



District Director Report

September District 54 DEC Meeting

Opening Statement:

I want to give some context to, and my opinion of, some items our district will be facing soon.

1. District Restructuring – we had a vote earlier to name our district restructuring representative. This restructuring came as a surprise for most District Trios at the International Convention. Luckily District 54 has many invested leaders that have been asking questions for many years now. So, this information presented to us was less of a surprise. I want to assure you that we have been working for a while to prepare for this. As we move into this process we will do so with the members and clubs of District 54 in mind, and this process will not affect how the clubs operate to ensure the members are meeting their goals.
2. Pathway changes are coming. Members got an email from Toastmasters International about the upcoming outage of Base Camp in October. This is in preparation for the new Pathways Learning Management System. Demos of this change were shown at a booth at the convention. I am excited about these changes, and it appears they have taken feedback from Toastmasters members to do this update. Since this change will cause some downtime to base camp, there may be questions, confusion, and frustrations from those that didn't read the email they received. Let's be prepared to answer those questions, provide information, and settle frustrations. We also have members of the district working to help with information, like the Pathways Support Webinar. If you need any help answering questions reach out to us and we will assist anyway we can.

District Vision and Mission:

The end of the renewal period is rapidly approaching, and one thing I have noticed about Toastmasters over the years is that we are all good at procrastination. I ask all our Vice Presidents of Education, Presidents, Area Directors, and Division Directors to reach out and remind our clubs that there is only 9 days left for this renewal period. Let's work together and communicate with our members about this upcoming date.

Just like last month we have seen some great numbers in the way of new members. 23 new members since my last report. That is a total of 55 new members already this Toastmaster year. I want to challenge our Area Directors and Division Directors again to go out and find those clubs that have gained new members. If they are in your Area or Division send an email to the club leaders congratulating them on the new members. If you need information about who to contact let me know and we can get you connected.

Final Thoughts:

We have a lot going on this year. Things coming down from Toastmasters International, things we are trying to accomplish within the District, and things coming up from the club level. The one thing I want to stress in my final thoughts is that no matter where things are coming from this District team has only one thing in mind. That is our members! District 54 is a community of great members, and this District team is dedicated to doing what we can in the best interests of our members.