



District **Director Report**
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Be like a tree. Stay grounded. Connect with your roots. Turn over a new leaf. Bend before you break. Enjoy your unique natural beauty. Keep growing.
Joanne Raptis

With all the recent severe weather, strong winds and tornados touching down or passing nearby this quote resonated with me, especially when I heard the sirens go off Monday evening. But it also speaks to all of us on a Toastmasters level as well as we gain confidence in our speaking voice and our leadership skills at the club level and beyond. So as we keep on keeping on we will continue to grow and have an enjoyable time while doing so.

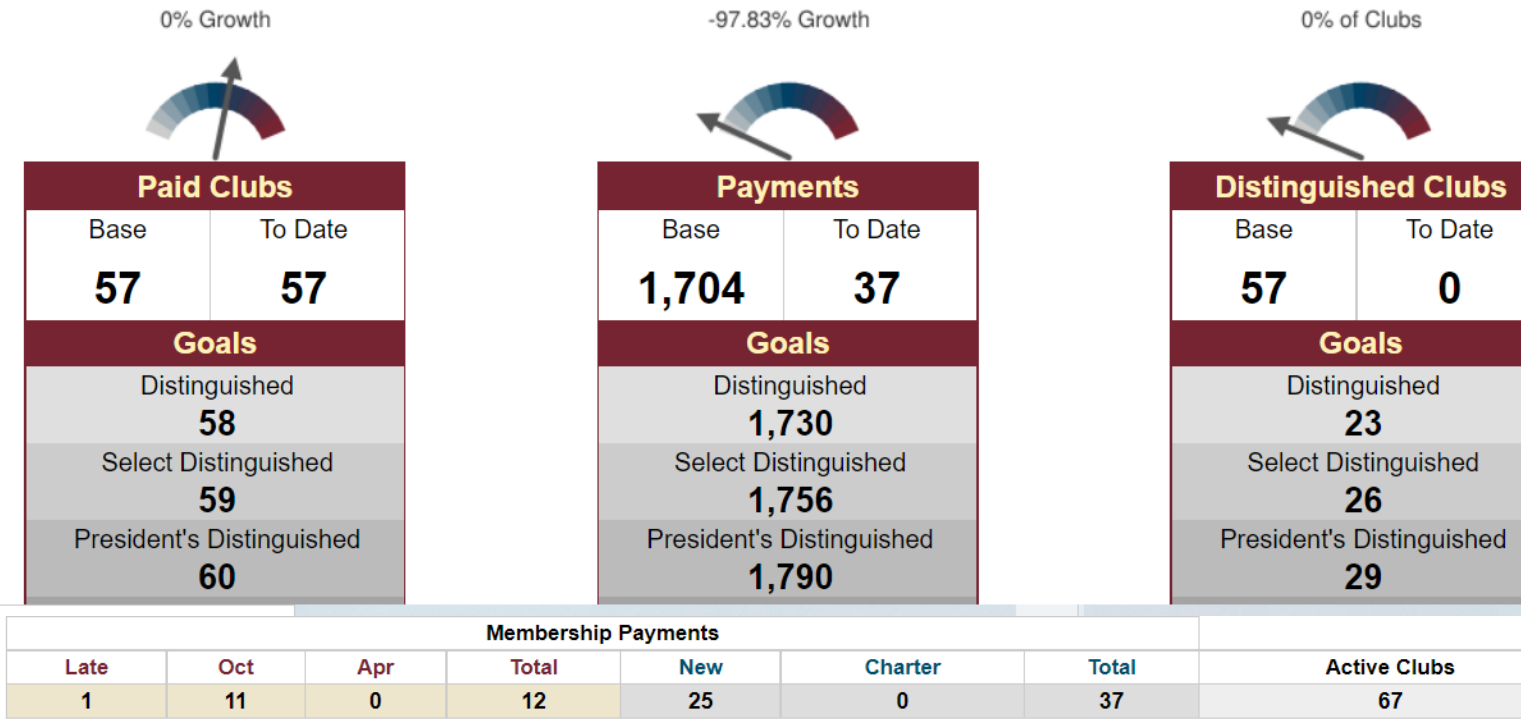
My hope is that club officers, at least four per club, attended the Toastmasters Leadership Institutes. There are several Districts that are offering make-up training if you need one more club officer trained to reach the ½ of DCP goal #9:

- District 4 d4tm.org/training schedule for contact information
 - August 18 noon – 1 pm PT
 - August 24 6 pm – 8 pm PT
 - August 31 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm PT
- District 30 d30toastmasters.org/club-officer-training/ for information and Eventbrite registration
 - August 20 6 pm CDT
 - August 26 6 pm CDT

Hopefully, if they haven't already contacted your club, the Area Directors will be asking to attend a club meeting for their official club visit. If at all possible, give them a chance to talk at that meeting and spend a few minutes, usually no more than 30 minutes, going over your Club Success Plan and who will add Distinguished Club Program educational goals for your club this year.

Registration is open for the Toastmasters Virtual International Convention August 23-28, 2021! Last year several clubs had viewing parties. With things opening up a bit more this year perhaps this can be an in-person event for many clubs.

This is the status of District 54 as of Thursday, August 12, 2021:



The Toastmasters International dash board has been updated to reflect the statistics as of July 1st. We have gained three clubs ... have reached 8 members or better.

The Trio is feverishly working on the 2021-2022 incentives. The plan is to have them unveiled at the council meeting next month. The Club Success Plan and Moments of Truth incentives are still there but have tweaked a bit. There are some new and exciting Club Growth incentives in the works too.

Have you asked your club members to partake in a member interest survey? This is an excellent way to determine how the club members can remained engaged and help the club to achieve Distinguished status or better.

We are still looking for two Area Directors. If YOU are looking for a leadership goal, this would be an excellent opportunity for you to gain valuable skills in discernment, mentorship, and getting an inside look at what makes District 54 tick. Division B needs Area Directors for Area 21 and Area 22.

District 54 clubs have important votes to cast during the 2021 Annual Business Meeting. Clubs will cast their votes to elect one International Officer and seven International Directors to the 2021–2022 Board of Directors. Please plan to attend the online Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, August 26, at 7 a.m. CDT.

Voting Toastmasters clubs received an email containing proxy information. For proxies to be assigned and votes to be cast, each Club President or Secretary must log in to the Toastmasters International website to specify how the club will cast its votes. Clubs must follow one of these three steps:

1. Designate a delegate from the club to cast your club's votes.
2. Designate a 2021–2022 District Director to act as your club's proxyholder. If (and only if) the District Director is unable to perform the duty of a proxyholder, the next senior District officer will act as your club's proxyholder.
3. Designate another active member to act as your club's proxyholder.

As of Thursday, August 12, 2021 **17** clubs have NOT sent in their proxies.

9 clubs are sending a club delegate to cast their votes.

30 clubs have assigned the District Director to cast their votes.

Respectfully submitted,

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