



## District 54 - Division D

Division Director's Report

February 2024

### General Comments

The Winter TLI was held at the home of the New Lenox Toastmasters Club. Gary Vaughn, Noel Ganay and their event crew did an outstanding job in organizing this training event. A big shout out to the New Lenox Club members who assisted with the set-up/tear-down - Yours truly, President Katie Jandeska, VPM Brendon Cummings, VPE Kristian Kind, VPPR Garrett Gray, SAA Audy Krygeris, Treasurer J.R. Robles, Co-Founding Member John Chopp Member Rick Dobczyk and Member Thad Gray.

**Contests** - The Division D Combined Area Contest will be held tomorrow, February 18th at 1:00 pm. We have six Table Topics contestants and six International contestants. Steve is still looking for three volunteers from outside of Division D to volunteer as judges for the Division D contests. These will be held on March 10th at 1:00 pm.

### Division D – 3 Areas/Area Directors

- **Area 40 – Stacy Britt** (4 clubs) New Lenox, Lincolnway, Joliet Jesters 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.

**Report for Make a Difference (M.A.D.)** – Division D is changing this month's acronym to **W.I.N. - What's Important Now!!** (Developed by Brian Willis - [www.lifemostpowerfulquestion.com](http://www.lifemostpowerfulquestion.com))

**W = Why** - Why are you here? Why are you a Toastmaster? Do you need a break from home? Do you need a break from family? Do you need friends? It is highly doubtful that any of those situations are the case. Challenge yourself - ask the question: Why did I become a Toastmaster? Why do I continue to go to meetings at all hours of the morning, afternoon and evening? Why do I continue to contribute to the success of my club and the clubs in D54? Why do I continue to volunteer for leadership positions, contests and D54 events? Answer these questions honestly - you will find your - WHY!

**I = Inspire** - As Toastmasters/Leaders we work hard to inspire our membership and guests to become more involved in our clubs. Identify future leaders and mentor them for leadership opportunities.

**N = Nominations** - As District and Club leaders, we continue to push our members to strive for those leadership positions that will foster personal, club, division and district growth.

## Area Shout-Outs

- **Area 40**

### **New Lenox**

- Hosted another origami class that went well
- Are hosting a game night on Friday, February 16
- Would like to give a shout-out to JR for working so hard to make TLI North possible. He coordinated with everyone from the TLI and with the church. His help was crucial.

### **Joliet Jesters**

- An open house was held Saturday, February 3rd at 10 am.

### **Key City**

- Open House on January 17 was successful and brought in nine guests.
- Hosted a table at Kankakee High School's College and Career Fair, which gained a few prospects.

- **Area 41**

### **Bridge Builders**

- Held Table Topics focussed event for their 3rd meeting in January to work toward the upcoming competition.

### **Confident Communicators**

- The club has been posting meetings with club photo on the Plainfield Patch (electronic newsletter and events calendar). There have been guests showing up at the last 4 meetings due to the Patch postings.

### **Morris Area Toastmasters**

- Posted club sign at YMCA with rip-off information.

### **Yes And Toastmasters**

- A member's band outing was held late in January 2024
- There will be a Bit Improv Show Aurora Social Outing (Garret Gray and Carl Wharam performing) – March 1, 2024
- Club outing to members band (Jon Raleigh - Cheryl Rodey Bank) performing on March 3, 2024

- **Area 42**

### **Fireside**

**Toast of Champaign** Nothing to share.

### **McKinley Toastmasters**

- McKinley members attended their first Chamber of Commerce "First Friday Coffee", speaking with 17 Chamber members sharing the Toastmaster program.
- McKinley has started a membership building contest lasting through June 26th with drawings for guests at each meeting, using McKinley business cards to win a "Pen of Light" at the meeting's end, with a final drawing on June 26th.
- McKinley implemented the "McKinley Marquee" a zoom opportunity monthly for McKinley members to make special presentations for the benefit of Area 42 Toastmasters. First was "Art of MC'ing". Next up, "Art of Listening".