# **May 1, 2021, District 54 Council Meeting - Division A Report**

**Division A Director (acting): Bill Smola**

## **Division Geography, Areas, and Clubs**

Division A has 3 areas (10, 11, and 12) and includes clubs in Rockford area and Northwest Chicago suburbs. Division club base was 14 and 12 clubs are currently active. Rockford Club in area 10 and AGWN Voices Toastmasters in Area 11 have no paid members and are likely to stay that way until in-person meetings are possible.

## **Membership Growth and Retention**

Division A member base was 199. There are 143 active members now which represents a net loss of 56 members. 36 new members joined 10 clubs in the division this year. Only one club, De Kalb Toastmasters, had a net membership growth.

All clubs struggled with membership growth and retention due to the pandemic and transition to virtual meetings.

## **Distinguished Club Program (DCP) Status and Potential to be Distinguished**

No clubs in the division are distinguished as of now. 7 clubs have met 5 or more DCP goals and 2 have met 4 goals. Three clubs have the potential to be distinguished or above this year. They are:

* Rockford Communication League: Goals 6. Needs 2 members.
* Fox River Toastmasters: Goals 7, needs 4 members.
* DeKalb Area Toastmasters: Goals 7, needs 1 member.

A couple of other clubs, Blue Blazers and Fox Valley, may also achieve distinguished status by meeting more goals and/or by adding 2 to 4 members.

## **Pathways Adoption**

* Area 10 – 92%
* Area 11 – 89%
* Area 12 – 95%

## **Area Director Club Visits**

* Area 10: Jeff Metters: Total 5, Visits Completed 2, Reports Submitted 2
* Area 11: Jeff Stine: Total 5, Visits Completed 1, Reports Submitted 1
* Area 12: Bill Smola: Total 4, Visits Completed 1, Reports Submitted: 0

All active club visits will be completed and reports submitted by May 30, 2021

## **Recognitions**

Thank you to area directors Jeff Metters and Jeff Stine for their excellent teamwork and collaboration.

Congratulations to the following:

Area Contest

* Evaluation
  + Area 10
    - Joseph Zuzevich 1st Place
  + Area 11
    - Su Hartung 2nd Place
    - Mike Barry 1st place
  + Area 12
    - Marc Lindsay 2nd place
    - John Jerrard 1st place
* International Speech
  + Area 10
    - Racheal Berry 1st place
  + Area 11
    - Mike Barry 1st place
    - John Jerrard 2nd Place
  + Area 12
    - Richard Nordquist 2nd Place
    - Ron Korte 1st Place

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I like to recognize the following Division A Members for their contributions this year:

* Noel Ganay , Dick Poirier, Maryann Reichelt, Dan Kyburtz & Chris Boyk for all their help for the Area and Division Contest
* To all the other test speakers, judges, ballot counters and time4 as well, too many to list
* All the Club Officers (too many to list)
* To the following Club Coaches including
  + Nandini Kunup
  + Wendy Pesavento

<*Add any district evaluation or international speech contest winners from the division>*

<Anyone else to be recognized in the division?>