Division E repot:)

Area 50

Started with a base of 100 and currently has 86 which has a loss of 14 members overall . They have 2 clubs that are distinguished, Lincoln way toastmasters presidents distinguished with 9 club goals completed and New lenox toastmasters which has 6 goals completed with 21 members and are distinguished and should be select distinguished by the end of the year. There has been one new club that has charted during this pandemic. 3 clubs are currently struggling do to low membership numbers, keycity toastmasters, Joliet jesters, and irqouis earl risers. There are many factors on why the low numbers but a key factor is the pandemic and some members rather meet in person than online.

2 out of 6 clubs are distinguished and 2 other clubs would be distinguished if not for the low membership, Irquois early risers has 5 goals completed and keycity has 6 goals completed. The area director has been in contact with the clubs constantly and in direct communication with each club. Area vists will be submitted by the end of the month.

Martha has been very helpful in helping out at the division contest and helpful with her expertise in developing the area. Robin Higgins, Andra Reagan, Kris Kizzer, have done a fabulous job in competing in the contest with Andrea Reagan winning the District contest for evaluation.

The cities that area 50 covers are Tinley park, Joliet, Watseka, Frankfort, New Lenox, and Kankakee.

Area 51:

Started with a base of 39 and currently has 40 members they have attracted 9 new members to the area clubs. The 3 cities that area 51 covers is Morris, and Plainfield with Bridge Builders and Confident communicators. There was 3 clubs in the division Some of the challengers that faced this area is two clubs moving to a new location to meet that is Morris and Confident Communicators have moved into new locations to attract new members. A common variable with all the clubs is trying to recruit new members during the pandemic and retaining the current membership do to the pandemic. Bridge builders is distinguished with 6 goals and can possibly make select distinguished by the end of the year.

The area director has been involved with the clubs and visiting them on their zoom meetings. The area director will have all of the reports submitted by the end of May. Elaine Sommer competed in the international speech contest and did a very good job representing her club.

Area 52:

Started with a base of 74 paid members and currently has 45 paid members. They started the year with 6 clubs and is currently at 4 clubs. The area is currently in Champaign area. The area has attraced 20 new members with 6 at the McKinely club, 8 at Toast of Champaign club and 6 at Fireside Toastmasters, GSI is still wanting to meet as a club and is re-organizing itself to grow. As of right now no club in Area 52 has any distinguished statues but Mckinely has 4 goals completed, Toast of Champaign has 6 goals completed but needs 7 new members, Fireside has 7 goals completed but needs 6 more members, and GSI has 0 goals but is starting to reorganize itself to start over. The area director has 1 report submitted already and is working hard to finish the rest of his reports.

The area director has been in constant communication with all of his clubs and helping them recruit new members to the clubs to help them grow and become distinguished. David gray competed in the division contest and represented his club well.

Overall this year Division E had many struggles to overcome during the pandemic which saw 2 of the clubs disband due to low numbers and economic hardship. At the beginning of the year Division E had 15 paid clubs and now is down to 13 paid clubs, we gained a club in Area 50 with Pitchmasters but lost 3 clubs one in area 51 Bolingbrook chamber of Commerce and two clubs in area 52 Lincoln trails and Illini Toastmasters. On a positive side we gained a new club with Pitchmasters and 3 clubs have earned honors. Bridge Builders and New lenox toastmasters have received Distinguished toastmasters honors and Lincoln-way toastmasters received President Distinguished toastmasters honors. The division starts as North as Plainfield and runs down south Champaign. It has currently 13 clubs with 3 areas. Many toastmasters through out the division have completed many awards helping themselves grow and become better speakers and leaders and secondly helping their club. This has been a trying year for all clubs but each club has found a new way to become stronger and more resilient.