

Congratulations to all D57 Clubs holding contests and sending representatives to their Area Speech Contests. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support their club's Contestants and Contest Chair.

### **Schedule of 2026 Area Speech Contests**

| <b>Div</b> | <b>Area</b> | <b>Combo</b>    | <b>Date</b> | <b>Start</b> | <b>Venue Address</b>                                             |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| B          | B-22        | -               | Feb 7       | 4 p.m.       | Community of Christ, 1786 2nd Ave, Walnut Creek, 94597           |
| A          | A-29        | -               | Feb 12      | 7 p.m.       | First Baptist Church 6320 Dairy Ave, Newark                      |
| E          | E-34        | E34 & E36       | Feb 20      | 5:30 p.m.    | 5025 Crow Canyon Rd, San Ramon                                   |
| E          | E-36        | E34 & E36       | Feb 20      | 5:30 p.m.    | 5025 Crow Canyon Rd, San Ramon                                   |
| D          | D-04        | D4 & D30        | Feb 21      | 1:30 p.m.    | Pinole Library, 2935 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole                  |
| D          | D-30        | D4 & D30        | Feb 21      | 1:30 p.m.    | Pinole Library, 2935 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole                  |
| A          | A-35        | -               | Feb 24      | 7 p.m.       | Us Together Center, 3755 Washington Blvd., Fremont, 94538        |
| E          | E-19        | E19 & E28       | Feb 24      | 6:30 p.m.    | 4530 Sandalwood Drive, Pleasanton                                |
| E          | E-28        | E19 & E28       | Feb 24      | 6:30 p.m.    | 4530 Sandalwood Drive, Pleasanton                                |
| A          | A-01        | -               | Feb 26      | 5:30 p.m.    | Union City Library, 34007 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, 94587 |
| D          | D-12        | D12 & D26       | Feb 27      | 5 p.m.       | EBMUD Admin Building 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, 94607         |
| D          | D-26        | D12 & D26       | Feb 27      | 5 p.m.       | EBMUD Admin Building 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, 94607         |
| B          | B-07        | B07 & B21 & B27 | Feb 28      | 4 p.m.       | One Concord Center, 2300 Clayton Road, Concord, 94520            |
| B          | B-21        | B07 & B21 & B27 | Feb 28      | 4 p.m.       | One Concord Center, 2300 Clayton Road, Concord, 94520            |
| B          | B-27        | B07 & B21 & B27 | Feb 28      | 4 p.m.       | One Concord Center, 2300 Clayton Road, Concord, 94520            |
| C          | C-10        | -               | Feb 28      | 12 p.m.      | McCarty's Bar, 6951 East Rd Redwood Valley, 95470                |
| C          | C-08        | -               | Mar 01      | 2 p.m.       | Kaiser Hospital 2nd Floor 975 Sereno Dr Vallejo, 94589           |
| C          | C-09        | C9 & C31        | Mar 05      | 6:15 p.m.    | New Life Center, 1315 Rand Street, Petaluma, 95954               |
| C          | C-31        | C9 & C31        | Mar 05      | 6:15 p.m.    | New Life Center – 1315 Rand Street, Petaluma                     |
| D          | D-03        | D03 & D23       | Mar 06      | 6 p.m.       | EBMUD, 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA 94607                        |
| D          | D-23        | D03 & D23       | Mar 06      | 6 p.m.       | EBMUD, 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA 94607                        |
| A          | A-13        | -               | Mar 7       | 10 a.m.      | Us Together Center 3755 Washington Blvd. Fremont 94538           |
| A          | A-40        | -               | Mar 14      | 10 a.m.      | Union City Library, 34007 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, 94587 |

### **What Contest Roles Can I Fill at an Area Contest?**

A surprising number of Toastmasters are required to put on a speech contest. We are holding both Table Topics and International Speech Contests this year at every Area Contest. Contest

functionaries often serve both contests, even when Areas combine their events. These minimum roles must be filled to hold an Area Speech Contest:

- (1) Contest Chair
- (1) Chief Judge
- (1) Contest Toastmaster (+ 1 back-up suggested)
- (2) Sergeant-at-Arms
- (2) Contest Timekeepers
- (2) Ballout Counters
- (5) Voting Judges (+ 2 back-ups suggested)
- (1) Tiebreaker Judge

Contestants, Chief Judges, Voting Judges, and Tiebreaker Judges all have eligibility requirements to participate. You will find the requirements for Contestants on pages 6 & 7, and for Judges on pages 7 & 8 in the [2025-26 SPEECH CONTEST RULEBOOK \(1171\)](#). Please reach out to D57 Contest Chair Kate Mills [katemillstoast@gmail.com](mailto:katemillstoast@gmail.com) or 510-552-3656 if you aren't sure if you or your contest volunteer qualifies for the role assigned. We'll figure it out together!

**Savvy Contest Chairs** assign additional unofficial roles to give their events a power boost of fun:

- Greeter* - What's not to like about earning a warm, event memory? Send guest book entries to your Area Clubs for follow-up--might be a future new member.
- Hospitality Coordinator* - Yum. Snacks power up functionaries skipping meals to help you and says Aloha to guests.
- Photographer* - Let's get those clubs their social media! Also D57 is looking for pictures to commemorate its last contest season.

### **Are there any Pathways Projects Related to Contest Roles?**

Besides fulfilling your *Toastmasters Promise*, members can complete Pathways projects by taking contest roles. Log into Toastmasters International and go to Basecamp. Some contests are more complicated than others. Here are some possible Pathways projects that could apply:

#### **Contest Chair**

- Level 2 - Managing Time
- Level 3 - Planning and Implementing
- Level 3 - Successful Collaboration
- Level 3 - Develop a Communication Plan
- Level 4 - Leading your Team
- Level 4 - Motivate Others
- Level 4 - Manage Projects Successfully
- Level 4 - Public Relations Strategy

#### **Contest Toastmaster**

- Level 3 - Deliver Social Speeches

#### **Contest Chief Judge**

- Level 3 - Develop a Communication Plan
- Level 4 - Leading Your Team
- Level 4 - Manage Projects Successfully

#### **Coaching a Contest Chair**

- Level 4 - Mentoring
- Level 4 - Improvement through Positive Coaching

## **What about District 57 Incentives for Contest Roles?**

Points are available in multiple categories for contest roles in the *District 57 Outstanding Toastmaster Award* (OTMA). Go to the [D57 OTMA](#) form, save a copy for yourself, and then start adding up your points to earn the award.

Why not make your Toastmasters year and the last D57 Contest Season the best it can be? Have a little fun and build up your network for your Toastmaster journey.

If you have any questions about contests, or have decided to take a role and need training, you can reach this year's D57 Contest Chair Kate Mills at [katemillstoast@gmail.com](mailto:katemillstoast@gmail.com).