

Division Director's Report

October 2023

General Comments

The Division D Division Success Plan is complete, was reviewed by the Area Directors and was submitted to Director Kyburcz. All clubs in Division "D" have been asked to submit their Club Success Plans (CSP) by September 30th, since the CSPs are the road map in working toward the Distinguished Club Program.

Division D – 3 Areas/Area Directors

- <u>Area 40 Stacy Britt</u> (4 clubs) New Lenox, Lincolnway, Joliet Jesters and Key City Toastmasters
- <u>Area 41 Dale Posont</u> (5 clubs) Bridge Builders, Morris Area, Confident Communicators, Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce and Yes And Toastmasters
- Area 42 Saurabh Negi (4 clubs) McKinley, Toast of Champaign, Iroquois Early Risers 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.

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

W = WOW!! - Make sure the you leave your members and guests with the "WOW Effect" to keep them coming back.

I = There is no "I" in TEAM!! We all work together for a common cause to hold meetings, special events and fun for our members. (Scarecrow Stroll, Pot-Luck, Scavenger Hunt, Open Houses, etc.)

N = Never Give Up!! As Dale put it last month, It is the worst of times and it's the best of times!

Membership is up. Interest is up. Stay confident and keep moving forward despite what may be holding your club back!

Area Shout-Outs

- Area 40
 - Council Meeting Area 40 held their first meeting. The Area Success Plan was included and Stacy will be having a different survey each month so that she can gather/share new ideas each month.
 - **Club Success Plans** Key City, Lincolnway and New Lenox have completed their Club Success Plans.

- Key City Toastmasters

- Has brought back their "Traveling Trophy". At the end of each meeting, members vote for one person who had a positive impact on the meeting. The winner gets to take the trophy home until the following meeting.
- Will have a booth at <u>The Daily Journal's Senior Fair</u> on September 26th.
- The children's coloring activity and handing out candy at <u>Kankakee Rotary Club's Halloween Downtown</u> was a huge success. Members talked with parents, colored with kids and handed out 200 coloring sheets with their Toastmasters flier on the rear. They also held a raffle for a television which allowed them to collect dozens of emails for their distribution list.

New Lenox Toastmasters

- The New Lenox Scarecrow Stroll is in full stride. New Lenox Toastmasters had a Punkin-Painting Party (yes - three P's). The fabulous creations are below. Inclement weather

- kept them from setting up their Toastmaster Tribute however it should be up soon. Details can be found at https://www.newlenox.net/pview.aspx?id=54551&catid=529.
- New Lenox still plans on having two "speech-a-thons" this Toastmasters year. These events will be open first to New Lenox members. If there are open speaking spots, they will then be open to Div. D clubs.
- **Joliet Jesters** had to unfortunately postpone their open house due to logistical issues. Stay tuned for the new date, which will likely be the first meeting in October.
- **Competent Communicators** is up to 27 members. They had a pot-luck on October 5th with great success, and had a second event on October 19th. The are also filling four speaker spots per meeting.
- Bridge Builders had a scavenger hunt on October 18th and will host an open house on October 31st. All are welcome to attend the open house. Information can be found at Bridgebuilderstm@gmail.com or on the flier below.

Never Give Up!



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OPEN HOUSE
October 31
12:00 – 12:59 PM



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