

# New Life Toastmasters Club (NLTMC) Newsletter

2020

## Club # 3550659, District 31

#### Officers

President: Rich Keane VP Education: Yu Wang VP Membership: Marc Roach VP of PR: Thakshila Wewelwala Secretary: Marina Lam Treasurer: Howard Chin Sgt-at-arms: Shishan (Scott) Wang

#### New Members in 2020

NLTMC is happy to announce the following new members joined in 2020. New members always add new values to club activities. Please welcome

Catherine Duggan Patricia Moseh Dave Gebo Ting Wang Eric Grazer (re-joined)

## Club/District Upcoming Events Club Marketing Series Oct 19-22 Winter TLIs

Nov 2- Feb 20

We meet every Sunday From 1:30pm to 3:00pm

For more information, visit our website https://3550659.toastmastersclubs.org/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/newlifetmc

Toastmasters International <u>www.toastmasters.org</u>

# Club News In-Person to Online Meetings

NLTMC provides a supportive and positive learning experience for its members to develop communication and leadership skills. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, NLTMC continues to have a successful year. Since March 2020, NLTMC has been having virtual meetings via zoom. NLTMC achieved Ovation/Education Gold Award for hosting online Zoom meetings and completing 10 goals of Distinguished Club Program (DCP) in June 2020.



#### **Club Contests**

NLTMC is glad to announce that its member Marc Roach won the Division B Speech Contest in April 2020. Congratulations Marc!

# Why NLTMC

Please listen to Marina Lam (founder-NLTMC) to see what motivates her to join NLTMC and how she is benefitted by TM (next page).



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Sudden Job Interview By Marna Lam (Founder NLTMC)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Out of surprise, I received an email on Monday for attend an online internal interview on Tuesday. I am a Senior Principal Software Engineer working at an International company for 8+ years. The longest software project that I have worked is 2 years project. Last year, I had 7 internal job transfers from one facility to another facility. Every internal job transfer required a job interview. This year, the situation has improved a little bit and this is the third internal interviews that I have to do. I have been working as a software engineer for 15+ years. I notice the working culture in my company has changed from long term projects to short term projects. The shortest project that I had last year was 3 weeks. It was unheard of 3 weeks software project. I accepted the emergency project because there were no other job opening. Thank you God I survived the 3 weeks project and got two Impact awards from the project. This really is grace and mercy of God.

My family and friends ask me how I can survive in this intense, constantly changing work environment. A few close family members suggest me to retire and let the newly grads and other people to work.

The following are my career survival tips:

First, I am a New Life Toastmasters Club (NLTMC) sponsor and officer. We host Sunday club meeting for providing communication and leadership online training to local communities. I constantly deliver speech presentation and table topic speech every Sunday for last 10 years. NLTMC helps me to prepare face-to-face and online interviews. I love to have a friendly conversation with hiring managers and coworkers. I love to meet them and build a relationship with them. See our NLTMC website: <a href="https://nltmc.toastmastersclubs.org/">https://nltmc.toastmastersclubs.org/</a>

Second, I have gotten 5 layoffs in my career. My previous company was very nice to me and sent me to a \$3000.00+ dollars job transition training course for 3 months. There were 3 career counselors teaching me how to use the latest online techniques to find jobs and make my resume standing out from the crowd. After completing my training, I was able to find my new job within 10 weeks. Now, I am a Volunteer Career Coach for sharing my job hunting experience to the students and professionals because the technique and process work for me. I help the client to write his/her resume and prepare interviews. I walk with them and coach them until they find a job. For details, see the Volunteer Career Coach website: <a href="https://www.graceemp.org/career-coach">https://www.graceemp.org/career-coach</a>.