

Toastmasters District 54 Division A December 2025 Report

Division Overview

As of December 2025, the Division continues to show steady progress in educational achievements and community engagement. While membership retention remains a focus area for specific sectors, Area Directors have successfully completed nearly all club visits and are actively supporting club-level marketing and social initiatives like holiday parties. The upcoming months will focus on Club, Area and Division International and Tall Tales speech contests and completing Club Officer Training.

Area Performance Summaries

Area 10 – Rachael Berry (5 Clubs)

- Membership: 14 new members YTD (+3 last month); net gain of 3 from base.
- Education & DCP: 8 Educational Levels (+2) and 9 DCP Goals (+2) achieved.
- Status: All club visits completed.
- Highlights:
 - Dekalb: Launched new LinkedIn and Facebook marketing campaigns with a scheduled posting strategy to increase visibility.
 - Inspiring Speakers: Renewed membership with the Greater Freeport Partnership.
 - Rock On!: Hosted a "Winter Social & Open House" on Dec 1st. Despite treacherous weather, the event featured a humorous "Trial of Santa," which was a major success.
 - Upcoming: Club Speech Contest scheduled for February 9th at Wesley Willows.

Area 11 – Varad Cancheepuram (6 Clubs)

- Membership: 13 new members; no change this month; net loss of 8 from base.
- Education & DCP: Leading the division with 16 Educational goals (+5) and 13 DCP Goals (+2).
- Status: All club visits completed.
- Upcoming: Toast of the Fox planning an Open House for May 2026.

Area 12 – Jim Dickson (6 Clubs)

- Membership: 18 new members (+3 last month); net loss of 15 from base.
- Education & DCP: 11 Educational Levels and 10 DCP Goals (+1).
- Status: Club visit reports are an opportunity for improvement in the second half of the Toastmasters year.

Area 13 – Tony Harden (5 Clubs)

- Membership: 17 new members (+2 last month); net loss of 1 from base.
- Education & DCP: 12 Educational Levels (+3) and 11 DCP goals (+3).
- Highlights: Lincoln Way is performing strongly with 29 members and 6 DCP goals already met.
- Status: All club visits completed.
- Lincoln Way and Key City held holiday parties.
- Upcoming: Lincoln Way contests set for Feb 5 (Tall Tales) and Feb 19 (International Speech).

Area 14 – Steve Enteman (5 Clubs)

- Membership: 3 new members; no change this month; net loss of 6 from base.
 - Education & DCP: 11 Educational Levels (+1) and 5 DCP Goals (+1).
 - Status: All club visits are completed.
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Division Summary Table

Area	Clubs	New Members	Edu. Goals	DCP Goals	Visit Status
Area 10	5	14 (+3)	8 (+2)	9 (+2)	100%
Area 11	6	13 (NC)	16 (+5)	13 (+2)	100%
Area 12	6	18 (+3)	11 (NC)	10 (+1)	Incomplete
Area 13	5	17 (+2)	12 (+3)	11 (+3)	100%
Area 14	5	3 (NC)	11 (+1)	5 (+1)	100%

Upcoming Division Calendar

- February 5, 2025: Lincoln Way Tall Tales Contest.
- February 9, 2025: Area 10 Club Speech Contest (Wesley Willows).
- February 19, 2025: Lincoln Way International Speech Contest.
- May 2025: Toast of the Fox Open House.

Division A Director
Troy LaPorte

Division A continues to make progress in the division goals as the Area Directors focus on completing club visits and reports. Throughout the Division the clubs have been actively promoting their clubs through Speechcraft and Open House events to help improve membership and keep current members engaged.

Division A has 57 new members across the 28 clubs in the Division with Lincoln Way Toastmasters leading the way by adding 8 new members. In the coming month Division A will keenly focus on completing club visit reports, promoting clubs through Open House events and planning for Speech contests to start in early 2026.

Congratulations to Racheal Berry and Varad Cancheepuram on their District 54 Hall of Fame awards and thank you, Steve Enteman for providing a great educational session at the Hall of Fame!

Accomplishments:

- Lincoln Way has multiple extraordinary accomplishments, 6 DCP goals, 8 new members, net growth of 3 members, and current membership at 29.
- 57 new members, Lincoln Way Toastmasters leading with 8 new members
- 40 DCP goals met, Lincoln Way leading with 6 DCP goals, Talk of the Town, Toast of the Fox and Confident Communicators completing 4 DCP goals
- Toast of the Fox held an Open House on October 21, 20 people in attendance.
- **Inspiring Speakers Special Events:**
 - The Greater Freeport Area Rise'N'Shine breakfast on Nov 6th
 - **Amera Striegel**, presented "For the Love of Local", Freeport Audubon Society

Area & Club Focus

- Membership retention: Net loss of 35, identify opportunities to retain members
- Area Directors will focus on completing club visits, submitting reports and speech contest preparation.
- Clubs to plan speech contests for the January-February timeframe.
- Scheduling Club, Area and Division Speech Contests for 2026.
- Promote Toastmasters through multiple communication platforms (Google, FaceBook, Community boards, LinkedIn, etc) and social events.

Division A Special Events

- Rock On! - Winter Social & Open House - Westlake Village, Winnebago Dec 1st

Division A Director

Troy LaPorte

- 57 new members

- Net loss of 35
- 40 DCP goals met
- 41% of Club visit reports submitted

Area 10 - Rachael Berry - 5 Clubs

- 14 new members, 3 add in last month, net gain of 3 from base
- 8(up 2) Educational Levels completed,
- 9(up 2) DCP Goals met
- All Club visits completed
- Special Events:
 - **Dekalb: Additional Activities:** We just made our LinkedIn page and published our marketing stuff through Facebook and LinkedIn, which we planned to have regular posts to increase our visibility.
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 - **Inspiring Speakers Special Events:**
 - Club decided to renew membership in Greater Freeport Partnership
 - Rock On! - Winter Social & Open House - Westlake Village, Winnebago Dec 1st
 - **Club Speech Contest:** February 9th @ Wesley Willows
 - Held a multi-club Winter Social on December 1 at Westlake Village. While there were no guests, it was a lot of fun despite the treacherous weather. Highlights included resolving Santa was found **Not Guilty** of running Grandma over with a reindeer. Evidence confirmed Santa was in Wisconsin enjoying a spa day at the time, and the incident was ultimately uncovered as a scheme by the state of Illinois to boost sales tax revenue as parents scrambled to buy Christmas gifts.
 - Rockford Communication League - Open house October 29th
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Area 11 - Varad Cancheepuram - 6 Clubs

- 13 New members, No change in last month, net loss of 8 from base
- 16(up 5) Educational goals
- 13 DCP Goals met (Up 2)
- 5 of 6 Club Success Plans submitted, new club CBS pending
- All Club Dues Paid
- All Club Visits completed
- Special Events:
 - Toast of the Fox Toastmasters: Open House Tentative May

Area 12 - Jim Dickson - 5+1 new Clubs

- 18 new members, 3 new members in last month, loss of 15 from base of 120
- 11(NC) Educational Levels completed

- 10 DCP Goals (up 1)
- 6 clubs paid
- 4 of 5 Club Success Plans completed, 1 new club
- No club visits submitted
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Area 13 - Tony Harden - 5 Clubs

- 17 new members, 2 in last month, loss of 1 from base of 82
- 12(up 3) Educational Levels completed
- 11 (up 3) DCP goals
- Lincoln Way moving forward, 29 members, 6 DCP goals
- All Club visits completed
- LW tentative club contest dates, which will be Feb 5 for Tall Tales and Feb 19 for our International Speech

Area 14 - Steve Enteman - 5 Clubs

- 3 new members, no change in last month, loss of 6 from base of 60
- 11 (up 1) Educational Levels completed
- 5 DCP Goals met (up 1)
- 4 of 5 club dues paid
- All Club Visits completed
- 3 club visits entered, all remaining submission

Division A Director
Troy LaPorte

Area 10 Club Reports

Dekalb Area Toastmasters – Club #00003190

- **Current Membership Base:** 8 (as of 01/Jul/2025)
 - **New Members Added:** 2
 - **Guests:** N/A
 - **Special Events:** N/A
 - **Accomplishments:**
 - 5 Officers trained at TLI (June–August 2025)
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Inspiring Speakers – Club #00003481

- **Current Membership Base:** 11
 - **New Members Added:** 1 new member - Danyelle Vignolini (01/Aug/2025)
 - **Guests:** None at meetings on 05/Aug/2025 and 15/Jul/2025
 - **Special Events:**
 - Greater Freeport Area Business After Hours (July 21, 2025, 5–7 PM at Citizens State Bank)
 - Social gathering at *This Is It Eatery* (August 21, 2025, 6 PM)
 - **Accomplishments:**
 - 5 Officers trained at TLI (June–August 2025)
 - Tom Willison – Engaging Humor 1 (EH1) – Jul. 20, 2025
 - Club Success Plan – 100% drafted, pending review at next meeting
 - Proxy for President assigned for Annual Meeting
 - **Additional Notes:** Organizing a SpeechCraft to begin in September
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Rock On! – Club #00611696

- **Current Membership Base:** 18
- **New Members Added:** 1
- **Guests:**

- 1 guest on 11/Aug/2025
 - 3 guests on 28/Jul/2025
 - **Special Events:** N/A
 - **Accomplishments:**
 - 6 Officers trained at TLI (June–August 2025)
 - Tom Willison – Engaging Humor 2 (EH2) – 28/Jul/2025
 - Daniel Willoughby – Dynamic Leadership 4 (DL4) – 20/Jul/2025
 - Club Success Plan in progress
 - Proxy for President and Secretary assigned for Annual Meeting
 - **Additional Notes:**
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Rockford Communication League – Club #05719066

- **Current Membership Base:** 17
 - **New Members Added:** 0
 - **Accomplishments:**
 - 7 Officers trained at TLI (June–August 2025)
 - Club Success Plan in progress
 - Hosted Summer TLI North with 38 attendees and club member, Rachael Berry, served as TLI Dean
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Savant Wealth Management – Club #28678998

- **Current Membership Base:** 20
- **New Members Added:** 0
- **Accomplishments:**
 - 6 Officers trained at TLI (June–August 2025)
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