

MARCH 2021 | BLUFF CITY TOASTMASTERS

BLUFF CITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

FROM OUR PRESIDENT THOMAS SHELLEY

A YEAR OF ONLINE MEETINGS

It has been a year since the world seemed to stop spinning and everything changed. In a matter of weeks we all had to reimagine our lives, and how we would function. Bluff City Toastmasters was no exception. We quickly pivoted to being virtual and meeting on ZOOM. I smile as I remember those early meetings with all of us trying to learn the new platform, when to mute, how do we adjust our backgrounds, and what's with these virtual backgrounds. How novel was it --- that the Golden Gate bridge was perfectly placed outside our windows! Our club has evolved in so many ways in the past year, not the least of these is the expansion of our membership to beyond our borders. Now we find ourselves with the prospect of what 2021 holds for us and how we can continue the progress. Clearly there is a lot to consider as we move forward, and there will be guidance from ToastMasters International as we proceed. I am excited for what the rest of this year has to offer our club and how much better we can become!! Here's to 2021!!



BLUFF CITY TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP TEAM 2020-2021

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| President | Thomas Shelley |
| VP Education | Lea Carr |
| VP Membership | Emma Crystal |
| VP Public Relations | Erica May |
| Treasurer | Tammie Polk |
| Secretary | Jackie Houser |
| Sergeant at Arms | David Nguyen |

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Diana Luker

Diana Luker is a native of Jacksonville, FL, who moved to Tennessee in 2018. She lives in Brownsville and commutes to Memphis for her job as an IT Recruiter with TEKsystems. Diana joined Bluff City Toastmasters in November 2020, desiring to improve her confidence in public speaking and leadership skills. Outside of work, Diana enjoys traveling to visiting friends and family, being outside, and spending time with her husband and two beagle pups, Chip and Buster. She is a graduate from The University of Alabama, and loves the fall and football Saturdays. Roll Tide!



Elise Barnes



***** Elise is one of our international members. She resides in Jamaica.**

Elise Barnes loves to share her passion for Jamaica and its people whenever she gets the chance, and speaking to groups – large or small – whenever she is asked, is one opportunity she never misses!

As a member of the CIPS Communicators Toastmasters Club for the past 5 years, she has distinguished herself in the Communication and Leadership programs and has been awarded the Advance Communicator and Leader Bronze designations under the Legacy Program and currently has achieved Level 3 designation in Presentation Mastery Pathways (PM3).

As a new member of Bluff City Toastmasters Club, it her intention to continue her growth and development in her communication and leadership skills.

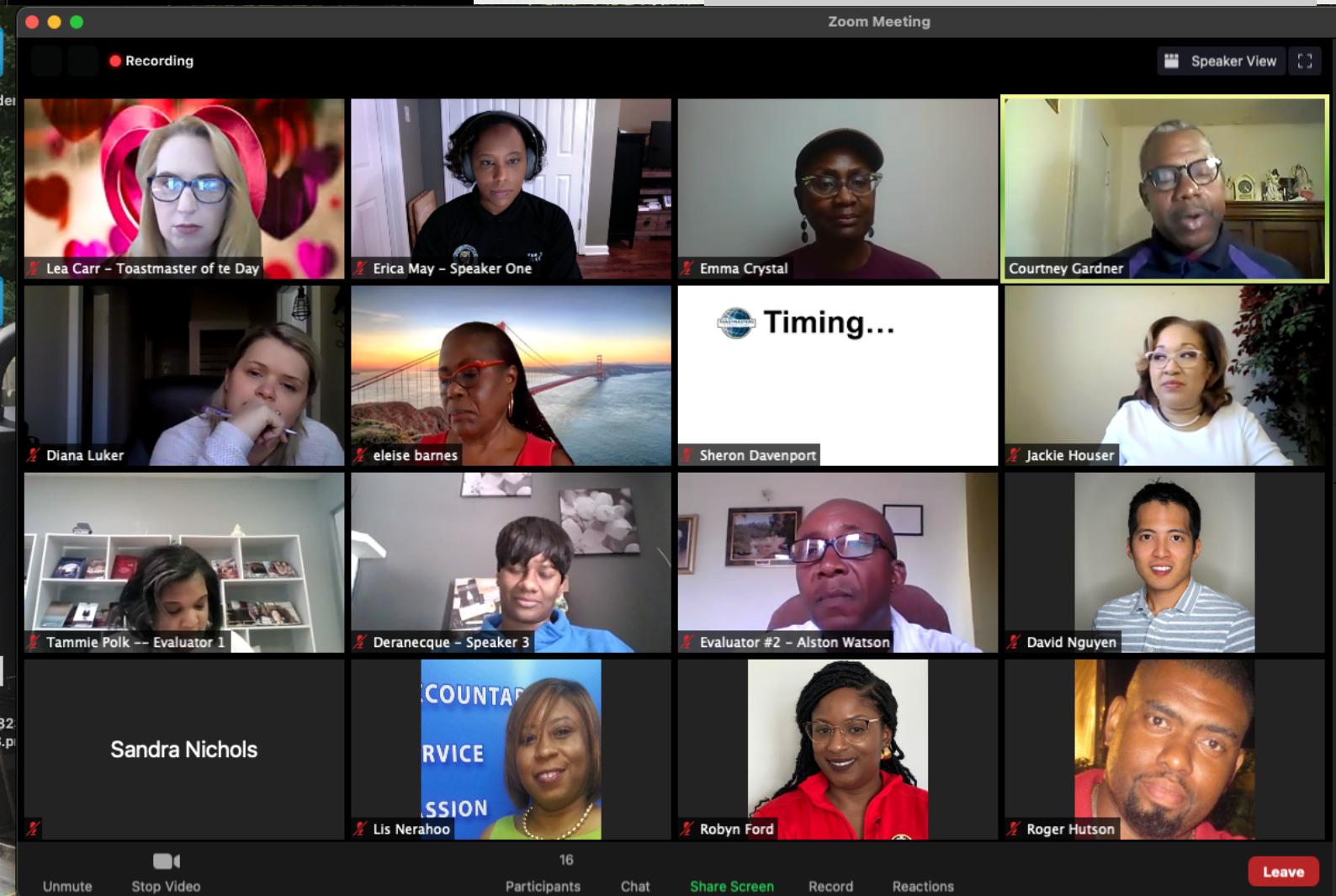
Elise's motto is, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).



about our club

Bluff City Toastmasters is a diverse and energetic group of speakers (both novice and seasoned).

We welcome all guests and existing Toastmasters to join us weekly to learn, develop, and expand your communication/ leadership skills.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



DISTRICT 43 CONFERENCE

Be sure to register for the upcoming District 43 Toastmasters virtual conference. April 17-24 Support our district and our member, Jackie Houser, who is the conference chair. Registration is \$30.

LEADERSHIP

Joining the leadership team is a great way to become more involved in the club. Grow your leadership skills and learn more about the inner workings of Toastmasters International. Elections will be coming up in May. Throw your name in the hat to step up and lead!



NEW AREA DIRECTOR

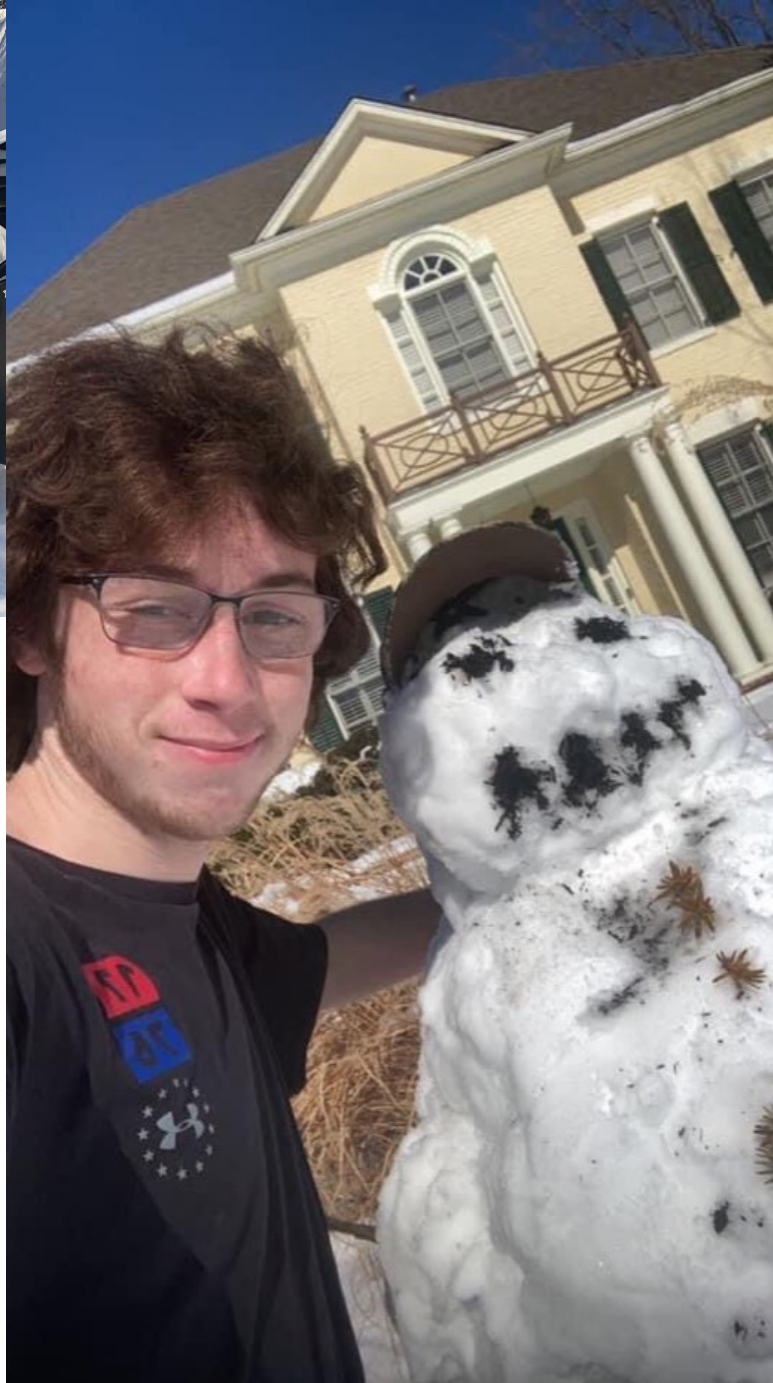
*Speaking of leadership, Congratulations are in order for our member and club treasurer, **Tammie Polk**. Tammie Polk is the new Area Director for Area C3.*

congratulations



February 2021 Snowstorm Memphis, TN

1. A police officer arrives at Erica's house to take her to work. 911 operators do not get to stay home on snow days!
2. Lea's son Eric is proud of his snowman.
3. Tammie's daughter's are outside enjoying the snow and dressed for the weather!
4. Lea's Germantown home is the backdrop for this snow picture.



Bluff City Toastmasters

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