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2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

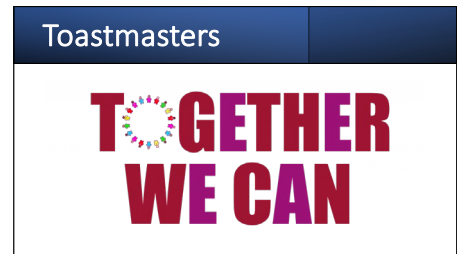
Toastmasters

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April 23, 29 & 30, 2022

# Welcome to Toastmasters District 54 2022 Annual Conference April 23, 29 and 30, 2022



Welcome to the 2022 District 54 Virtual Annual Conference!

All of us have had to overcome various obstacles since March 2020.

Clubs had to learn how to navigate in a virtual environment and to change their guest and new member orientation. This caused members to discover traits they had deep down inside them to pull upon to help them individually, and as a Club, Area, Division, and District to overcome obstacles.

We've come a long way together, but there is still so much uncertainty ahead of us. The economy is recovering, unemployment is down, inflation is up, employers are having a hard time finding people willing to work, and the world is in turmoil. There is much we have no control over. But we can do something about the things we do have control over.

Districts worldwide are struggling with getting new members and retaining current members. How can you help? Attend the conference. Learn new ideas. Take them back to your club and share them with your members.

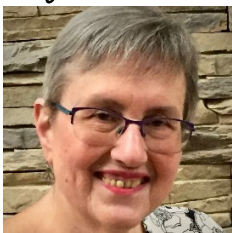
Together we can work to make each club a quality club. Together we can grow our clubs. Together we can work to ensure members reach their goals. If members reach their goals, the Area, Division, and District will reach their goals.

Enjoy the Conference – the speech contests, the keynotes, the educational sessions, the Communication and Leadership Award ceremony, the District Council meeting, and the District Director's roast.

Our hope is that you will each find something useful to take back to your club, share it with your members, and help your club grow.

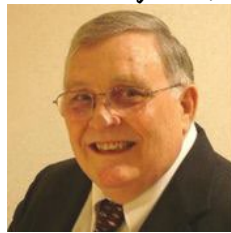
Your District Trio,

*Maryann Reichelt*



Maryann Reichelt, DTM  
District Director

*Dan Kyburz*



Dan Kyburz, DTM  
Program Quality Director

*Tony Koury*



Tony Koury, DTM  
Club Growth Director

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## D54 2022 Annual Conference Zoom Links

### **Zoom Room 1 - for all sessions, all three days:**

Join Zoom Meeting – Room 1 – all sessions:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96002204569?pwd=UUdCVW1ERWJxVm1tSjhwSVQwdVWTZz09>

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### **Zoom Room 2 - Hospitality Room where attendees can meet and greet any time:**

Join Zoom Meeting – Room 2 – Hospitality Room:

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## Toastmasters Mission, Values

### Toastmasters International Mission

We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.

### District Mission

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

### Club Mission

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

### Toastmasters International Core Values

- Integrity
- Respect
- Service
- Excellence

## Conference Purpose

District 54 Conferences feature accomplished speakers delivering interesting, entertaining, and informative speeches on a variety of topics.

The purpose of the Toastmasters Annual District Conference is to:

- Conduct District business, including District Officer elections
- Provide communication and leadership training opportunities in support of the District Mission.
- Provide opportunities for networking and the exchange of ideas.
- Recognize and celebrate District accomplishments.
- Conduct Speech Contests

## Toastmasters Vision

### Toastmasters International Envisioned Future

To be the first-choice provider of dynamic, high-value, experiential communication and leadership skills development.

### District Vision

Move from a slow-moving dream to a vibrant District where all members, current and new, achieve their goals.

## District 54 2022 Theme Song (excerpt)

### What a Feeling

Irene Cara

First when there's nothing  
But a slow glowing dream  
That your fear seems to hide  
Deep inside your mind  
All alone I have cried  
Silent tears full of pride

.....

Take your passion  
And make it happen

.....

What a feeling I AM MUSIC NOW  
Bein's believin'. I AM RHYTHM NOW  
Pictures come alive, you can dance right  
through your life

What a feeling. YOU CAN REALLY HAVE IT  
ALL

What a feeling. PICTURES COME ALIVE  
WHEN I CALL

What a feeling BEIN'S BELIEVIN' (fade)

Written by: Irene Cara, Giorgio Moroder, Keith Forsey

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# Conference Schedule

Day 1	Saturday, April 23, 2022
Time	Zoom Room 1
9:00 - 9:30	Opening Session Welcome, Banner Parade
9:30 - 10:20	Keynote Address How to Uncover the Glory of Your Story™ - Pres Vasilev
10:20 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:20	Education Session 1 Toastmasters Leadership Panel - Phil Varona
11:20 - 11:30	Break
11:30 - 12:20	Education Session 2 How to Shine on the Red Dot - Michael Davis
12:20 - 12:50	Break
12:50 - 1:40	Education Session 3 Pump up your Presentation - Elaine Lung
1:40 - 1:50	Break
1:50 - 2:40	Education Session 4 What's All the Excitement About Prison Clubs? - Jon Greiner
2:40 - 2:50	Break
2:50 - 4:20	Tall Tales Contest - Jason Heissler (Contest Toastmaster)
4:20 - 4:30	Close
Day 2	Friday, April 29, 2022
Time	Zoom Room 1
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	District Council Meeting
Day 3	Saturday, April 30, 2022
Time	Zoom Room 1
9:00 - 9:15	Opening Session Welcome
9:15 - 10:05	Keynote Address Dynamic Clubs & Passionate Leaders Deliver - Dilip Abayasekara
10:05 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:05	Education Session 5 What's New - Jon Greiner
11:05 - 11:30	Lunch
11:30 - 1:30	International Speech Contest Kristian Kind (Contest Toastmaster)
1:30 - 1:40	Break
1:40 - 1:50	C&L Award - Gloria Kelley
1:50 - 2:00	District Director Speech - Maryann Reichelt
2:00 - 2:20	Induction of Officers - Jon Greiner
2:20 - 2:30	District Director Elect Speech - Dan Kyburz
2:30 - 2:40	Break
2:40 - 2:55	Team Appreciation
2:55 - 3:05	Close
2:50 - 3:40	Roast District Director - Bala Sreedharan (Roastmaster)
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## Keynote Speaker – April 23

### Day 1 Keynote

### **How to Uncover the Glory of the Story™**

### **Pres Vasilev, 2013 World Champion of Public Speaking**

#### **Session Description**

In this interactive storytelling workshop, the 2013 World Champion of Public Speaking **Pres Vasilev** will reveal the most powerful storytelling secrets.

You will watch Pres Vasilev’s winning World Championship speech, engage in a dynamic discussion to explore its storytelling secrets, and learn how to craft your own compelling stories.

#### **Biographical Information**

Pres rose above 30,000 contestants from 122 countries to become the 2013 World Champion of Public Speaking.

He is the author of the popular online training program “How to Master Compelling Storytelling.”

For over a decade, Pres has studied, researched, and spoken on self-improvement, speaking and storytelling.

Pres has coached hundreds of speakers from around the world to craft compelling stories, deliver powerful presentations, and win speech contests.

Gain Free Access to Pres Vasilev’s “Speaking Secrets” at [PresSays.com/3](http://PresSays.com/3)



## Education Sessions – April 23

### Education Session 1

#### **Toastmasters Leadership Panel - Phil Varona, Past R5 Advisor**

**Session Description** - In this session, you will learn about opportunities to further enhance your communication and leadership skills while working with a diverse group of people from across the District.

This session will be a panel discussion of three of your esteemed past District Leaders led by Past Region 5 Advisor **Phil Varona**. In this session, your past District Leaders will share their experiences and lessons learned while also offering advice to those looking to hold such leadership positions in the future.



This promises to be a session where you will learn from your fellow leaders and be inspired to take the next step in developing your communication and leadership skills.

**Biographical Information** Phil Varona has been a member of Toastmasters for over fifteen years. In that time, Phil has become one of the most respected leaders in District 68, his home District. Phil started at the club level where he worked his way from Sgt.-at-Arms to Club President of his home club of GSU Baton Rouge Toastmasters.

During his year as President, Phil led GSU Toastmasters to President’s Distinguished with 10 out of 10 goals. The next year, Phil started serving in District Leadership roles. In his early years, Phil was tasked with developing a newly-realigned Division centered around the Baton Rouge area. Phil worked his way up the District Leadership ranks, eventually serving as 2014-2015 District 68 Governor.

Since then, Phil has regularly served as a trainer for District 68, as he has conducted both officer training sessions and stand-alone education sessions. Phil had the privilege of presenting the education session “The Map to Effective Impromptu Speaking” at the 2019 District 68 Conference. Phil has also been a supporter of club growth in his local area, having served as a new club mentor twice. Most recently, Phil served as 2020-2021 Region 5 Advisor supporting District 54, among others.

Professionally, Phil is a licensed Professional Engineer, working as a Chemical Engineer for BRIS Engineering, LLC in Baton Rouge, LA.



## Education Sessions – April 23 (Cont'd)

### Education Session 2

#### How to Shine on the Red Dot - Michael Davis

##### Session Description

Talking on a TEDx Red Dot can have a profound impact on your speaking career. It can give you a global audience for your message and boost your opportunities to speak. However, many professional speakers and Toastmasters struggle to earn a spot on the Red Dot. They don't understand the differences between traditional speeches and Ted Talks.

In this presentation, you'll pick up three key insights...

1. How to Think Like a TEDx Organizer
2. Five Keys to a Meaningful TEDx Talk
3. How to Give Yourself the Best Chance

You'll be able leave this presentation and immediately use these ideas to create your TEDx audition and talk.

##### Who is Michael Davis?

When you hire a coach, trainer or speaker, do you want someone who has experience and expertise? Michael Davis's work is focused on helping you attract more clients, create more efficient teams and increase your influence through more effective speaking, business storytelling and online presentations. He helps experienced speakers, entrepreneurs, and sales professionals confidently deliver memorable and meaningful talks of any length, even on short notice. Learn more about Michael [here](#).



## Education Sessions – April 23 (Cont’d)

### Education Session 3

#### **Pump up your Presentation - Elaine Lung**

##### **Session Description**

How many speakers pass up opportunities to use impromptu speaking skills when they present, give feedback or facilitate?

Pick up impromptu speaking strategies and techniques to use the next time you speak that can engage and entertain your audience. You can be a speaker your audience enjoys and remembers. You can also have more fun and enjoy being onstage.

##### **Biographical Information**

**Elaine Lung** works with business professionals who want to show up and speak up confidently with the people around them at work and at home. She is a Certified World Class Speaking Coach, Distinguished Toastmaster, and co-founder of three Bay Area Toastmasters clubs dedicated to promote the use of storytelling or improv skills: the Silicon Valley Improvmasters, the Silicon Valley Storytellers and the San Mateo Storytellers. Her website is [ElaineLung.com](http://ElaineLung.com)



## Education Sessions – April 23 (Cont'd)

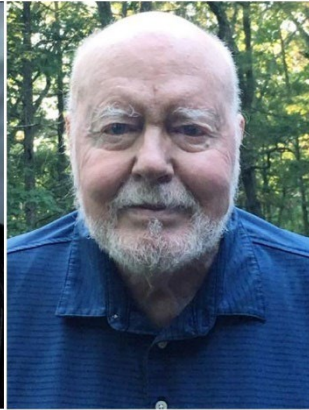
### Education Session 4

#### What's All the Excitement About Prison Clubs?

#### Jon Greiner & Tim Keck, Past Toastmasters International Presidents



Jon Greiner



Tim Keck

#### Session Description

So what is it about prison clubs that has caused them to survive and thrive through the years? How did Toastmasters clubs get started in prisons? Why are they often the best performing clubs in all of Toastmasters? Why is the recidivism rate for inmates who have been involved in the Toastmasters program so low? Is getting involved with a prison club dangerous? Can I help without going into the prison itself?

**Jon Greiner**, D54 Prison Club Manager will be joined by **Tim Keck**, Past International President, who has been involved with Toastmasters in prison clubs for many years. Tim will share the genesis of Toastmasters clubs in prisons. The above questions will then be addressed in an overview of prison club activity in Toastmasters and in District 54.

If you have ever wondered about how Toastmasters clubs work in prisons, this would be a good session to attend. We promise--you will not end up in prison unless you choose to help a prison club!

#### Biographical Information

Past Toastmasters International President **Jon Greiner** joined Toastmasters International over 49 years ago in Decatur, Illinois. He earned his Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award in 1989.

Jon served in all Toastmasters Club and District Offices in the 1980's. In August 1991, he was elected International Director. He was elected to the Executive Committee of Toastmasters International Board of Directors in August 2001 and served as President of Toastmasters International from August 2004 to August 2005. He is currently a member of 8 Toastmasters clubs in the Central Illinois area. He is also serving as District 54 Prison Club Manager.

**Tim Keck**, DTM and Past International President, has been a Toastmaster for 43 years. He joined Toastmasters in Germany in 1979 and has been a member in Europe, Hawaii, and on the mainland US. He is a member of six clubs, including his current home club, Bolling Toastmasters.

He became involved in prison clubs in the early 1990s, and was an active supporter of prison clubs in Hawaii and elsewhere since the mid-1990s. He has worked with Past International President Jon Greiner for more than ten years to promote prison clubs and encourage their support throughout Toastmasters.

A retired Air Force historian after more than 40 years' service in the active duty military and as a civil servant, he now resides in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia.

## District Council Meeting – April 29

The purpose of the District Council Meeting is to conduct the business of the district, especially to elect the District Leadership Team for the 2022-2023 Toastmasters year. Officials to be elected include:

- District Director
- Program Quality Director
- Club Growth Director
- Division A, B, C, and D Directors

Agenda and materials for the District Council Meeting can be downloaded from:  
<https://d54tm.com/dec-and-council-meetings>

## Keynote Speaker – April 30

### Day 2 Keynote

### **Dynamic Clubs & Passionate Leaders Deliver**

### **Dilip Abayasekara, Past Toastmasters International President**

#### **Session Description**

The success of Toastmasters International for these past 98 years has been due to founder Ralph Smedley's brilliant understanding of two elements: the vital role the club plays as a nurturing ground for members, and the key role played by leaders in fostering club success and club growth.

In this keynote, we will look at how clubs can tap the secrets for creating the type of atmosphere that leads members to want to return again and again to club meetings and how clubs and districts can nurture leaders who become passionate advocates for empowering individuals to realize their communication and leadership potential. If membership building and retention is important to you, if finding new leaders who catch the passion for Toastmasters vision for all people is something you would like to embrace, then come listen, engage, and learn, because **Together We Can!**



#### **Biographical Information**

**Dilip R. Abayasekara**, Ph.D., M.Div., DTM, AS was born and raised in Sri Lanka and completed his higher education in the USA. He has inspired thousands of people in the USA and in nine other countries as a keynote speaker, trainer, and coach. In 2005-2006 he served as International President of Toastmasters International. He earned Toastmaster's highest recognition of professional level speaking skills, the Accredited Speaker designation, and was twice a finalist at Toastmasters' World Championship of Public Speaking, placing second in 1992.

Among his favorite Toastmasters experiences have been when, as club president, he and his fellow officers led their club to become the top club in their district by growing it from 8 members to 39 members and from not being distinguished to be President's distinguished. That club has been a President's Distinguished Club year after year, and has produced many district officers. Another one of his treasured memories is when, in his year as District Director (then Governor), he and his team led their district to achieve President's Distinguished District status despite not achieving distinguished status the previous four years. However, more than awards, what Dilip treasures most is that these successes allowed more individuals than ever before to discover the transformational power of the Toastmasters program, and lived up to his presidential theme, Find Your Voice, Serve Your World.

Dilip has had varied occupations spanning science, college administration, college teaching, training, coaching, and professional speaking. He is an elder in the United Methodist Church and is currently serving as a fulltime pastor. He enjoys mentoring aspiring speakers and leaders. He resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, USA with his wife. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.

## Education Session – April 30

### Education Session 5

#### **What's New in Toastmasters – Jon Greiner**

##### **Session Description**

Thinking about getting your DTM? Looking for alternate ways to meet the requirements for a DTM award? Check out the new Club Coach Program for 2022-2023. You can also learn about what's new in Pathways and Speechcraft! All these programs have or will soon undergo updates or significant changes. We have assembled a panel of experts who have hands on experience with these programs. They will each present a short synopsis of the changes and then entertain your questions. Join us for a rapid fire look at what's new in Toastmasters!



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## Communication and Leadership Award

### Gloria Kelley



**Gloria Kelley** served as the Executive Director for CASA Kane County, overseeing the organization that represents the best interests of abused and neglected children.

Gloria received her Master of Business Administration degree in Leadership from Aurora University and her Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations with a minor in marketing from Eastern Michigan University. Gloria's professional growth has been a steady progression of development in the voluntary sector, highlighted by the following: select past member of Aurora University's MBA Advisory Board; Past Chairman of the Fox Valley Park District and Foundation; Past Chair of the Fox West Philanthropy Network; Past Chair of the Aurora Chamber Ambassador Program; Past Vice-Chair of the of the Aurora Public Library Foundation. Current Advisory Board Member of the Child Advocacy Center; member of the Tri-City Exchange Club; Board member of the Wintrust Board of Directors in

Aurora, Geneva, Elgin and St. Charles.

Gloria worked with CASA Kane County's board of directors, staff and volunteers to provide the support needed for children in abuse/neglect and probate courts. She led the organization's operational plan which incorporates goals and objectives towards the strategic direction of the organization. Accomplishing this has called for a broad range of skills, both technical and interpersonal. When she joined the organization in 2007, the organization's budget was at \$800,000 and today operations are over \$3,500,000 to ensure the nearly 600 children served are provided a CASA/GAL volunteer to meet their best interests. She also formed the organization's additional friend/fundraising team the Chairman's Advisory Panel that support the organization's outreach and philanthropic needs to serve children. Gloria also developed a community leadership team to embark on CASA Kane County's Program and Operational Endowment Campaign in 2010, the CASA Grow a Healthy Child Garden in 2012 and relaunched the Endowment Initiative in 2022 that will help meet today and future goals.

Gloria has also been a frequent speaker at Aurora University on Leadership and Development and different panels on *Inspiring Trust and Servant Leadership*. In June of 2011, Gloria was nominated for the Kane County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award. This nationally recognized award is bestowed on a non-attorney individual or community organization that has promoted a better understanding of the law, encouraged a greater respect for the law and the courts, who stimulates a sense of civic responsibility, and who contributes to good government within the community. In addition, she was nominated as a woman of distinction of Kane County in October 2013 and won the nonprofit executive director of the year in 2014 by the West Suburban Philanthropic Network.

Gloria has two children, Alexandria (Lexi) 27 and Jacob 25 and is married to Dean Kelley owner of Abbottland and Investments. They reside in St. Charles, Illinois.

## Education Awards

Congratulations to the dedicated District 54 members who are actively working in Pathways and Leadership Projects. They achieved these awards from July 1, 2021 through April 16, 2022.

### Congratulations to them all!

<b>District 54 Education Awards from 7/1/21 through 4/16/22</b>							
<b>Member</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>L4</b>	<b>L5</b>	<b>DTM</b>	<b>Club</b>
00355038 - Name withheld by request	EH1	EH2					Four Seasons Toastmasters Club
00493269 - Name withheld by request					DL5		Key City Toastmasters Club
00616887 - Name withheld by request		MS2					Thursday Noon Talkers
01297943 - Name withheld by request	DL1						Confident Communicators Toastmasters
01428866 - Name withheld by request	PI1						Caterpillar Employees Club
01689536 - Name withheld by request	PM1						State Farm Windjammers Club
01791572 - Name withheld by request	PM1						State Farm Speakeasy Club
01919988 - Name withheld by request				IP4	IP5		New Lenox Toastmasters
02382974 - Name withheld by request	EH1						State Farm Windjammers Club
02382974 - Name withheld by request	LD1	LD2					State Farm Windjammers Club
03000785 - Name withheld by request			MS3				Professional Communicators Club
03169364 - Name withheld by request			MS3				Timely Talkers Toastmasters
03604094 - Name withheld by request				PM4	PM5		Listen, Learn, Lead Club
03608738 - Name withheld by request		DL2					Forging Leaders
03782343 - Name withheld by request	DL1		EC3	EC4			Professional Communicators Club
05405653 - Name withheld by request	EH1						The Leadership Train
05601065 - Name withheld by request	VC1						State Farm OAKS
05769479 - Name withheld by request					DL5		Rockford Communication League
06063206 - Name withheld by request		IP2	IP3				Timely Talkers Toastmasters
06575754 - Name withheld by request			IP3				State Farm OAKS
06616470 - Name withheld by request	PM1	PM2					GSI Toastmasters
07525369 - Name withheld by request			IP3	IP4			Forging Leaders
07677144 - Name withheld by request	DL1	DL2	DL3				Listen, Learn, Lead Club
07677144 - Name withheld by request	PM1	PM2	PM3				Listen, Learn, Lead Club
07791085 - Name withheld by request	DL1						Pioneer Club
07794417 - Name withheld by request	TC1	TC2					Progressively Speaking Club
07836861 - Name withheld by request	DL1						Caterpillar Employees Club
07896327 - Name withheld by request	PM1						Lincoln-Way Toastmasters
Alraghib, Mohamed	PM1						Caterpillar Employees Club
Atteberry, Robert Brian			IP3				State Farm Windjammers Club
Baig, Mirza Faraz Arif	DL1	DL2					Progressively Speaking Club
Barker, Ashley	PM1						Tech It Easy
Barry, Mike P			IP3				Timely Talkers Toastmasters
Beckler, Beth E	EH1		IP3				Professional Communicators Club
Benson, Wesley G	IP1						Tech It Easy
Bertschi, Jennifer Ann		TC2					Logistically Speaking Club
Bourey, Raymond Arthur	IP1	IP2	IP3				GSI Toastmasters
Boyk, Christopher	LD1	LD2	LD3	EC4			Key City & Lincoln-Way Toastmasters



Boyk, Christopher				LD4			Morris Area Toastmasters Club
Bridge, Jean O	DL1	VC2	VC3				Tech It Easy
Call, Jennifer Leigh	PI1						Forging Leaders
Camper, Rodney		PI2					Fireside Toastmasters Club
Carcasi, Carolyn M.			IP3				Fireside Toastmasters Club
Carrillo, Lino	EC1						Talk of the Town
Carrillo, Lino	PI1						Talk of the Town
Catania, Sharon L.			MS3				Bridge Builders Club
Chambers, Bruce David	TC1	TC2	TC3	TC4	TC5		Fox Valley Toastmasters
Chase, Jeremy	PM1						McKinley Club
Chidambaram, Prem		IP2					Astounding Communicators
Chopp, John D.	PM1	PM2	PM3	PM4			New Lenox Toastmasters
Cohen, Steve	EH1	EH2	EH3	EH4	EH5		Talk of the Town
Collins, Brittany Anne	PM1						Sunrise Speakers Club
Continella, Matteo	LD1						Timely Talkers Toastmasters
Creighton, Lori A.		IP2	IP3				Professional Communicators Club
Deleonardis, Sherri Lee		SR2		EH4			Four Seasons Toastmasters Club
Deleonardis, Sherri Lee		PM2					Four Seasons Toastmasters Club
Demosthenes, Jean	PM1						McKinley Club
Dickson, Jim H.		EC2					Rock On!
diggs-spence, staci andrea	PM1						Joliet Jesters Club
Ehmen, Linda Ann	LD1						Toast of Champaign Club
Ennis Jr, Marvin E	PM1						Pimiteoui Club
Erickson, Jason M			MS3				State Farm Windjammers Club
Evans, Christina M.				LD4			Delightful Greeters Advanced Club
Eyres, Susan Marie	SR1						Sunrise Speakers Club
Felty, Darrel D.			PM3				Delightful Greeters Advanced Club
Fitch, Jeffrey Paul	DL1						Progressively Speaking Club
Fitzgerald, Stacy		TC2					State Farm OAKS
Foster, Estelle			VC3	VC4			Rockford Communication League
Ganay, Noel			EH3				De Kalb Area Toastmasters
Ge, Wencheng	DL1						Rockford Communication League
Gerig, Donna M.			TC3				State Farm Landmark Club
Gomez, Crystal Ruth	PM1						Rockford Communication League
Greiner, Jon R.	DL1						Caterpillar Employees Club
Grundmeier, Margaret M.		VC2	VC3	VC4	VC5		Toast of the Fox Club
Grundmeier, Margaret M.	EH1	EH2	EH3		PM5		Toast of the Fox Club
Hahn, Ken	PM1						Forging Leaders
Hallock, Jennifer (Lu) Ray		DL2					Rockford Communication League
Hansen, Laura J.	VC1	VC2	VC3	VC4			Quad Cities Easy Speakers Toastmasters
Hansen, Laura J.			LD3	LD4	LD5		Quad Cities Easy Speakers Toastmasters
Hartung, Susan L.	PM1		EH3	EH4			Talk of the Town
Hasan, Syed Sabeel	DL1						Blue Blazers
Heissler, Jason B.				DL4			Sunrise Speakers Club
Hergert, Jana Leian	VC1	VC2	VC3				Quad Cities Easy Speakers Toastmasters
Hergert, Jana Leian					PM5		Four Seasons Toastmasters Club
Holmes, Mary Beth	PM1						State Farm Windjammers Club
Horton, Noah William	PM1						ADM Toastmasters

Hovel, Douglas J	TC1						Tech It Easy
Hussain, Syed Ameenuddin	EHI						Astounding Communicators
Hussain, Syed Ameenuddin	VC1	VC2					Astounding Communicators
Issa-Ghantous, Julia Mounir				DL4			Forging Leaders
Janardhanan, Brijesh	IP1						Power Communicators Club
Jarrett, Nikki Lee		IP2					Rockford Communication League
Jerrard, John	EH1	EH2	EH3				Timely Talkers Toastmasters
Jones, Ron K.	VC1						Timely Talkers Toastmasters
Judd, Sarah		PM2					State Farm Landmark Club
Junta, Michael Anthony	PM1						Lincoln-Way Toastmasters
Kaller, Maria J.		PM2	PM3				Bridge Builders Club
Kizer, Kristoffer			VC3				Lincoln-Way Toastmasters
Kleiner, Kevin Gordon		TC2	TC3	TC4	TC5		McKinley Club
Klosterman, Jenny		TC2					State Farm Talk of the South Club
Kostelec, Chris	VC1						De Kalb Area Toastmasters
Kubillus, Jeff	PM1						Fox River Toastmasters
Kurup, Nandini					PI4		Inspiring Speakers
Kyburz, Daniel J.	EC1						The Leadership Train
LaForge, Tracey L	IP1						Professional Communicators Club
Langevin, Joshua Paul	DL1						Bridge Builders Club
Lehmann, Jeffery G.	DL1						Toast of Champaign Club
Lehmann, Jeffery G.	TC1	TC2	TC3	TC4	TC5		Fireside Toastmasters Club
Lehmann, Jeffery G.					MS5		Fireside Toastmasters Club
Lewis, Rodney J.			IP3				Tech It Easy
Loh, Ray	MS1						Progressively Speaking Club
Marshall, Philip	IP1						Toast of the Fox Club
Martin, Katie				VC4			Toast of Champaign Club
Meriden, Lena			DL3				Forging Leaders
Metters, Jeffrey L		TC2					Rock On!
Mollohan, William Harrison	PM1						Fox River Toastmasters
Moseti, Adama F.		DL2					Logistically Speaking Club
Mueller, William Nicholas				PM4			Fox River Toastmasters
Narayanan Nair, Arun Melachola	PM1						John Deere Toastmasters Club
Negi, Saurabh			DL3				State Farm OAKS
Nippert, Andrew H.			MS3				Power Communicators Club
Noble, Daniel Charles	IP1						Rockford Communication League
O'Brian, Kelly Renee	PM1						Quad Cities Easy Speakers Toastmasters
O'Brien, Alexander S				VC4			Iroquois Early Risers Club
Ohler, Gary T.		PM2	PM3				Sunrise Speakers Club
Olson, Patrick A.		VC2		IP4	IP5		Quad Cities Easy Speakers Toastmasters
Olson, Patrick A.			VC3				Four Seasons Toastmasters Club
Perez, Tonya Lynn	PM1	PM2					Progressively Speaking Club
Pesavento, Wendy					EH5	DTM	Talk of the Town
Plisch, Susan	LD1	LD2					Toast of Champaign Club
Podolski, Sally S	TC1						New Lenox Toastmasters
Price, Carol H.			LD3				Pioneer Club
Robles, Primitivo	IP1	IP2					New Lenox Toastmasters
Rosenwinkel, Kate				LD4			Rock On!

Rumbold, Martin R.		IP2	IP3				Professional Communicators Club
Salvi, Amy C				DL4	DL5		Rock On!
Sasser, Terry		IP2					Rockford Communication League
Scampini, Michael J.			EH3				New Lenox Toastmasters
Scanlan, Rachel	LD1						Blue Blazers
Schmehl, Alyssa	EC1						Fox River Toastmasters
Shaik, Reshma Vali		DL2					Power Communicators Club
Slininger, Edward E.					IP5		Pimiteoui Club
Smola, William S.			VC3				De Kalb Area Toastmasters
Sojka, Martha				IP4			New Lenox Toastmasters
Soman, Milind		DL2					Astounding Communicators
Sreedharan, Bala T.	EH1						The Leadership Train
Su, Ching-Yuan				PM4			Fireside Toastmasters Club
Susairaj, Kari Jean		PM2	PM3				John Deere Toastmasters Club
Taylor, Kevin			PM3				State Farm Landmark Club
Termini, Ray P.				PM4	PM5		Timely Talkers Toastmasters
Tinch, Leticia C	SR1						State Farm Windjammers Club
Towne, Sarah H.		EH2					RLI Toastmasters Club
Traywick, James David			DL3				Lincoln-Way Toastmasters
Trowers, Lloyd Henry	IP1	IP2	IP3	IP4	IP5		Esprit De Corps Club
Trowers, Lloyd Henry		PI2	PI3				Esprit De Corps Club
Vaccaro, Steven	PM1	PM2					New Lenox Toastmasters
Vandersluis, Howard J.	PM1						Quad Cities Easy Speakers Toastmasters
Vaughn, Gary Allen		PM2		DL4			State Farm Talk of the South Club
Verbarg, Josh	EC1	EC2					State Farm OAKS
Villarruel, Roberto	SR1						Confident Communicators Toastmasters
Walker, Martin Louis		DL2					State Farm OAKS
Warren, Kristina L.			DL3				Thursday Noon Talkers
Wilder, Molly E.		PM2					State Farm Landmark Club
Williams, Bridget Nichole		EC2					Rockford Communication League
Willison, John T.	VC1	VC2	VC3		EC5		Rock On!
Willison, John T.				MS4	MS5		Rock On!
Wilson, Dawn				DL4	DL5		Pioneer Club
Winterland, Carrie Lynn		PM2	PM3				State Farm Talk of the South Club
Wroblewski, Cecilia L.		EH2					Caterpillar Employees Club
Wroblewski, Ronald J.			SR3	SR4	SR5		Caterpillar Employees Club
Zerbonia, Noel		IP2					Progressively Speaking Club
Zuhn, Sally R.			VC3				Thursday Noon Talkers

## Club Anniversaries

Congratulations to these District 54 clubs, celebrating special anniversaries this Toastmasters year!

Charter Date	Years	Club Name	City
4/1/1947	<b>75</b>	McKinley	Champaign
11/1/1951	<b>70</b>	State Farm Windjammers	Bloomington
11/1/1971	<b>50</b>	Caterpillar Employees	Dunlap
7/1/1976	<b>45</b>	Sunrise Speakers	Bloomington
2/1/1987	<b>35</b>	Pioneer	Bloomington
3/1/1987	<b>35</b>	Inspiring Speakers	Freeport
10/7/1991	<b>30</b>	State Farm OAKS	Bloomington
6/28/2002	<b>20</b>	Listen, Learn, Lead	Elgin
10/23/2006	<b>15</b>	Logistically Speaking	Morton
1/3/2007	<b>15</b>	Progressively Speaking	Peoria
12/12/2011	<b>10</b>	Tech It Easy	Mossville

## Toastmasters Abbreviations

ACB	Advanced Communicator Bronze	DivD	Division Director
AC/DC	All Clubs / Distinguished Clubs	DTM	Distinguished Toastmaster
ACG	Advanced Communicator Gold	HPL	High Performance Leadership
ACS	Advanced Communicator Silver	ID	International Director
AD	Area Director	IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
AL	Advanced Leader	LDREXC	Leadership Excellence (for HPL)
ALB	Advanced Leader Bronze	PDG	Past District Governor
AS	Accredited Speaker	PID	Past International Director
ALS	Advanced Leader Silver	PIP	Past International President
ATMB	Advanced Toastmaster Bronze	PQD	Program Quality Director
ATMG	Advanced Toastmaster Gold	PRM	Public Relations Manager
ATMS	Advanced Toastmaster Silver	SAA	Sergeant at Arms
CC	Competent Communicator	TI	Toastmasters International
CGD	Club Growth Director	TLI	Toastmasters Leadership Institute
CL	Competent Leader	TM	Toastmaster
CSP	Certified Speaking Professional	VPE	Vice President Education
CTM	Competent Toastmaster	VPM	Vice President Membership
DD	District Director	VPPR	Vice President Public Relations
DC	District Council	WHQ	World Headquarters
DEC	District Executive Committee		

# Sample Tall Tales Speech Contest Form



## Tall Tales Contest

### Judge's Guide and Ballot

<b>JUDGING ITEMS</b>		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y  G O O D	G O O D	F A I R										
<b>Speech Development</b> Opening, Build-Up, Climax, Organization, Smoothness	C O N T E N T  3 0	30	22-29	13-21	0-12										
<b>Speech Techniques</b> Effective Use of Exaggeration, Irony, Pun, Surprise Twists, Humor, Slapstick, Etc.	D E L I V E R Y	25	18-24	11-17	0-10										
<b>Physical</b> Appearance, Body Language		15	11-14	7-10	0-7										
<b>Voice</b> Flexibility, Volume		5 5	15	11-14	7-10	0-6									
<b>Appropriateness</b> To Speech Purpose and Audience, Good Grammar, Pronunciation and Word Selection	L A N G U A G E  1 5	15	11-14	7-10	0-6										
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b> (100 Points Possible)															

(Detach and submit to chief judge)

### Judge's Official Ballot - Tall Tales Contest

**NOTE:** Votes must be cast for first, second and third place or the ballot will be voided.

Name of Contestant

First Place:

Second Place:

Third Place:

PLACE	RANKING POINTS <small>(for counters' use only)</small>
First Place	3 points
Second Place	2 points
Third Place	1 point

(Signature of Judge)

(Judge's Name; Please Print)

# Sample Tall Tales Speech Contest Form

## Judging Criteria

### Content (30%)

**Speech Development** is the way the speaker puts ideas together so the audience can understand them. A good tall tales speech immediately engages the audience's attention, then smoothly builds up to a climax and conclusion.

### Delivery (55%)

**Speech Techniques** refers to the use of various tall tales skills, such as exaggeration, irony, pun, humor and surprise twist. These techniques are the essence of the tall tale, and they must be skillfully incorporated into the tale.

**Physical** presentation of the speech carries part of the responsibility for effective communication. The speaker's appearance should reinforce the story. Body language should support the story through gestures, expressions and body positions.

**Voice** is the sound that carries the message. It should be flexible, moving from one pitch level to another for emphasis, and should have a variety of rate and volume. A good voice can be clearly heard and the words be easily understood.

### Language (15%)

**Appropriateness** of language refers to the choice of words that relate to the speech purpose and to the particular audience hearing the speech. Language should promote clear understanding of thoughts and should fit the occasion precisely. Proper use of grammar and correct pronunciation will show that the speaker is the master of the words being used.

## Judge's Code of Ethics

1. Judges will demonstrate the utmost objectivity. Judges will consciously avoid bias of any kind in selecting first, second, and third place contestants. Judges will not consider any contestant's club, Area, Division, District, or region affiliation. Judges will not consider any contestant's age, sex, race, creed, national origin, disability, profession, or political beliefs.
2. Judges will not time the speeches and will not consider the possibility of undertime or overtime when judging a contestant's speech.
3. Judges will support by word and deed the contest rules and judging standards, refrain from public criticism of the contest, and only reveal participation as a judge, selected scores, and the ranking assigned in accordance with speech contest rules.
4. Judges will not be a member of the same club as any contestant when judging at the Division and District levels.
5. Judges will have no conflict of interest with any of the contestants that would cause bias.

# Sample International Speech Contest Form



## International Speech Contest Judge's Guide and Ballot

JUDGING ITEMS		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y  G O O D	G O O D	F A I R										
<b>Speech Development</b> Structure, Organization, Support Material	C O N T E N T	20	14-19	9-13	0-8										
<b>Effectiveness</b> Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception		15	11-14	6-10	0-5										
<b>Speech Value</b> Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		5 0	15	11-14	6-10	0-5									
<b>Physical</b> Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	D E L I V E R Y	10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
<b>Voice</b> Flexibility, Volume		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
<b>Manner</b> Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm		3 0	10	7-9	4-6	0-3									
<b>Appropriateness</b> To Speech Purpose And Audience	L A N G U A G E	10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
<b>Correctness</b> Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b> (100 Points Possible)															

(Detach and submit to counters)

### Judge's Official Ballot - International Speech Contest

NOTE: Votes must be cast for first, second and third place or the ballot will be voided.

Write contestants' names in the space below. Counters will assign points.

First Place (receives three points):

Second Place (receives two points):

Third Place (receives one point):

(Signature of Judge)

(Judge's Name; Please Print)

# Sample International Speech Contest Form

## Judging Criteria

### Content (50%)

**Speech Development** is the way the speaker puts ideas together so the audience can understand them. The speech is structured around a purpose, and this structure must include an opening, body and conclusion. A good speech immediately engages the audience's attention and then moves forward toward a significant conclusion. This development of the speech structure is supported by relevant examples and illustrations, facts and figures, delivered with such smoothness that they blend into the framework of the speech to present the audience with a unified whole.

**Effectiveness** is measured in part by the audience's reception of the speech, but a large part is your subjective judgement of how the speech came across. You should ask yourself such questions as "Was I able to determine the speaker's purpose?" "Did the speech relate directly to that purpose?" "Was the audience's interest held by the speaker?" "Was this speech subject appropriate for this particular audience?"

**Speech Value** justifies the act of speaking. The speaker has a responsibility to say something meaningful and original to the audience. The listeners should feel the speaker has made a contribution to their thinking. The ideas should be important ones, although this does not preclude a humorous presentation of them.

### Delivery (30%)

**Physical** presentation of a speech carries part of the responsibility for effective communication. The speaker's appearance should reinforce the speech, whether profound, sad, humorous or instructional. Body language should support points through gestures, expressions and body positioning. The speaker makes effective use of and stays within the designated speaking area.

**Voice** is the sound that carries the message. It should be flexible, moving from one pitch level to another for emphasis, and should have a variety of rate and volume. A good voice can be clearly heard and the words easily understood.

**Manner** is the indirect revelation of the speaker's real self as the speech is delivered. The speaker should speak with enthusiasm and assurance, showing interest in the audience and confidence in their reactions.

### Language (20%)

**Appropriateness** of language refers to the choice of words that relate to the speech purpose and to the particular audience hearing the speech. Language should promote clear understanding of thoughts and should fit the occasion precisely.

**Correctness** of language ensures that attention will be directed toward what the speaker says, not how it is said. Proper use of grammar and correct pronunciation will show that the speaker is the master of the words being used.

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5. Judges will have no conflict of interest with any of the contestants that would cause bias.



## District 54 2022 Annual Conference Committee

A big **Thank You** to our team who helped plan and execute our virtual conference:

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Dan Kyburz

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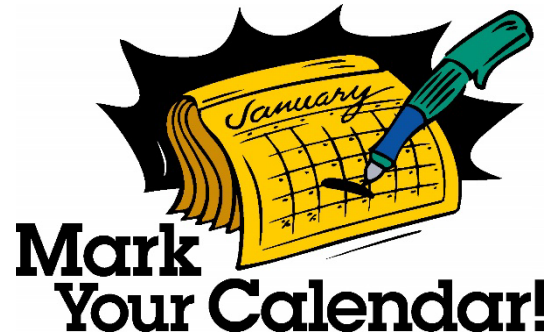
## Mark your Calendar

**Summer 2022 – D54 Toastmasters  
Leadership Institute (officer training)  
(TLI’s will all be virtual)**

TLI #1 - June 25, 2022

TLI #2 - July 18 & 19, 2022

TLI #3 - July 24, 2022



**August 17-22, 2022 - Toastmasters International Annual Convention**

Hybrid format with in person portion in Nashville, TN

For more information, visit: <https://www.toastmasters.org/events>

**April 21-22, 2023 – D54 Toastmasters Annual Conference**

Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest - Elgin

(Date and location subject to change – check back in the future on [d54tm.com](http://d54tm.com))