



General Comments

Isn't it interesting how fast this Toastmasters year has gone by? We are 43 days away from the new Toastmasters year. In addition to finalizing the goals that were identified in their club success plans, our clubs should be working to identify new officers, hold elections if needed and transition to their newly elected Executive Officers. The success of our TM Clubs hinges on the commitment, energy and leadership of the executive officers.

Division D – 3 Areas/Area Directors

- **Area 40 – Stacy Britt** (4 clubs) New Lenox, Lincolnway, Joliet Jesters (suspended) and Key City Toastmasters
- **Area 41 – Dale Posont** (5 clubs) Bridge Builders, Morris Area, Confident Communicators, Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce and Yes And Toastmasters
- **Area 42 – Tony Audrieth** (4 clubs) McKinley, Toast of Champaign, Iroquois Early Risers (suspended) and Fireside Toastmasters

Vision for Division D

Division D will continue to promote the Toastmasters Mission by inviting guests and prospective members to club meetings, by engaging in community outreach and by spreading the Toastmasters Word which will in turn foster District (Division D) growth.

L.E.A.D. – For the last two DEC reports from your Division D Director, I am reverting back to a previous acronym.

L = Lead - In order to have a successful club, our executive officers should be LEADING their membership. The success of a club, a business, a non-profit organization, etc. is dependent on solid leadership. Be the example!!

E = Educate - I have always been a huge proponent of succession planning. For a solid succession plan to work, those who will someday lead your organization need to be educated!! They cannot move in to a position having no knowledge. We should be educating our future leaders regularly - not at the last minute when elections come around

A = And - Yes...And. Sound familiar? This is the name of one of our Toastmasters clubs in Bolingbrook. Instead of offering a rebuttal, a rejection or simply no reply, try the "Yes...And" method. You will be surprised at what you can accomplish and the positive reactions from your reply!

D = Develop - This goes hand-in-hand with educating your membership. By educating, you are developing our future leaders. Don't be afraid that somebody is going to take your place. Someday, it WILL happen and your successors need to be prepared to take the helm.

Area Shout-Outs

❖ **Area 40**

All club visit reports done!

New Lenox

- Steadily approaching President's Distinguished

Joliet Jesters

- Held a successful Open House on Star Wars Day with three guests and several neighboring club members in attendance

- Members worked hard to promote it with Joliet Patch meeting announcements, mass emails, and tack board signs at local libraries and Joliet Junior College

Lincoln Way

- Elected club officers

Key City

- Elected our club officers and are beginning the transfer of knowledge.
- Will hold our “Fifth Wednesday” fellowship gathering at Brickstone Brewery in Bourbonnais on May 29 at 6:30 PM. Come join us for a fun no-host meal together!

❖ **Area 41**

Bridge Builders

- An Open House meeting was held on April 30th with TOASTMASTERS as the theme.
- Special Team-Building event (members only) set for May 28th.
- We have added 5 new members plus 1 transfer in and 1 drop out to be at 16. With 5 goals completed and the required membership count attained, we are Distinguished and shooting to be Select Distinguished!!

Confident Communicators

- An off-site event is planned for the June 20th (end of Toastmaster year) meeting. The club is currently on track to be President's Distinguished, so a celebration will be had.

Morris Area Toastmasters

- *Nothing of significance.*

Yes And Toastmasters

- This past meeting had a “Super Hero” theme with plenty of awesome costumes, Tables Topics, and improv exercises to match the theme. *Pow! Wham! Thud!*
- The next meeting is a “May The 4th Be With You” theme with costumes for sure.
- A Speech-A-Thon is scheduled for the upcoming Thursday (5/30) meeting at the Fountaindale Public Library.
- There’s planning being done for a club cookout in mid-June.

● **Area 42**

McKinley Toastmasters

- May 3rd was McKinley’s 7th Chamber event, a First Friday Coffee at the NewsGazette Newspaper and WDWS Radio station. Two McKinley members attended, one spoke with the General Mgr., the other was interviewed live on the radio station.
- The Urbana Farmers Market Booth is scheduled Saturday June 15th. A42 members will be invited to help out.
- The goal of 20 members by June 26th still stands.

Fireside Toastmasters

-Nothing to report.

Toast of Champaign

-Nothing to report.