

District 54 - Division D

Division Director's Report

October 2024

Overall, Division D is meeting our goal of growing our clubs by inviting guests and prospective members to see the benefits of Toastmasters. Although most clubs didn't have 100% member renewals at the end of September, which is normal, we're seeing a steady stream of guests and new members for the majority of our clubs.

Area 40

- **New Lenox** remains a vibrant "model club" with 24 members. They started a club newsletter one year ago and it's proven to be a great way to keep members informed.
- **Lincoln-Way** had five members that didn't renew at the end of September, but already have 4 new members join since July 1st!
- **Key City** is trying to get a new room for their meetings with the YMCA as they try to grow the size of their club.

Area 41

- **Confident Communicators** had two successful potluck meetings on 10/3 and 10/17 that helped create a sense of community and fellowship in their club. The club continues to have multiple guests at each meeting and a steady stream of guests becoming members. The club is planning a Holiday gathering at a restaurant in December.
- **Yes And** remains a strong and vibrant with over 20 members.
- **Morris Area** club visit occurred on Tuesday 8/27/24, but the report has not been submitted yet. Building membership is key for Morris Area Toastmasters to succeed.
- **Bridge Builders** club visit occurred on Tuesday 9/3/24. Bridge Builders had 100% member renewals this dues period plus a net gain of one member since July 1st.

Area 42

- **McKinley** club visit has been completed in the past month. The club is making steady progress and has signed-up two new members this past Wednesday.
- **Toast of Champaign** had a successful Social BBQ on 8/10 which helped increase membership from 11 to 16! They also have several events planned for the upcoming months: Open House on 11/7, a Holiday Social on 12/12, and a Club Social on 2/1.
- **Fireside** Open House is scheduled for 11/9 to support membership growth, aiming to reach their goal of 17 members for the club year. Club officers plan to meet on 11/6 where officers will discuss strategies to boost club engagement.