

District 54 - Division D

Division Director's Report

June 2025

Division D is a Distinguished Division! We've had a great year overall and I see a lot of momentum that's going to carry over into the new club year starting in July!

Area 40

- **New Lenox** is a Distinguished club, having achieved 5 of their DCP goals and currently at 24 members.
- **Lincoln-Way** achieved Select Distinguished status this year. They achieved 8 of their DCP goals and had 11 new members this year, and a net gain of 4 members.
- **Key City** – is one member away from having the net gain of 3 members to being recognized as Distinguished. I confirmed with them that a guest that attended several meetings is planning on joining (he's submitting his application and payment) and they will thus become Distinguished. Key City is one of many success stories. This club has made a great turnaround, gained momentum, and is helping their members succeed!
- **Joliet Jesters** – is making great strides – they officially have traction and are on the verge of getting out of the mud! Their last meeting had 11 people in-person and 3 people online for a total of 14 attending! They started the year with 8 members and are now up to 14 members! Dale Posont has played a vital role in their success, and Cathy Wilhelmi and Kashaun Parker have been instrumental in supporting the club as club coaches.

Area 41

- **Confident Communicators** had their 20-year anniversary meeting on Thursday, May 15th. We invited several former long-term members to join us as we celebrate the club's success. The meeting was a huge success. I was able to give a long presentation telling the story of the people that led the club through the years and all the challenges that the club overcame. There was a large custom cake, balloons, and great comradery after the meeting. Several people met the following night, Friday night, for a celebratory Toast and dinner. The club is President's Distinguished, having achieved 9 DCP goals and is currently at 27 members.
- **Yes And** – achieved 8 DCP goals and are a Select Distinguished club for '24-'25. The club currently stands at 24 members, tied for the third largest club in the Division.
- **Morris Area** – is inquiring if they can move their Charter to Ottawa. There are only two people in Morris that have shown the consistency and dedication to keep the club alive. However, there are several people in Ottawa that are highly interested, but aren't able to go to Morris. I'll talk further with the District Trio about the possibility of this.

- **Bridge Builders** – achieved 6 DCP goals this year, but didn't have a net gain of three members. Several higher-level educational goals were achieved, but they lacked the level 1 and level 2 completions from the newer members – so the club should focus on encouraging new members to give prepared speeches from the pathways program in order to complete level 1 and level 2 in Pathways.
- **Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce** – has been reinstated and had their first official meeting on Wednesday, May 28th. I attended that meeting and gave a speech, which was well-received. Over the past year or so, the club has only been doing Table Topics at their meetings. So, this was a change to see a prepared speech and it apparently motivated a few people who showed interest in giving their Ice Breaker. This club has potential, they just need guidance and direction this coming year by means of a Club Coach. The club currently only meets monthly, but I recommended that they try to meet twice a month, which they are considering.

Area 42

- **McKinley** – has met 5 of the DCP goals, and have a net gain of 7 members, going from 13 to 20 and therefore they are a Distinguished club.
- **Toast of Champaign** – achieved 7 of their DCP goals, but didn't have the net growth of three new members. Although they had 5 new members this year, their net total membership remains at 11.
- **Fireside** just needs one member to get to a net gain of three new members to be considered Select Distinguished. President, Jeff Lehman, said there is about a 25% chance that they can get one more member on the books by June 30th.