



# NEWSLETTER

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## DISTRICT 81 MAY CONFERENCE



## ARUBA 2020

### From the PQD

#### Brenda Maynard, DTM

Dear District 81 Members,  
The unique constellation of District 81 and the Caribbean, which is made up of different islands separated by water, is ideal for growth and expansion. We speak five official languages in District 81, which allows us the privilege to host conferences in varying countries with their own cultural experiences, diversity and enchanting portrayal of the island's assets. No conference is a duplicate of the ones previously held and in May 2020, we will have an exciting opportunity to visit ARUBA. It promises to be a wealth of Toastmasters teaching and training while celebrating the achievement of Members, Clubs, Areas, and Division. All of this and Aruba's festival activities promises to be a District Conference none of you will want to miss.



### From the CPC Chair

#### Shamilla Williams, PM5, SR3

Dear conference attendees, I accepted this challenge because the CPC Chairs and I want to provide a truly unforgettable event for each and every one of you. Our goal is for you to leave this conference having been embraced, and eager to **Embrace the Change**.



## Meet the Team!



### PR Chair - Raffy Kock, ACB, ALB, VC5, TC2

Toastmaster Raffy is excited to serve as PR Chair for this conference. Together with his team, he will provide newsletters and videos to encourage you all to join us this coming May 2020. The Conference PR Team is also responsible for creating the logo for the May 2020 Conference. Toastmaster Raffy is currently the President of Yamanota Toastmasters Club and is also a member of two other Toastmasters clubs in Aruba.

### Sponsor Chair - Michele Brooks, ALB, DL4

Toastmaster Michele Brooks joined Toastmasters in January 2017 to grow her existing skills as a professional public speaker, while sharing her knowledge of high-level leadership with others. Brooks is delighted to serve in this capacity and looks forward to welcoming all Toastmaster Delegates to the One-Happy-Island of Aruba in May 2020.

## Contest 1

### Table Topics

Language: English

Day: May 22nd

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Cas di Cultura

## Contest 2

### Int'l Speech Contest

Language: English

Day: May 22nd

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Cas di Cultura

## IMPORTANT CONFERENCE INFO

**Cost of Conference** - US \$160 per person

### What it includes

#### Transfers

- Transfer upon arrival from airport to Holiday Inn
- Transfer upon departure from Holiday Inn to airport
- Transfer to the different venues during the conference

#### Meals

- Thursday night snacks and drinks
- 4 coffee/ tea break
- Friday 3pm finger food
- Friday night Food truck experience
- Saturday lunch
- Saturday night banquet & drinks

#### Sessions

- Opening ceremony
- All educational sessions
- Award celebration
- All contests
- Business meeting
- Gala banquet dansant.

### Early Bird

The first 100 paid registrations before the 30th of December will receive a free Island Tour! Otherwise this tour is available at **USD 40** per person.

### Attire

Thursday night	Jeans
Friday awards	Cultural
Saturday banquet	Gala/Evening wear
Edu sessions/contests	Business Attire

## VENUES

### The Holiday Inn Resort Aruba

With an array of versatile restaurants, a 24-hour fitness center, a spa, and most importantly a majestic sight of the Caribbean Sea.

Located right on the powdery white beach and only steps away from the main boulevard with world class stores, souvenir shops, piano bars, movie theaters, entertainment centers, and more, the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba is the perfect scenery to host the District 81 conference on our One Happy Island, Aruba!

### Nicolaas Store, San Nicolas

This monument was built around 1940 it consisted only of the ground floor and served as a store where they sold books, instruments, newspapers, gifts etc. Later the first floor was constructed and became the house where the owner lived with its family. The Nicolas Store was a very popular store at the time.

### Cas di Cultura

Cas di Cultura has truly lived up to its name as Aruba's "house of culture" since its inauguration in 1958. The 572-seat auditorium, although the largest on the island, still echoes a cozy living room of a traditional Aruban home. The stage continues to exhibit a variety of local and international programs, featuring traditional and contemporary plays, dance and music recitals; as well as groundbreaking films and documentaries and inspiring seminars and conferences.



## Contest 3

# Humorous Speech

Language: English

Day: May 23rd

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Holiday Inn Ballroom

## Contest 4

# Tall Tales

Language: French

Day: May 23rd

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Holiday Inn Ballroom

## Meet the Team (continued)

### Finance Chair

**Angeline Tromp Zievinger CL, ACB, DL3**

Toastmaster Angeline is in charge of making the conference budget and for ensuring that the conference stays within the budget. She competed at last year's conference for Table Topics and International Speech Contest. She started at Aruba Toastmasters Club where she quickly overcame her fear of public speaking. Since then she has served in various leadership positions.

### Secretary Chair - Sheila Richardson VC

Toastmaster Sheila joined Toastmasters for unlimited personal growth and improved leadership skills. As the secretary of CPC 2020, Toastmaster Sheila is embracing the change of digitalizing her tasks to minimize the use of paper and to centralize documents. District 81 delegates, I invite you to attend the District 81 Conference here in my beautiful Aruba in May 2020. See you soon!

### Guest Relations Chair

**Gwendolyn de Cuba PW4**

Toastmaster Gwendolyn will be your host at the airport as well as at the hotel. She will be overseeing seating at the events as well as general logistics of the conference. From name tags to seating, she is at your service. Toastmaster Gwendolyn joined our organization for personal growth and to become a good leader.

### Registration Chair - Ester Faro IP3

Toastmaster Ester is the president of University of Aruba Toastmasters Club and serves in the executive committee of Sin Fronteras Toastmasters Club. What she loves about her club is the sense of being in a big family with a lot of friends. Who better to serve you as register chair!

## District Leaders Training

Language: English

Day: Wednesday, May 20th

Time: 3PM

Venue: Holiday Inn

### Education Chair - Denise Williams ACG, ALB

Toastmaster Denise is currently the IPP of Soualiga Corporate Club in Saint Maarten. Her toastmasters journey is the tool she uses as the Section Head at Registry Department. A very hard working, determined toastmaster that always takes on new challenges and strives to excel.

### SAA Chair - Hortencia Maduro CC, CL

Con ta bay? = How are you? Together with her team, consisting of Toastmaster Kryss Facun and Toastmaster Danielle Ivera, they will be responsible for the overall setup of the atmosphere, constructing and dismantling of the venue stages, providing our Toastmaster guests with an unforgettable Aruban Welcome.

### Logistics Chair - Ronny Alders CC, ALB

Whenever asked, Ronny says proudly that the decision to join Toastmasters is the best he ever made. Toastmaster Ronny helps out in almost every club around the island. Toastmaster Ronny loves his club because he believes in the educational program of Toastmasters International!

### Events Chair - Stephanie Croes ALS, ACS

Toastmaster Stephanie Croes is well known within district. She is a former Area Director and has imparted workshops during the district conference in Bonaire. Croes is one of Aruba's most seasoned Toastmasters, having competed in the Evaluation Contest at district level representing territory Aruba. After achieving her DTM, Toastmaster Stephanie will join us to embrace the Pathways change.



# Host Island Aruba

The name Aruba is of Indian origin, it's a combination of ora (shell) and oubao (island). The earliest mention on a map spells Orua. Aruba was discovered by the Spaniards in 1499. Before the discovery, the island was inhabited by Amerindians. Gold and phosphate were found on Aruba and were the first important sources of income for the Aruban people.

In 1959, the first major resort on Palm Beach was constructed. Next to the Aruba Caribbean Hotel, other so-called High-rise hotels were built. Tourism has grown to become the major employer on the island.

Aruba's economy depends 90% on tourism and we receive about 1.8 million tourists on our One Happy Island. Aruba has always been known for our warm and welcoming people. We are very happy to host you next year for the District 81 Conference 2020 in May and together we will Embrace the Change. The Aruba territory has two Areas with 8 clubs in total and forms part of Division A.

## District TI Store at Conference:

It is decided to again try introducing the TI store. Especially for the branded materials that is necessary but so expensive because of shipping and handling.

Having a District store is very costly for the District, but we can see how it can benefit the member too. In order to make it successful, we need all of you to support this. There will be three options.

### Division and Area purchases to be reimbursed by the District

These orders can only be done in advance, must have been submitted in your Division/Area budget and must be in by November 30th. No exception. The order can be placed and collected at the conference in May. No forwarding will be done if not collected.

### Pre-order to be paid at Conference

These orders can be placed in advance (deadline also November 30th). These orders can be paid and collected during the pre-store opening at the conference. After the pre-store opening, if not collected, they will be released for purchase by anyone.

### Conference Purchase

A limited pre-selected items will be available for purchase at the conference. A survey will be sent out and anyone can fill in what they would like to see at the store for purchase. A selection will be done from the most popular items with high demand and only those will be available.



## HOW TO REGISTER

You have several options to choose from:

It starts with your registration for the conference. This year you can also apply for a full VIP conference. Click on this link for conference registration only. <https://form.jotform.co/Conferencepc/embrace-the-change-2020>

If your registration is successful you will immediately receive an email as autoresponder with your completed information.

A member of the conference registration team will review your conference registration forms and within 7 days, an invoice for payment will follow. If you choose to pay with your credit card, this will not be charged until the 3rd week of November 2019. Upon registration for the conference, you will not be asked if you are a contestant or not, however, you will receive a refund if you are later identified as a speech contestant, or a volunteer of the 4440 Volunteer group.

For any assistance, questions or concerns, please contact our Registration Chair, Ester Farro at [conference@caribbeant Toastmasters.com](mailto:conference@caribbeant Toastmasters.com)