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District Director Report

Team Members:

District Director – Dan Kyburz, DTM

Logistics Manager – Maryann Reichelt, DTM, PDD

Alignment Committee Chair – Maryann Reichelt, DTM, PDD

Strategic Planning Advisory Chair – Jon Greiner, DTM, PIP

Parliamentarian – Jon Greiner, DTM, PIP

Audit Committee Chair – Elias Hayes, PM1

District Leadership Committee Chair – Bonnie Tippey, DTM, PDG/IPDD

Credentials Chair – Dick Poirier, DTM, PID

Leadership Development Chair – Strategic Planning Committee

Leadership Path Coordinator – <open>

Talent Development Coordinator – Lakshmi Gopalinathan, IP1

If you think you might be interested in one of the open positions, please see me, or download the job descriptions from the D54 website at

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/1ce292cd-68e6-4e6a-a782-e34d1d55328b/District%2054%20Leadership%20Positions%20and%20Job%20Descr.pdf>

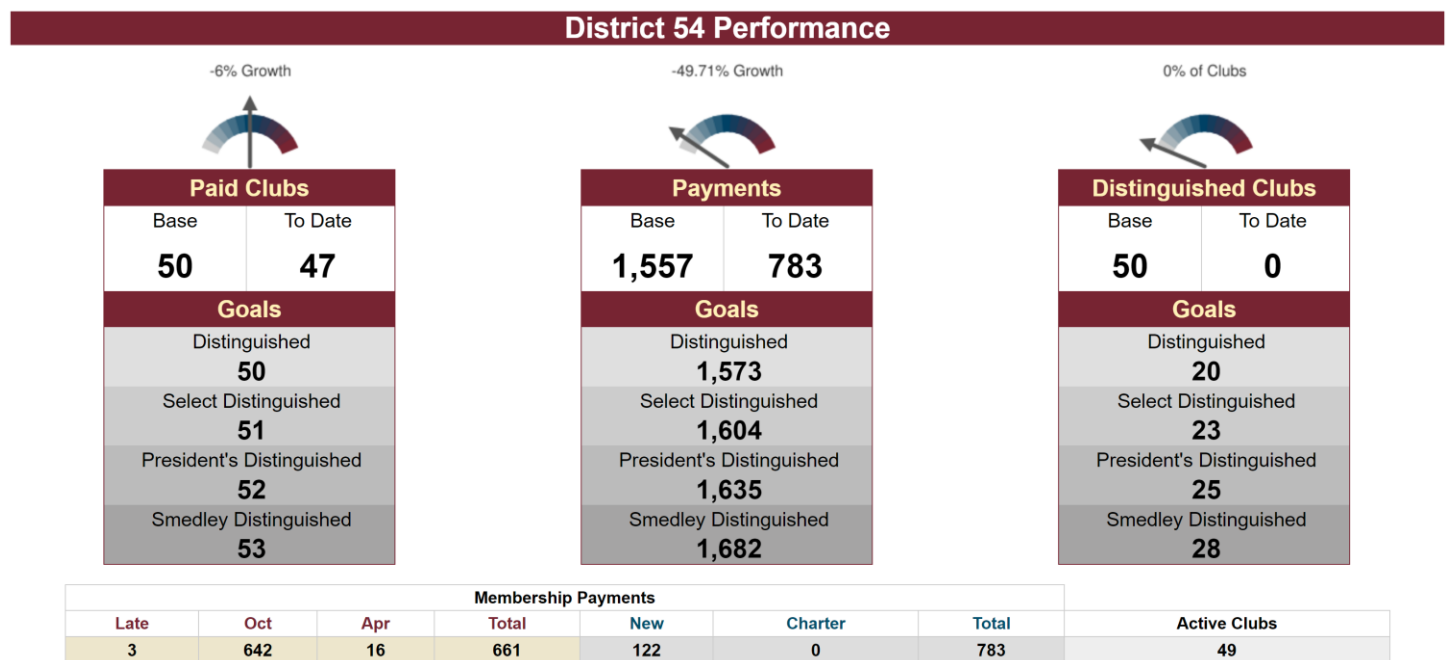
How do you define success? Earl Nightingale said, "Success is the progressive realization of a worthy goal or ideal. Zig Ziglar said, "Success is the maximum utilization of the ability you have." Arthur Ashe said, "Success is a journey, not a destination." No matter how you define success, I think we can all agree that Toastmasters can help you achieve it

Our District Mission is, “To end the year with a healthy dynamic District with 60+ Clubs, with 50% achieving Distinguished or better.”

The Dashboard. Our District has been hemorrhaging clubs, and members, for several years. We are at a critical point. Toastmasters International has given us notice that our District is at risk of being dissolved. TI requires a District to have a minimum of 60 clubs. We’ve been below 60 clubs for the past three years.

We have been assigned a District Coach, Mike Raffety, PID. He has requested additional information, which the Trio is working on. Once we have that we will schedule a meeting and work on a plan to save the District.

We have 47 paid clubs. We also have some new clubs in the works. We also have several new clubs in the works.



The Trio met all deadlines required for November.

The District Leadership Committee has been appointed. It’s time to think about nominating those Toastmasters that will lead our District next year. The Alignment Committee has been appointed. Planning for the Annual Conference and Business Meeting are underway. We are working on completing the items that need to be completed in December.

Club Success Plans. We are halfway through the year. It’s time to review and update your club's success plan.

Area Directors Visits. The second round of Club Visits started on December 1.

Contest Season. It's time to start thinking about the District Conference on April 26-27, 2024, and the contests. Clubs traditionally start their contest in January. This year will be the International Speech Contest and the Table Topics Contest. Club contests can be in-person, virtual, or hybrid. All contests above the club level must be virtual.

Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI). TLIs are where we train our officers, but all Toastmasters are welcome to attend. If you are working on your DTM it's a great way to work on your High Performance Leadership Project or your DTM Project by becoming a Dean.

The Winter TLI will be in Person for TLI-S, and TLI-N. There will be one Virtual TLI. If you attended the TLI-S in person last summer, you know how great it is to be there in person. We still need a Dean for TLI-S and TLI-Virtual. If you'd like to be a Dean, or - present at one of the TLIs, please reach out to [Gary Vaughn](#), the Program Quality Director.

Respectively Submitted,

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*"Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude."
Zig Ziglar (1926-2012)*