



## Thank you for reading the 4th District 93 Newsletter!

Greetings, valued members of District 93. We are excited to release another issue of the D93 newsletter! As the COVID-19 pandemic has swept the whole world, Toastmasters has gone through many changes. This newsletter will outline those changes for Toastmasters in District 93.

## Greetings from District Director, Taeryeon Jung

**Hello fellow Toastmasters!**

I believe all of us are having a very difficult time these days because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though it has been tough, I believe we should look at this through a different lens. Have you ever heard of the expression "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade?" In this expression, "lemons" refers to misfortune or difficulties in our lives, and "making lemonade" is taking those misfortunes and turning them into something positive. Let's look at how we can apply this to the current situation.

Because of COVID-19 and the dangers of meeting in large groups, most of our Toastmasters meetings have moved to an on-line format.

Some members have expressed dissatisfaction with this shift, however I have to say that I've really been enjoying our online meetings. One reason is that it has allowed me to reconnect with people who no longer are able to attend off-line meetings. Recently, a former District 93 member (who was the president of my first club in Korea), joined our online meeting. I haven't seen him for years, since he moved to the United States! But because the internet has no geographical boundaries, he has been able to attend meetings in Korea again. Like this, we can connect with many former Toastmasters who we have missed very much. Please check some of your old meeting pictures - you will definitely find people that you want to meet again. Why not invite them to your next meeting?

Not only can you reconnect with former members, it's an opportunity to expand your current network and check out a different club in Korea. Recently, I attended Janggyu Toastmasters. This club is located near Changwon, which meant that it was too far for me to go on a normal weeknight. However, thanks to online meetings, I can attend from the comfort of my own home. Furthermore, it is a great chance for you to experience overseas Toastmasters meetings. Have you ever heard of the Tokyo Hangul Toastmasters club? It is the only Korean-speaking club outside of Korea and they have been having online meetings since the end of March. I joined their last meeting with many Toastmasters in Korea and we had an amazing time! When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.

Let's move on to speech contests. The district leaders have decided to have all speech contests online because of the pandemic. What do you think about online speech contests? You may not like them because it is not easy to focus on your small monitor, or you miss the opportunity to be on a larger stage, or you want to interact with more people, but fellow Toastmasters, when life gives you lemons, make lemonade!

For many speakers, it has been such a valuable opportunity to train themselves in this online environment. There are so many people who are interested in creating online video content these days. Now's your chance! Who knows? If you upload your own speech video on Youtube, it may be possible for you to become the next Youtube star! When life gives you lemons, yes, you can make lemonade!



District Director

Taeryeon Jung / DTM

Also, it is a great benefit for our audience members. Yesterday, I watched some great speeches from Areas 32, 33



and 34 while eating ice cream in my living room. Since I did not need to go out to visit each area contest venue, it was possible for me to attend three different contests on the same day. What a great way to enjoy our speech contests! When life gives us lemons, let's make lemonade!

Dear members, do you love Toastmasters? There are so many fantastic benefits as you likely know. Unfortunately, our membership growth has stalled since last month because of the pandemic. However, as you know, Toastmasters has not stopped in Korea - we are still meeting, we are still speaking, and we are still developing leaders. Now, more than ever, we need your support! Please renew your membership no later than by the end of April. The coronavirus can't stop us from being Toastmasters! And always remember, when life gives us lemons, let's make lemonade.

## District 93 Online Meeting

Since COVID-19 has spread in Korea, it has become difficult to do outside activities. People are refraining from outdoor activities to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Many clubs in District 93 have also launched online meetings to continue their club mission and allow their members the opportunity to participate. Online meetings are usually conducted using Zoom, and Zoom leaders have been assigned to each club. The table below summarizes the current status of club online meetings and zoom leaders. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact the Zoom leader who has been assigned to that club. Also, if you are a club officer and your club has not been assigned a Zoom leader, please reach out to your Area Director.

### D93 Zoom Leaders & the Clubs

Leader		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun AM	Sun PM
Taeryeon Jung	7	Korea Carpe D.	Good Life		Seoul	Friday Night	T Speakers Lounge	Japanese English	Yongin YB
Benjamin An	5	Coex	Pacific Sunset	Embassy	혼민정음		Hwarandae		
Lisa Han	5	맛있는 한국어	YOLO		Gangnam Newble	GIST	Daegu		
Stella Ra	4	Hongdae	광화문 한국어		Seocho Leaders		Visual Masters		
Sunhye Jo	4		Incheon		Katchi Kapshida		나비		Sinchon
Scott Kines	6	Blue Square	Nomadic	GGLTM	Korea University		Gangnam Morning	Yeongtong	
Nous Han	3		세종마스터즈	Jangyu			Burning Brunch		
Anna Lee	6	Signature	벗		Bundang	Changwon	Ilsan Standard	Chinese English	
Erika Kim	4		Suwon	Haeundae	Smart Monkeys		Gwangju		
Jennie Yun	4		Seoul Pro	장한로	Young Spirit		Blue Ribbon		
Sean Jung	3		Go-Getters	Selling without Yelling	Schoolmasters				
Leader	7	Daedeok	JNU		Roastmasters	Yeouido	Jamsil Brunch	Music & Me	Sunday Bilingual
Total	58	Own 퍼실리테이션, Gyodae, South River, Ulsan Leaders, Busan, Busan Pro(P), Seoul Spanish, Cheonan(Skype)							

## Cancellation of the 2020 Conference

Of the many canceled events, it is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of our annual conference. Please see the following letter for some words from our conference chair, DTM Sean Jung.

### Greetings, District 93 members.

Last week, we had the sad task of refunding all of the registration fees to those of you who registered. I am still disappointed that we are not able to meet together in person and enjoy the biggest event of District 93. I also feel sorry for the conference team, who have been working hard from last October to "Dive Deep into Toastmasters".

However, even as we are witnessing a reduction in the numbers of confirmed cases of the virus and seeing the hope at the end of the tunnel, I believe we made the right decision in cancelling the conference.

As we are having online meetings, we are even seeing new ways to enjoy Toastmasters and new possibilities to spread the Toastmasters experience to others. We will still be having an online district speech contest, and we will continue to do our best to make this unique event successful. Please come and enjoy the contest. Nothing can stop Toastmasters!



Conference Chair  
Sean Jung / DTM

## District 93 Speech Contest

As with any other year, District 93 will be holding a district speech contest. However, this year the contest will be held online. The District Speech Contests (International and Korean) will be on May 16th, 2020. The Korean Speech Contest (Chair: Taeyoung Kang) will be from 14:00~16:00 and the International Speech Contest (Chair: Cheonkyeong Park) will be from 16:00~18:00. Every member of District 93 is welcome and encouraged to attend!

The contest information will be posted at a later date. Please come and join us as we pick a new District 93 champion!

## District 93 Annual Council Meeting and District Leader election

In addition to the speech contests, our annual Council Meeting and District Leader Election will take place online. The annual business meeting is important because sets the leadership tone for the next year. It is very important that the representatives of all clubs are present in the meeting and the opinions of all clubs in the district should be reflected. According to Toastmasters International, no proxies will be permitted in an online meeting- therefore, the Club Presidents and VPEs must attend for themselves.

The most important part of this meeting is the District leader election! The election will be held at the Council Meeting on May 16, 2020, via online meeting.

The District Leadership Committee has met and nominated the following people for the elected positions. In addition to the DLC nominated candidates, eligible candidates are able to run from the floor. If you wish to run from the floor for an elected position, please contact District Director Taeryeon Jung.

District Director : Sonia Soonja Kim

Program Quality Director : Anna HyeYoung Lee, Changmin Park

Club Growth Director : Sean Jung

Division A Director : Chelsea Mi Ryoung Cha, Peter Hong, Namyong Kim

Division B Director : Bill Chong, Jennie Yun

Division C Director : Taeyoung Kang

Division D Director : Scott Kines

## Region Advisor, Marcie Gansler

Even in the midst of this challenging time, we have exciting news. Congratulations! Marcie Gansler, who served as the 2017-2018 District 93 Director, has been appointed to be the Region 14 Advisor! Let's hear what Marcie has to say!

Throughout the application process many people have asked me, "Marcie, why are you interested in serving as a Region Advisor?" I believe that the answer to that question can be found within the question itself - to serve. Over the past eight years I've spent in Toastmasters. I have reaped many benefits from this organization and I believe that now is the time for me to give back, to serve other leaders and members, and to share my experiences (both the good and the not-so-good) so that others might also grow.

But what does an RA do? Well, to put it simply, an RA is a mentor to district leaders in their assigned region, someone who can help newly elected Trio members and district teams create and implement their success plans, moderate conflict, and offer training. An RA offers support to the districts, facilitates discussion and cooperation across district boundaries, and is a bridge between Toastmasters International World Headquarters and the district leaders.

So what is my philosophy when it comes to being an RA? Well, in the current global situation, it's simply, "같이 갑시다". I'm here to help district leaders connect with one another, understand the new limitations they may face, and ultimately to help them as we all move forward into this unknown situation. Because that's the key - we're all in this together



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