District Director Report August 16, 2025

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Good morning, District 54 leaders!

Welcome to our August District Executive Council Meeting. We're just a couple of months into the new Toastmasters year, and already, the hard work of the District Leadership team is making a difference. I want to thank you for showing up, not just today, but every day in service to our members and clubs. Much has happened in the first 60 days of 2025-2026 TI year with many accomplishments to share!

* D54 conducted 3 successful Beta Test TLI's to train club officers (Estelle Foster, Rachael Berry, Sherri DeLeonardis, Maryann Reichelt, Bonnie Tippey, Angie Mullin, Gary Vaughn, Dick Poirier).
* As of today, D54 has conducted 7 of 8 hours of required TI Area and Division Director training (Estelle Foster, PQD & Trainers).
* D54 submitted the 2025-2026 District Alignment to Toastmasters International on time (Jason Heissler, DTM & team).
* D54 submitted a 2025-2026 DL List, DL release statements, and DL photos to TI on time (Dan Kyburz, DLC Chair)
* We created and submitted a D54 Annual Calendar to TI on time. (Wendy Pesavento)
* We set up bill pay for district recurring expenses. (Gary Vaughn and Wendy Pesavento)
* Worked with US Bank to change the signatories on the District Bank account and submit a signatory change report to TI (Trio and Elias Hayes)
* The Year end Audit Committee is working on completing and submitting the 2024–2025 year end audit (Elias Hayes & Team)
* The District website has been updated with the new district leadership team photos! (Dick Poirier)
* GoDaddy Communications have been updated for improved District Communications (Gary Vaughn)
* The District Dispatch has been redesigned with more exciting changes to come. (Karen Walch and Lori Creighton)
* First round Area Director club visits are underway and club visit reports are being submitted on District Central (Area Directors)
* The 2025-2026 District Success Plan and Preliminary Budget are completed and ready for approval at the District Council meeting next month. (Trio and Elias Hayes)
* A new credentials chair has been appointed for the District Council meeting (Gary Vaughn).
* We have a new position in the District. Noel Ganay will serve as the District Speech Contest Chair.
* The District Marketing Plan and District Communications plan are in the final stages of completion and will be ready to submit to TI on time (Chris Kostelec and Karen Walch).
* D54 added a new club! Welcome Christian Brothers Services. This club has been aligned to Area 11 pending the approval of the DEC (Estelle Foster, Steve Vaccaro, Kashaun Parker & Demo team members).
* D54 participated on the TI North American Realignment. Our elected representative has advocated for our district in the realignment and the new boundaries will be revealed next week. (Bonnie Tippey)
* A Strategic Planning and Action Committee has been appointed for the 2025-2025 year. (Jon Greiner, Dick Poirier, Bonnie Tippey, Dick Poirier, Maryann Reichelt, Dan Kyburz, Darryl Felty, Tony Koury, Gary Vaughn, Estelle Foster, Chris Kostelec)
* Complied with new Toastmasters Financial reporting requirements and monthly RA meetings (Trio).
* We initiated a wew Contest to encourage Clubs to complete their Club Success Plan to TI by Sept 15. Prizes will be awarded to 30 clubs. (Trio)

As we move forward, let’s keep our eyes not just on our goals, but on the people behind the progress. Let’s continue to recognize the wins, big and small, and celebrate every milestone our clubs and members reach.

There’s still a lot of work to do—but there’s also so much potential. I’m excited for what’s ahead and even more excited to be on this journey with such a passionate and capable team.

Let’s keep pushing forward—and let’s make this month count.

Respectfully,

Wendy Pesavento, DTM

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