantastic job on his speech. Our Table Topics person was Brent De Ruyter who did a really great job asking questions on the topic of “freedom.”

Thank you everyone who participated in tonight’s meeting! Those members were: Brent De Ruyter, Joy Gaylord, ATMS, CL, Linda Mann, DTM, Greg Seymour and Tracy Spinella.

We had one guest: Kiri Bylund - **THANK YOU** for being a **BIG** part of our meeting!

Thank you Simi Valley Toastmasters members for helping our club be President’s Distinguish from: July 2014 - June 2015

**Let us continue to be the number #1 club in Simi Valley again another year!**

How do we do it? Easy.... Just continue to work through your manuals and remember to have the Vice President of Education (ME [Linda Mann, DTM] submit your completed manuals to Toastmasters International.

If you want to put yourself on the schedule to speak, sign in to the website and sign up on the agenda as a speaker and don’t forget to bring your manual to the club to get get evaluated.

**Go to club website for more information:**

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