

BLUFF CITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

FROM OUR PRESIDENT THOMAS SHELLEY

KEEPING OUR MOMENTUM

Greetings Bluff City Toastmasters!

I am reflecting on the possibility that this will likely be the last newsletter of my term. I would be remiss if I didn't take some time to thank our members for your diligence and hard work this past year. Perseverance is a word that comes to mind when I think about our club.

Throughout the year we have continued to add new members, encourage participation, and even stretch some folks into roles they didn't think they were ready to take on. My hope is that as we soon return to in person meetings, we find ways to keep our momentum alive!

One of the best ways to accomplish this is to keep inviting new people to our meetings. My personal journey to Bluff City was to meet new people, improve my speaking skills, while improving as a leader. I think we all know people just like that who can fit an hour and a half into their schedule on Mondays for personal improvement.

CHEERS BLUFF CITY!!



BLUFF CITY TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP TEAM 2020-2021

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 SPOTLIGHT

Jennifer Garst

Jennifer Garst is a native Memphian who graduated from the University of Memphis in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. She has been working in information technology ever since, and is today a senior software engineer with ALSAC. In her free time, she enjoys playing handbells, reading, traveling, and watching her seventeen-year-old son Elliot run with the varsity track and cross country teams at Bartlett High School. She first joined Toastmasters in April 2016 to get more comfortable with public speaking and is former Secretary and President of the Willow Lake Toastmasters. After a year-and-a-half break from Toastmasters, she's now moved her membership to Bluff City Toastmasters and is currently interested in developing her leadership and mentoring skills.



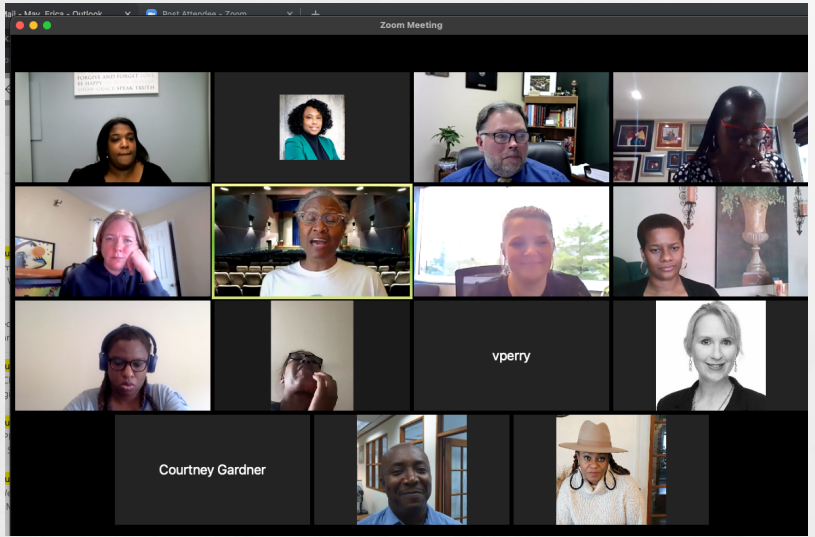
Marching forward in Pathways. >>>

Congratulations to these club members with recent education awards.



Courtney Gardner, Effective Coaching **Level 3**
Deranecque Rogers, Presentation Mastery **Level 3**
Erica May, Innovative Planning **Path Complete**
Tammie Polk, Effective Coaching **Path Complete**
Lea Carr is now a Distinguished Toastmaster

zoom shots



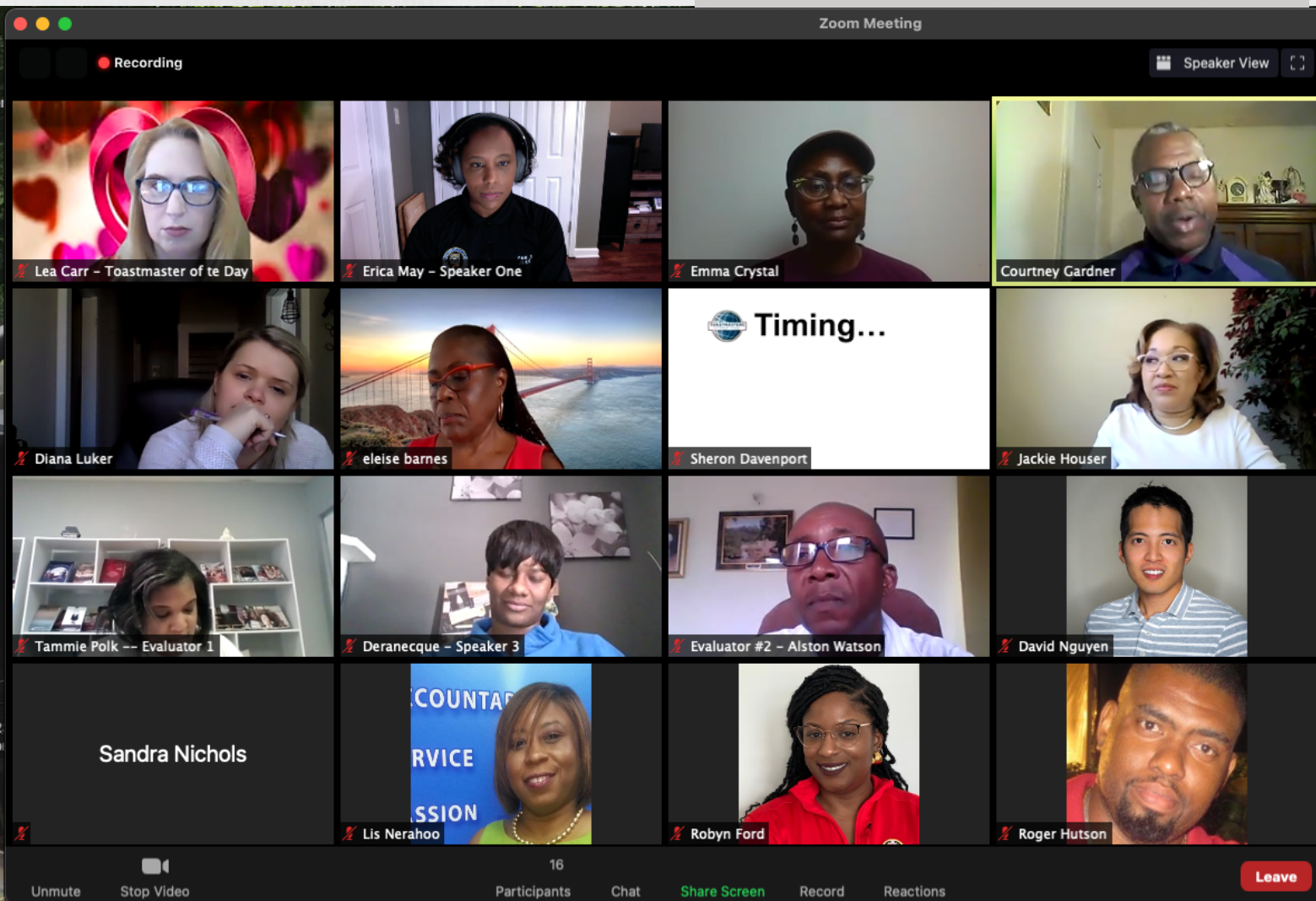
May 10th Meeting Winners

Best Table Topics: Genishia Morton
Best Evaluator: Sheron Davenport
Best Speaker: Deranecque Rogers

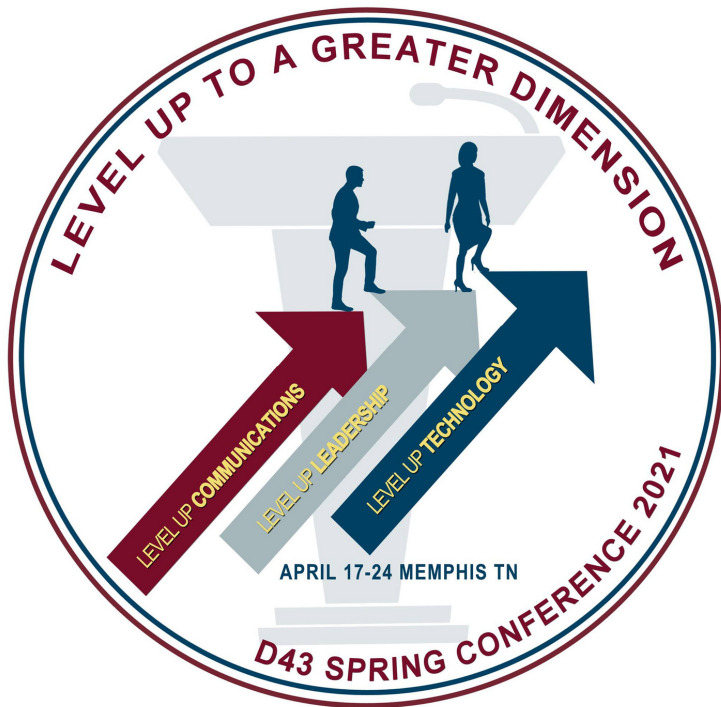
about our club

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

If you missed the virtual conference or if there is any session you want to review, the replays have been uploaded into the WHOVA platform. It was a well planned, well attended and impactful event.

Congratulations to all Bluff City members who played a part in it.

LEADERSHIP

The Toastmasters New Year begins July 1st. Voting will take place May 17th and officer installation will be June 28th. Here are the proposed club officers for the upcoming term.

President: **Lea Carr**

VP of Education: **Sheron Davenport**

Treasurer: **Tammie Polk**

Secretary: **Jackie Houser**

VP Public Relations: **David Nguyen**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Diana Luker**



INVITE GUESTS

Invite your contacts that you think would benefit from Toastmasters. Let's all try to invite one guest before the summer is out.

Bluff City Toastmasters

<https://zoom.us/j/564116212>
Every Monday at 11:30am CST



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