



General Comments

Here we are in Division D, at the end of the Toastmasters Year. But is it really the end? NO! It is a new beginning. I have had a great year, in a great division, with committed Area Directors, progressive clubs and an OUTSTANDING District 54 team. As we continue to grow, we learn from the past, work in the present and strive for the future continued success of District 54. As I am unable to present this morning, my successor, incoming Division D Director Ken Kocher will be presenting on my behalf. I would like to thank all of my Toastmasters peers, colleagues and friends for helping to make Division D the success that it is. Special shout-outs to Dick Poirier for his mentorship and guidance, to my Area Directors Dale, Stacy and Tony for their hard work, to all of the "volunteers" who stepped up to make the Division D area and division contests a success, and to all of the club officers in Division D for their continued growth and success.

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 DEC reports from your Division D Director, I am reverting back to a previous acronym.

L = Learn - As we transition to new leadership from the top down, **learn** from your predecessors. What worked well? What worked not so well? Past performance could be a predictor of the future. If it did not work, don't do it again. If it worked, build on it. **LEARN!**

E = Evaluate - Always **evaluate** where you are at, whether you are at top, the middle or at the club level (notice- I did not use bottom). A business model is the S.W.O.T. Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Training). Use this as a guide to where you are at as it relates to where you want to go. Continuous evaluation just might lend to your success.

A = Always - **Always** listen - to your members, your club officers, your Area and Division Directors and certainly your successors. Be a great listener - you might learn something that will lead you to the evaluation of your current course.

D = Drive - **Drive** for success. There will be failures along the way, but learn from them and move on. Drive for perfection - will you get there? Likely not, but you will be in a much better position for trying.

Area Shout-Outs

- ❖ **Area 40**
New Lenox
 - A member hosted a get-together last week, which was a lot of fun!
Joliet Jesters

- The Joliet Jesters club is working its way out of being suspended. One new member has been added with others on the brink.

Lincoln Way

- (No Updates)

Key City

- Held our “Fifth Wednesday” fellowship gathering at Brickstone Brewery in Bourbonnais on May 29.

❖ **Area 41**

Bridge Builders

- A special Team-Building event (members only) was held on May 28th.
- We have added 5 new members plus 1 transfer in and 1 drop out to be at 16.
- ***Currently Distinguished and shooting to be Select Distinguished!***

Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce

- *Nothing of significance to report.*

Confident Communicators

- An off-site event is planned for the June 27th (Toastmasters Year-End) meeting. Club “Toastmaster of the Year” trophy and education award certificates will be presented.
- ***Currently Distinguished and tracking to be President's Distinguished!***

Morris Area Toastmasters

- *Nothing of significance to report.*

Yes And Toastmasters

- A Speech-A-Thon was held on Thursday May 30th at the Fountaindale Public Library. There were 7 speakers all giving pathways projects!
- A cookout is planned for June 27th.
- Mark Avignone is the TLI dean for TLI-North ... Yay Mark! Several members of Yes And will be helping with TLI-North activities, while New Lenox Toastmasters and Lincoln-Way are helping out too. Garrett Gray is giving the keynote!
- All new officers have been elected. Anyone with a current position is reaching out to new officers with the same position.
- ***The club is now President's Distinguished ... 10/10 goals met!***

● **Area 42**

McKinley Toastmasters

- June 20th will be McKinley’s 8th Chamber event, a Business After Hours at the Martin Hood Accounting Firm.
- The Urbana Farmers Market Booth is scheduled Saturday June 15th. A42 members will be invited to help out, manned primarily by McKinley members, our last chance to reach new prospects.
- Club is one member short to receive DCP Distinguished Club recognition, expect that to be reached by July 1st.

Fireside Toastmasters

-Nothing to report.

Toast of Champaign

-Nothing to report.