



# D54 Program Quality Director Report

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## Club Officer Training

The second round of Club Officer Training has begun. Be sure to remind your club members to inform me if they received their training outside of District 54, that way I can begin the process of confirming credit early.

### D54 Winter TLI Dates

Virtual TLI                      Held via Zoom earlier this week – Thank you to everyone who assisted and made it a huge success, especially Bonnie Tippey and Angie Mullen our Beta Test Co-Leads

TLI North                      Saturday 24 Jan 2026                      New Life Church, New Lenox

TLI South                      Saturday 31 Jan 2026                      Country Financial, Bloomington

## Chief Judge Training

Join us on Thursday 15Jan2026 at 6pm for an inspiring Chief Judge training session designed for anyone interested in organizing, leading, or supporting Toastmasters Speech Contests. Whether you're considering the role of Chief Judge, Contest Toastmaster, or simply want to learn more about contest leadership, this event is your gateway to growth and success. Learn directly from Christina Evans, a seasoned Chief Judge and upcoming Speech Contest Chair for the 2026 D54 Spring Conference. Additional details can be found on the D54 website.

## Speech Contests

If you haven't already set the date and location for your contest, please do so as soon as possible. Once you do, please let me know the details so I can get it on the website. The District budgeted \$40 per Area Contest and \$75 per Division for food. It's my hope that the Areas that are not combining their contests can spend less to allow the ones combining, and therefore asking volunteers to be there longer, to spend a bit more.

## Division and Area Director Training

In January, Gary will be discussing Where Are We Now? while reviewing the DCP with us. There is no training today after the DEC meeting.

## Area Director Visit Reports

November 30<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for submission of Round 1 reports. 84% were completed. Thank you to the Area Directors, and others who assisted in getting the visits made and the reports submitted.

Round 2 has already begun so be sure to get those visits scheduled and get your reports submitted early. The deadline is 30May2026.

## **District Annual Conference**

Katie Jandeska and Rachael Berry have identified a fabulous spot for our Annual Conference. If you want to be part of the planning of the last D54 Conference, please reach out to Katie, Rachael or myself.

Saturday 25 Apr 2026  
Posh Banquets & Event Center  
411 South Larkin Ave, Joliet IL

In case you weren't at the Hall of Fame and didn't hear it the first time, our keynote speaker is none other than Stephano McGhee, DTM, International President-Elect. If you haven't had a chance to hear him speak, let me tell you that my PQD accountability partners are extremely jealous.

## **2025-2026 Goals**

We had 14 members complete educational levels in one month! Congratulations to all for making progress towards your goals. To celebrate their achievements, I used a random name picker to select a winner from the list of names. The winner will receive an incentive from the Toastmasters store, which I will be delivering to the individual. The winner for November is Nick Muskopf-Stone from John Deere Toastmasters Club who completed Level 1 of Presentation Mastery! Congratulations Nick!

## **Pathways Support**

Our amazing Maryann Reichelt, DTM, our District Pathways Support Coordinator, is hosting her Pathways support calls on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 – 8:30 pm, via Zoom. Due to the holidays, the next call will be in January 2026.

Pathways Enhancements rolled out in October 2025. We have resources for our clubs on the D54 website, [d54tm.com](http://d54tm.com), under Pathways, including an overview presentation, a video, and tracking forms.

**Let's continue working towards our goals to make 2025-2026 a year to remember! Focus on keeping the main the main thing, the district mission is the main thing.**