



D54 Program Quality Director Report

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Speech Contests

I want to thank everyone who has been attending the speech contests as functionaries. The contests couldn't be held without your participation. I know a lot of the Area Directors and Division Directors have been to multiple contests.

Division A Contest	28Mar2026	10:00 am	Dekalb Public Library
Division B Contest	11Apr2026	1:30 pm	American Legion Hall Towanda

Division and Area Director Training

There won't be a training today after the DEC meeting. Everyone has given so much time with all the contests that I thought you all deserve a break.

Area Director Visit Reports

Round 2 has already begun so get those visits scheduled and your reports submitted early. I know that there are visits that have occurred but have not been entered yet. The deadline is 31May2026. We'd like to get 100% of the clubs visited during this round. Currently only 22% are Completed with 8% Scheduled and 4% Report Incomplete. Please ensure that you allow yourself enough time to get all the visits completed. Let myself and your Division Director know if you will be unable to complete the visit so that one of us can do so.

Thank you, Kenneth and Carol, for getting all your visits and reports completed!

District Annual Conference

Registration is now open for the final D54 Annual Conference, to be held Saturday 25Apr2026 at Posh Banquet and Event Center in Joliet IL. See the D54 website for more information. Ticket prices go up on today, 21Mar2026.

When you visit clubs, including your home club, please encourage everyone to attend the conference and share the presentation to help bolster attendance. This is our last one as District 54 and we want to build those connections since we won't all be in the same district next year.

The system we used for registration, Zeffy, has a donation option that can be set to zero if you just click on the arrow. Zeffy does not charge us to use their system.

We are looking for sponsors of the conference. Promote sponsorship during your club visits. We intend on the agenda being a keepsake, so what better way to celebrate your clubs.

2025-2026 Goals

We had 14 members complete educational levels in February! 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 February is Steve Vaccaro from New Lenox Toastmasters who completed his DTM! Congratulations Steve!

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. The next call is on Wednesday, 25 Mar 2026.

We have resources to support our clubs with the Pathways Enhancements on the D54 website, 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.