



Where Leaders are Made

Hall of Fame

District 54

2020-2021

Bala Sreedharan, DTM
District Director
District 54
2020-2021

Distinguished Club Program

President's Distinguished Club (9-10 DCP Goals)

<u>Division</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Club Number</u>	<u>Club Name</u>
B	21	3687007	Forging Leaders
E	50	8288	Lincoln-Way Toastmasters
E	50	1339001	New Lenox Toastmasters
E	51	1944	Bridge Builders Club

Select Distinguished Clubs (7-8 DCP Goals)

<u>Division</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Club Number</u>	<u>Club Name</u>
A	10	1977	Blue Blazers
A	10	3481	Inspiring Speakers
A	11	592584	Fox River Toastmasters
A	12	3190	De Kalb Area Toastmasters
D	41	3381	State Farm Talk of the South Club
D	43	9374	Four Seasons Toastmasters Club

Distinguished Clubs (5-6 DCP Goals)

<u>Division</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Club Number</u>	<u>Club Name</u>
B	20	5647	John Deere Toastmasters Club
C	31	948429	Progressively Speaking Club
D	40	1481419	ADM Toastmasters
D	41	8441	State Farm OAKS
D	42	3736	Pioneer Club
D	42	9312	State Farm Speakeasy Club

Letter from the 2020-2021 District Director

My Dear Fellow District 54 Toastmasters,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve members of district 54 Toastmasters clubs as the district director in 2020-2021, one of the most challenging years in Toastmasters history due to the pandemic that hit the world in early 2020.

Thank you very much for staying active in Toastmasters during these unprecedented times and for continuing to work on your own personal and professional development while helping your fellow Toastmasters to become more effective communicators and leaders. Even though the district and most of the clubs did not achieve all the goals set in the beginning of the year, we all can be proud of our resiliency and for overcoming several obstacles to achieve some of the goals.

The mission of the district is to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence. I want to take this opportunity to thank all district officers, especially area and division directors, and various district committee chairs and members for working hard to advance the district mission during the past year while following the core values of Toastmasters International; Integrity, Respect, Service, and Excellence.

My hearty congratulations to all Toastmasters and clubs mentioned in this 2020-2021 Hall of Fame booklet for their contributions to the district and for their individual achievements.

Sincerely,

Bala Sreedharan, DTM
 Immediate Past District Director 2021-2022
 District Director 2020-2021
 Toastmasters District 54

2020-21 District Staff & Committees

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Club Extension Chair	Kelly Nielsen
Club Retention Chair	Valerie Horton
Club Quality & Membership Coordinator	Bonnie Tippie
Prison Club Manager	Jon Greiner
Prison New Clubs Chair	Vacant
Prison Club Liaison	Jeni Pruss
Prison Club Fundraising Coordinator	Vacant
Prison Club Auditor	Anthony Koury
District Webmaster	Dick Poirier
Club Website Coordinator	Thaddeus Gray
Newsletter Editor	Vacant
Historian	Catrina Eimer
Leadership Development Chair	Angie Mullin
Leadership Path Coordinator	Vacant
Talent Development Coordinator	Kelly Nielsen
District Training Coordinator	Vacant
District Virtual Training Coordinator	Ronald Korte
Pathways Support Coordinator	Dick Poirier
Strategic Planning/Advisory Committee Chair	Tom Willison
Audit Committee Chair	Abraham Gunaseelan
Parliamentarian	Jim Dickson
Credentials Chair	Christopher Boyk
Alignment Committee Chair	Anthony Koury
Leadership Committee Chair	Christopher Boyk
Social Media Coordinator	Adam Bockler
Technology Chair	Vacant
Analytics Chair	Senthil Sundaramoorthy

District Speech Contests Winners

International: Kristoffer Kizer

Evaluation: Andrea Reagan

Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) Deans

Summer 2020 (Virtual)

TLI #1 Wendy Pesavento

TLI #2 Kari Susairaj

TLI #3 Abraham Gunaseelan

Winter 2021 (Virtual)

TLI #1 Patrick Olson

TLI #2 Steven Vaccaro

TLI #3 Arun Menon

Annual Conference Co-Chairs

Kari Susairaj
 Lloyd Trowers

2020-21 District Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
District Director	Bala Sreedharan
Program Quality Director	Maryann Reichelt
Club Growth Director	Daniel Kyburz
Immediate Past District Director	Christopher Boyk
Public Relations Manager	Aelita Archbold
Finance Manager	Rabah Seffal
Administration Manager	Andrea Gluck
Logistics Manager	Bradley Stewart

Division A

Division Director	Joyce Schumpert
Area 10 Director	Jeffrey Metters
Area 11 Director	Jeffrey Stine
Area 12 Director	William Smola

Division B

Division Director	Michael Bradford
Area 20 Director	Kari Susairaj
Area 21 Director	Adama Moseti
Area 22 Director	Laura Hansen

Division C

Division Director	Gregory LeRoy
Area 30 Director	Adam Bockler
Area 31 Director	Milind Soman
Area 32 Director	Jodi Melton

Division D

Division Director	Julia Issa-Ghantous
Area 40 Director	Constance Lusietto
Area 41 Director	Dominic Tippabattuni
Area 42 Director	Debra K. Toohill
Area 43 Director	Jennifer Ho

Division E

Division Director	Craig Karvala
Area 50 Director	Martha Sojka
Area 51 Director	Jeff Kubillus
Area 52 Director	Darrel Felty

Distinguished District Program

Distinguished Divisions

None

Distinguished Areas

None

New Club Sponsors & Mentors

PitchMasters

- Andrea Reagan (Sponsor and Mentor)
- Donna Tomich-Adair (Sponsor)
- Christopher Boyk (Mentor)

Club Coaches

- Wendy Pesavento
- Noel Ganay
- Craig T. Karvala
- Nandini Kurup

District 54 Awards

2020-2021 Spirit of Toastmasters Awards

Spirit of Toastmasters
Michael Bradford

Spirit of Commitment and Energy
Sherri DeLeonardis

Spirit of Enthusiasm
Aelita Archbold

Spirit of Dedication
Darrel Felty

Spirit of Teamwork
William Smola

Smedley Award
For Outstanding Leadership in Education
Dick Poirier

Foley Award
For Outstanding
Leadership in Membership Building
Christopher Boyk

Heitzman Award
For Outstanding Leadership skills
Tom Willison

Toastmasters International Resiliency Award
In Recognition of Leadership
Through Times of Uncertainty
Bala Sreedharan
Maryann Reichelt
Daniel Kyburz

Club President of the Year Awards

Area President of the Year

Area 10 - Rachel Scanlan
Area 11 - Julia Hsia
Area 12 - Noel Ganay
Area 20 - Laura Hansen
Area 21 - Jon Greiner
Area 22 - Kelly Nielsen
Area 30 - Anne Warth
Area 31 - Sanket Yeole
Area 32 - Carol Loser

Area 40 - Ian Gill
Area 41 - Gary Vaughn
Area 42 - Dawn Wilson
Area 43 - Jennifer Ho
Area 50 - Robin Higgins
Area 51 - Dale Posont
Area 52 - Jaeun Jemma Ku

Division President of the Year

Division A - Louis Kreppert
Division B - Patrick Olson
Division C - Snigdha Pande
Division D - Mary Peterson
Division E - Kristian Kind

District President of the Year

Christina Kapinus

Area Director of the Year Awards

Division Area Directors of the Year

Division A - William Smola
Division B - Adama Moseti
Division C - Milind Soman
Division D - Jennifer Ho
Division E - Jeff Kubillus

District Area Director of the Year

Martha Sojka

Toastmaster of the Year Awards

Area Toastmaster of the Year

Area 10 - Jim Dickson	Area 32 - Jennifer Bertschi
Area 11 - Tony Livernois	Area 40 - Kazim Abbot
Area 12 - Wendy Pesavento	Area 41 - Mary Lynn Edwards
Area 20 - Jana Hergert	Area 42 - Debra K. Toohill
Area 21 - Cece Wroblewski	Area 43 - Kristina Warren
Area 22 - Keith Nielsen	Area 50 - Steven Vaccaro
Area 30 - Lori Creighton	Area 51 - Sharon Catania
Area 31 - Lakshmi Gopalakrishnan	Area 52 - Tony Audrieth

Division Toastmaster of the Year

Division A - Ron Korte
 Division B - Abraham Gunaseelan
 Division C - Adam Bockler
 Division D - Jason Heissler
 Division E - Arun Menon

District Toastmaster of the Year

Kari Susairaj

Division Director of the Year Award

District Division Director of the Year

Dr. Craig T. Karvala

Education Awards: Triple Crown

- Archbold, Aelita C.
- Berry, Rachael M.
- Bockler, Adam
- Boyk, Christopher
- Burton, Larry K.
- Carrillo, Lino
- Deleonardis, Sherri Lee
- Felty, Darrel D.
- Grundmeier, Margaret M.
- Hergert, Jana Leian
- Issa-Ghantous, Julia Mounir
- Kyburz, Daniel J.
- Lehmann, Jeffery G.
- Meaker, Bethany N
- Miller, Sam
- Nielsen, Keith A.
- Olson, Patrick A.
- Pesavento, Wendy
- Rosenwinkel, Kate
- Sommer, Elaine R.
- Sreedharan, Bala T.
- Su, Ching-Yuan
- Susairaj, Kari Jean
- Sweedler, Benjamin Alan
- Tholin, David
- Tomich-Adair, Donna M
- Vaughn, Gary Allen
- Williams, George
- Willison, John T.
- Wroblewski, Ronald J.

Education Awards: DTM

- Carrillo, Lino
- Craig Karvala
- David Tholin
- Jaeun Ku
- Tomich-Adair, Donna M

Education Awards: ALS

- Tholin, David
- Carrillo, Lino
- Tomich-Adair, Donna M

Education Awards: Leadership Excellence (HPL)

- Tholin, David
- Carrillo, Lino
- Tomich-Adair, Donna M

Education Awards: Pathways Mentor

None

Education Awards: Pathways Level 1

Name	Award
Spies, Lukas	PM1
Agar, Derek A	PM1
Alford, Jacqueline	VC1
Archbold, Aelita C.	PI1
Borst, Melissa	MS1
Bovell, Nathaniel Ajani	IP1
Boyd, Riley	TC1
Boyk, Christopher	EC1
Butcher, Kirshell R.	IP1
Caldwell-Edwards, Jennifer E.	IP1
Camper, Rodney	PI1
Casper, Bob	IP1
Catania, Sharon L.	MS1
Chan, Maritoni	LD1
Christian, Amit	IP1
Deleonardis, Sherri Lee	PM1
Deleonardis, Sherri Lee	SR1
Dickson, Jim H.	EC1
Dougherty, John P	DL1
Easter, Erin J.	DL1
Evans, Christina M.	LD1
Felty, Darrel D.	EH1
Felty, Darrel D.	PM1
Fitzgerald, Stacy	TC1
Gibson, Magdalena	VC1
Gocal, Joy	IP1
Gopalakrishnan, Shrimakarthik	DL1
Gray, Garrett	EH1
Green, Shanika N.	IP1
Grundmeier, Margaret M.	TC1
Grundmeier, Margaret M.	VC1
Hackman, Ryan Patrick	DL1
Hallock, Jennifer (Lu) Ray	DL1
Hanlon, Whitney	MS1
Hendricks, Ruby L.	PM1
Hergert, Jana Leian	PM1
Ho, Jennifer	MS1
Hoehn, Trudy	DL1
Huisman, Rick	PM1
Issa-Ghantous, Julia Mounir	DL1
Jarrett, Nikki Lee	IP1
Jawadwala, Fatema	EC1
Jones, Jamie	DL1
Judd, Sarah	PM1
Kaller, Maria J.	PM1
Karvala, Craig	IP1

Education Awards: Pathways Level 1

Name	Award
Kizer, Kristoffer	VC1
Kleiner, Kevin Gordon	TC1
Klock, Todd	EH1
Ku, Jaeun	PI1
Kyburz, Daniel J.	DL1
Kyburz, Daniel J.	MS1
LaPorte, Troy H.	DL1
Lee, Yoon	PM1
Lehmann, Jeffery G.	MS1
Lewis, Rodney J.	IP1
Lockie, Erika	IP1
Lofgren, Cody Richard	LD1
Lou, Yi	IP1
Mathes, Hannah	EC1
Meaker, Bethany N	EC1
Menon, Arun G.	LD1
Meriden, Lena	DL1
Metters, Jeffrey L	TC1
Miller, Sam	PM1
Montgomery, Veronica S.	MS1
Moseti, Adama F.	DL1
Nielsen, Keith A.	EC1
Nielsen, Kelly J.	EC1
Nosal, Tom	VC1
Ohler, Gary T.	PM1
Olson, Melissa A	IP1
Olson, Patrick A.	VC1
Overton, Anthony D.	VC1
Pesavento, Wendy	EH1
Poirier, Dick	EH1
Pringle, Mary A.	PM1
Pruss, Jenifer L	PM1
Pun Beltran, YuiLeng Janeth	PM1
Raab, Matthew	IP1
Ravinuthala, Nagasudha	DL1
Robinson, Gary Allen	PI1
Rosenwinkel, Kate	LD1
Rupert, Matt Evan	PM1
Scampini, Michael J.	EH1
Schueley, Richard A.	EC1
Serdar, Glenn	DL1
Shaik, Reshma Vali	DL1

Education Awards: Pathways Level 1

Name	Award
Shangraw, Rachael Stephanie	PI1
Simmons, Mary	IP1
Slininger, Edward E.	PM1
Smith, Jessamyn	IP1
Smola, William S.	IP1
Sommer, Elaine R.	PM1
Sours, Kenneth R.	IP1
Sreedharan, Bala T.	PM1
Stain, Rebecca	MS1
Stickel, Leann Rebecca	PM1
Su, Ching-Yuan	EH1
Su, Ching-Yuan	PM1
Susairaj, Kari Jean	PM1
Taylor, Jacqueline M.	EC1
Tellor, Brian E.	EC1
Towne, Sarah H.	EH1
Trent, Paula G.	PM1
Umapathy, Gopalakrishnan	DL1
Vaughn, Gary Allen	DL1
Vaughn, Gary Allen	PM1
Velasco, Daniel	IP1
Wilder, Molly E.	PM1
Williams, Bridget Nichole	EC1
Williams, George	EH1
Williams, Tony	IP1
Willison, John T.	MS1
Winsman, Lucas M	VC1
Wroblewski, Cecilia L.	EH1
Wroblewski, Ronald J.	SR1
Wroblewski, Ronald J.	VC1
Yeole, Sanket	LD1
Zolotova, Larisa	PM1

Education Awards: Pathways Level 2

Name	Award
Anthony, Heather	IP2
Bannon, Robert	DL2
Barry, Mike P	IP2
Berry, Rachael M.	DL2
Bovell, Nathaniel Ajani	IP2
Boyd, Riley	TC2
Boyk, Christopher	EC2
Catania, Sharon L.	MS2
DeKnecht, Erin L	VC2
Dougherty, John P	DL2
Evans, Christina M.	LD2
Felty, Darrel D.	PM2
Foster, Estelle	VC2
Gocal, Joy	IP2
Gray, Garrett	EH2
Gray, Thaddeus A.	PM2
Grundmeier, Margaret M.	TC2
Hanlon, Whitney	MS2
Hergert, Jana Leian	PM2
Higgins, Neil W.	IP2
Hinthorn, Zachary K	IP2
Ho, Jennifer	DL2
Issa-Ghantous, Julia Mounir	DL2
Kapinus, Christina M.	DL2
Kasula, Sridhar	EC2
Kenady, Matt	PM2
Kizer, Kristoffer	VC2
Kyburz, Daniel J.	DL2
Kyburz, Daniel J.	MS2
Lehmann, Jeffery G.	MS2
Lewis, Rodney J.	IP2
Lou, Yi	IP2
Meaker, Bethany N	EC2
Menon, Arun G.	LD2
Meriden, Lena	DL2
Miller, Sam	PM2
Mueller, William Nicholas	PM2
Nielsen, Keith A.	EC2
Nielsen, Kelly J.	EC2
Olson, Melissa A	IP2
Olson, Patrick A.	IP2
Overton, Anthony D.	VC2
Pande, Snigdha	DL2
Patel, Binni	IP2
Pesavento, Wendy	EH2
Price, Carol H.	LD2
Pringle, Mary A.	PM2
Regan, Andrea L	PI2
Rosen, Terry	IP2
Rosenwinkel, Kate	LD2

Education Awards: Pathways Level 2

Name	Award
Scampini, Michael J.	EH2
Shangraw, Rachael Stephanie	PI2
Smith, Jacob Alan	MS2
Sommer, Elaine R.	PM2
Sovereign, Jordan	MS2
Stickel, Leann Rebecca	PM2
Su, Ching-Yuan	PM2
Sweedler, Benjamin Alan	IP2
Taylor, Kevin	PM2
Trent, Paula G.	PM2
Van Haften, Dan	PM2
Varma, Nipra	IP2
Vaughn, Gary Allen	DL2
Verner, Jenny	IP2
Visintine, Vishal Vincent	IP2
Warren, Kristina L.	DL2
Warth, Anne	EC2
Williams, Joy L	IP2
Willison, John T.	MS2
Wroblewski, Ronald J.	SR2
Wroblewski, Ronald J.	VC2
Young, Abigail J	PM2
Zuhn, Sally R.	VC2

Education Awards: Pathways Level 3

Name	Award
Scuffham, Heidi	PM3
Shuty, Ben	IP3
Avignone, Mark	PI3
Ballun, John	PM3
Bannon, Robert	DL3
Berry, Rachael M.	DL3
Bockler, Adam	LD3
Boyk, Christopher	EC3
Burton, Larry K.	PI3
Chander, Venkat Sai	DL3
Deleonardis, Sherri Lee	DL3
Deleonardis, Sherri Lee	EH3
Dillard, Bobby D.	EC3
Gerig, Donna M.	LD3

Education Awards: Pathways Level 3

Name	Award
Gopalakrishnan, Lakshmi	PM3
Greene, Andrew Isaac	PI3
Grundmeier, Margaret M.	TC3
Hankins, Frank L.	IP3
Hartung, Susan L.	EC3
Heissler, Jason B.	DL3
Hergert, Jana Leian	PM3
Higgins, Neil W.	IP3
Hughes, Douglas	DL3
Issa-Ghantous, Julia Mounir	DL3
Janardhanan, Brijesh	DL3
Kind, Kristian	PI3
Krygeris, Audrius	IP3
Kubillus, Jeff	EC3
Lawson, Scott Eugene	VC3
Lehmann, Jeffery G.	MS3
Lehmann, Jeffery G.	VC3
Martin, Katie	VC3
Meaker, Bethany N	EC3
Miller, Sam	PM3
Mueller, William Nicholas	PM3
Nielsen, Keith A.	EC3
Noble, Daniel Charles	EC3
O'Brien, Alexander S	VC3
Olson, Patrick A.	IP3
Pande, Snigdha	DL3
Pesavento, Wendy	DL3
Pesavento, Wendy	EH3
Pesavento, Wendy	TC3
Rosenwinkel, Kate	LD3
Salvi, Amy C	DL3
Sommer, Elaine R.	PM3
Sreedharan, Bala T.	DL3
Su, Ching-Yuan	PM3
Sweedler, Benjamin Alan	IP3
Termini, Ray P.	PM3
Vaughn, Gary Allen	DL3

Education Awards: Pathways Level 4

Name	Award
Archbold, Aelita C.	EH4
Berry, Rachael M.	DL4
Bockler, Adam	LD4
Boyd, Kristen K.	DL4
Boyk, Christopher	TC4
Burger, Jerry L	IP4
Burton, Larry K.	PI4
Chambers, Bruce David	LD4
Cohen, Steve	PM4
Cruse, Nancy L.	PM4
Deleonardis, Sherri Lee	DL4
Gopalakrishnan, Lakshmi	PM4
Greene, Andrew Isaac	PI4
Grundmeier, Margaret M.	PM4
Grundmeier, Margaret M.	TC4
Hergert, Jana Leian	PM4
Herr, Jody Faith	IP4
Hughes, Douglas	DL4
Janardhanan, Brijesh	DL4
Kind, Kristian	PI4
Kyburz, Daniel J.	IP4
Lehmann, Jeffery G.	MS4
Lehmann, Jeffery G.	VC4
Miller, Sam	PM4
Miller, Timothy	IP4
Nielsen, Keith A.	EC4
Pesavento, Wendy	DL4
Pesavento, Wendy	EH4
Pesavento, Wendy	TC4
Pinna, Padmaja	TC4
Russell, Keith A	PI4
Scanlan, Rachel	IP4
Segovia, Rudy	MS4
Sharp, Sandra	DL4
Slininger, Edward E.	IP4
Sommer, Elaine R.	PM4
Sreedharan, Bala T.	DL4
Susairaj, Kari Jean	EC4
Sweedler, Benjamin Alan	IP4
Vaughn, Gary Allen	SR4
Williams, Charleszetta	DL4
Williams, George	DL4
Wroblewski, Ronald J.	VC4

Education Awards: Pathways Level 5

Name	Award
Archbold, Aelita C.	EH5
Bockler, Adam	LD5
Boyk, Christopher	TC5
Burger, Jerry L	IP5
Burton, Larry K.	PI5
Cohen, Steve	PM5
Cruse, Nancy L.	PM5
Grundmeier, Margaret M.	TC5
Josephson, Larry	PM5
Korte, Ronald L.	VC5
Kurup, Nandini	SR5
Lehmann, Jeffery G.	VC5
Pesavento, Wendy	DL5
Pesavento, Wendy	TC5
Peterson, Mary J.	MS5
Pisarczyk, Tristan	DL5
Scanlan, Rachel	IP5
Susairaj, Kari Jean	EC5
Vaccaro, Steven	EC5
Vaughn, Gary Allen	SR5
Williams, George	DL5
Wroblewski, Ronald J.	VC5
Zuzevich, Joseph John	PM5

Past District 54 Governors/Directors

This record stands as a never-ending reminder of the leadership provided by these individuals who have served District 54 so faithfully. Our continued growth and development is a witness to their vision and selfless dedication.

Note: From 1956 until June 30, 2015 the position was known as "Governor". As of July 1, 2015 the position was changed to "Director".

2020-21 Bala T. Sreedharan	1987-88 Gloria Perry
2019-20 Christopher J. Boyk	1986-87 Buzz Swett
2018-19 Anthony J. Koury	1985-86 Eldon Heitzman
2017-18 Angela M. Mullin	1984-85 Vera Bergren
2016-17 Valerie M. Horton	1983-84 Vince Lorson
2015-16 Pat Reisdorf	1982-83 Paul Schmitt
2014-15 Jeffery G. Lehmann	1981-82 Jim Alnutt
2013-14 LuAnn Larson	1980-81 Jeanne Houchins
2012-13 Darrel D. Felty	1979-80 Robert Jackson
2011-12 Bonnie J. Tippey	1978-79 Carl Houchins
2010-11 Martie L. Ogborn	1977-78 Dave Cross
2009-10 Aloysia R. Mitchell	1976-77 Harold Ellis
2008-09 Robert H. Grenier	1975-76 David Brownell
2007-08 Darla J. Sawyer	1974-75 Ron Fandrick
2006-07 John T. Willison	1973-74 Ray Wakefield
2005-06 Lorraine M. Smith	1972-73 Floyd Kisner
2004-05 Michael S. Smith	1971-72 Ed Jester
2003-04 Del Ann Calderini	1970-71 Don Story
2002-03 Louise Free	1969-70 Joshua Pang
2001-02 Dick Poirier	1968-69 Stan Smith
2000-01 Julia J. Krupa	1967-68 Luther Beck
1999-00 James Eugene Quick	1966-67 Fred Lembeck
1998-99 John H. Powers	1965-66 James Sullivan
1997-98 Jeff Higgins	1964-65 John Lamb
1996-97 Gwendolyn Sawyer	1963-64 Ray Picl
1995-96 Peter Taraboletti	1962-63 Tom Campbell Sr.
1994-95 Edward C. Jones	1961-62 M.J. Roy Wolf
1993-94 Dorothea M. Perry	1960-61 William Stoermer
1992-93 John Hutchins	1959-60 Paul Dauten Jr.
1991-92 Beth Levra	1958-59 Paul Kettenring
1990-91 Richard Keethers	1957-58 Charles Hanford
1989-90 Larry V. Shipman	1956-57 Robert Foley
1988-89 Jon R. Greiner	