

District 54 - Division D

Division Director's Report

May 2025

The second Area Director club visits for the year have been scheduled and some have already been completed. We should have all Area Director Reports submitted well before May 31st. Several clubs continue to gain momentum in Division D with several "Distinguished" clubs in the Division.

Area 40

- **New Lenox** has obtained their 4th new member for the club year and have thus become a "Distinguished" club this year and one of the largest clubs in the Division. Area Director, Katie Jandeska will complete her club visit report for the May 24th club meeting.
- **Lincoln-Way** remains one of the strongest clubs in the Division with 24 members and have already achieved 7 of their DCP goals and they have a good chance of becoming President's Distinguished. Katie Jandeska will make her club visit on May 15th.
- **Key City** – I visited Key City on Wednesday, May 7th. I am very impressed with the good energy this club has and how they made some key improvements including: excellent signage outside the YMCA where they meet, great Audio/Visual set-up for their hybrid meetings, as well as a proper welcome table for guests and members. I've asked Club Coach Dale Posont to prepare a Pathways tutorial at their May 21st meeting to ensure a good understanding of how to use Pathways – which is currently lacking. If there's a "comeback club of the year" for Division D, Key City would be it!
- **Joliet Jesters** – Katie Jandeska made her Area Director visit on Saturday, May 3rd and will be compiling and submitting that report shortly. Joliet Jesters had another guest at the last meeting and they continue to gain traction.

Area 41

- **Confident Communicators** is having their 20-year anniversary meeting on Thursday, May 15th. We've invited several former long-term members to join us as we celebrate the club's success. This will also be the meeting where our Area Director, Valerie Heckman, will make her club visit.
- **Yes And** – Valerie Heckman has made her club visit and will be compiling and submitting that report shortly. Yes And remains a strong, vibrant club.
- **Morris Area** – I'll be visiting them on Tue 5/13 for Valerie Heckman since she can't get down to Morris this month. As mentioned last month, the club has decided to continue on for another 6 months because there are a few people interested in Toastmasters, so the focus needs to be putting on a quality meeting so they can attract & retain those people if and when they do attend. Morris Area was chartered 45 years ago on June 1st.

- **Bridge Builders** – I visited Bridge Builders this Tuesday to perform their Area Director club visit for Valerie Heckman. They had a good meeting with 13 people in attendance (7 in-person and 6 online) including a guest in-person and two guests online. Overall, it was a very good meeting, I did note that they should focus on onboarding their newest members to ensure they are familiar with Pathways as well as understanding the different club meeting roles.

Area 42

- **McKinley** – has met 5 of the DCP goals and is a Distinguished club. Kashaun Parker plans to make her second club visit on May 28th.
- **Toast of Champaign** – Kashaun plans to conduct this club visit on Thursday, May 22nd. This club is already select distinguished and might be able to be President's Distinguished by June 30th.
- **Fireside** is also at Select Distinguished with the potential of being President's Distinguished by the end of the club year. The Area Director club visit will occur on Wednesday, May 21st.