

Toastmasters District 54 Division A May 2026 Report

This month, Division A has demonstrated strong momentum in both educational achievements and community outreach, driven by targeted club support. With multiple clubs securing Distinguished status and area-wide visitations nearing completion, the Division is well-positioned for a successful close to the program year. Our immediate priority shifts toward guiding borderline clubs across their final milestone thresholds, ensuring timely club officer elections, and deploying focused membership marketing to revitalize our target clubs.

Key Accomplishments

The Division celebrates several outstanding achievements this month, starting with the appointments of Rachael Berry as Division Director and Varad Cancheepuram as Club Growth Quality Director for District 212. Club visitations are progressing strongly, with 81% of the required 75% of visits completed. In club performance, Lincoln-way Toastmasters has officially achieved Smedley Distinguished status, while Yes and Toastmasters secured Distinguished status. Inspiring Speakers successfully met their membership goals after welcoming a new member on May 22. Membership drives and community engagement also yielded exceptional results. Toast of the Fox hosted a highly successful Open House that drew over 20 attendees and 8 new guests, contributing to their total of 11 guests for May. Additionally, Rockford Communications welcomed 2 guests in April, and Rock On! brought in 5 guests this May. Rock On! also fostered excellent cross-club fellowship by hosting a vibrant social event on May 4th, bringing members together over great grilled food and sides.

Areas for Focus

Efforts are currently directed toward supporting clubs that have critical milestone goals within arm's reach. Inspiring Speakers is just one planned Level 5 educational goal away from becoming Distinguished, while New Lenox Toastmasters needs only two remaining goals to hit the same milestone. Confident Communicators is also closely approaching Select Distinguished status, currently sitting just one member away from the requirement. Across the entire Division, leadership teams must prioritize timely club officer elections and place a heavy emphasis on both new member recruitment and overall retention. To drive this growth, clubs are encouraged to aggressively promote Toastmasters through social events and across multiple communication channels, including Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, and local community boards. Specific,

targeted membership support will be dedicated to Bolingbrook Area Chamber Toastmasters, Riverside, Talk of the Town, and DeKalb to help restore their membership strength.

Upcoming Special Events

Looking ahead, the Division has exciting events on the horizon to keep members engaged and celebrated. Lincoln-way Toastmasters will be hosting a special social event on June 5th to encourage networking and fellowship. Additionally, long-term planning is officially underway for Rockford Communications as they prepare to celebrate their landmark 10-year club anniversary in September 2026.

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