

D54 Program Quality Director Report

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It's looking to be a fun and engaging fall for District 54!

Club Officer Training

District 54 held TLI North on 26 Jul 2025 at Thermo Fisher Scientific for 38 district officers. Thank you to Rachael Berry who served as the Dean and her team of dedicated Toastmasters.

Our Virtual TLI was held on 02 Aug 2025 on Zoom. There were approximately 100 members in attendance, and some were from other Districts. Thank you Maryann Reichelt, DTM, for being the Dean for TLI Virtual and your team of dedicated Toastmasters.

Thank you to all the Deans, Sherri DeLeonardis, DTM, Rachael Berry, and Maryann Reichelt, DTM, and your teams for all of the time and effort to make the TLIs a success.

As a District, we should be proud that we provided three opportunities to garner more feedback on the Beta sessions and help improve the new training modules.

Unfortunately, we have not hit the requirement of getting 75% of our Club Officers trained yet. Good news, there is still time and there are still training sessions out there! The D54 website has a list of numerous trainings offered throughout Toastmasters, https://d54tm.com/tlis. I encourage all our Area Directors to reach out to clubs with officers who haven't received training yet and encourage them to do so for the benefit of their clubs.

Division and Area Director Training

Area and Division Directors will have another session of training today, following the DEC meeting. Troy LaPorte will provide training on Effective Meetings. District 54 appreciates your commitment and involvement.

Fall Event

Toastmasters International is allowing Districts to hold fall educational events this year. Since we were unable to offer elective sessions during the Summer TLIs, we want to

take this opportunity to offer them. Details have not been finalized but we are considering holding the event in the Southern part of our District with educational and interactive sessions and possibly combining it with our Hall of Fame celebration. If you would like to help organize this event, or can recommend someone, please reach out to Estelle Foster.

Winter TLI

We already have three fantastic Deans lined up for the Winter TLIs! Varad Cancheepuram for TLI North, Gary Vaughn for TLI South, and Estelle Foster for TLI Virtual.

District Conference

Rachael Berry has stepped up to be a co-chair for the district conference this year which will be held in Dekalb, Illinois. Please contact Estelle Foster if you are interested in serving as a co-chair and helping organize the final District 54 Conference. Christina Evans has agreed to be the Speech Contest Chair for the District Speech Contest.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to assist with our upcoming events.

Pathways Support

Maryann Reichelt, DTM, is our District Pathways Support Coordinator. She will continue to offer monthly Pathways training on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, via Zoom. The sessions begin with basic instruction for newer club members as a supplement to their club orientation. From about 7:30 on, she will answer individual Pathways questions. Encourage members to attend and learn all the Pathways tricks from Maryann.

Club Success Plans

Please remember to continue communicating to the clubs that their Club Success Plans are due by 30Sep2025. If the CSP are not submitted by this date, the club will not be eligible to become distinguished. If the clubs need any support, please let me know.

2025-2026 Goals

July was a busy month for Education Achievements. We had 26 members complete 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 mailing out to the individual. The winner for July is Linda Ehman! Congratulations Linda!

Let's continue working towards our goals to make 2025-2026 a year to remember!