

Toastmasters District 54 Division A March 2026 Report

The Division has achieved significant milestones this month, highlighted by the exceptional efforts of our Area Directors. We extend our congratulations to Rachael, Steve, Jim, Varad, and Tony for their hard work in organizing and executing high-quality speech contests. Furthermore, Areas 10 and 11 deserve recognition for ensuring all clubs completed their officer training, while Area 13 has shown remarkable momentum with a net growth of 13 members, led by the Lincolnway club which now boasts a strong roster of 34 members.

Moving forward, our Area and Club focus will shift toward strengthening membership retention. While we saw a modest net gain of one member this Toastmasters year, there is a clear opportunity to identify better ways to keep our members engaged. Area Directors are also tasked with prioritizing club visits and ensuring all reports are submitted by May 31st. Additionally, we are ramping up efforts to promote the upcoming Division Contest on March 28th and the District Conference on April 24th to increase participation.

Division A is also gearing up for several exciting special events. We look forward to the "Rock On!" Open House on May 4th and the Toast of the Fox event on May 5th, featuring guest speaker Martina Mathisen, who recently won the National Speakers Association (NSA) IL Chapter "Last Story Standing" competition. Looking further ahead, Rockford Communications has already begun the initial planning phases for their 10-year club celebration, set for September 2026.

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