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January 2024

Happy New Year! As we start the new year there are a lot of activities we are looking forward to.

- Contests Area Directors, make sure you are getting in touch with your clubs and see what clubs are, and will be, sending contestants forward from club contests. They need to send you documentation for those contestants in order for them to compete at the Area level.
- Speaking of Area level Contests Area Directors, now is the time to start looking of your volunteers to help with the Area Contest. Is your division doing a combined Area contest? If so, make sure to work as a team to fill that roster.
- Division Contest they will be here before you know it. As you help your Area Directors manage their contests, make sure you are keeping your own contest in mind.
- TLI Season is here Registration for both TLI-South and TLI-Virtual are open. Visit the TLI page
 on the events tab of the D54 website for more information. TLI-North registration will be opening
 at the beginning of this week. PLEASE help spread the news and remind club officers to register.
 ALSO, TLI's are not just for officers, as we provide new Keynotes, engaging electives, and
 networking opportunities please let the members of your clubs, areas, and divisions know to
 check them out.

CELEBRATIONS:

We are working hard to bring back in-person events. There was a huge amount of positive feedback from last summer's TLI in Peoria. It takes a lot of volunteers, ideas, time, and effort to bring an inperson event and I want to celebrate all of those that have stepped up and said yes! For more information, please visit the TLI page on the events tab of our D54 website.

Month	Winners	Club	Prize
June	Margaret Grundmeier	Listen, Learn, Lead	Book: Personally
		Club	Speaking; Set of
			Affirmation Card
July	Patrick Olson	Quad Cities	TBD
		Toastmasters	
August	Vaneet Anand	Yes And Toastmasters	TBD
September	Karen Walsh	Talk of the South TM	TBD
October	Sally Zuhn	Delightful Greeters	TBD
November	Mary Peterson	TBD	TBD
December	Stacy Nordhues	TBD	TBD

INCENTIVES:

2 of 2 TLI Incentive – Clubs that complete BOTH the Summer & Winter TLI's with ALL registered club officers trained! (Incentive prize TBD)

District/Area Success Plan Submission – Success Plans submitted to me by the end of September. Incentive announced at last month's Division/Area Director Training)



TRAINING:

Area/Division Director Training – Conducted on Saturday, June 24th. We have 15 of the 16 Directors fully trained. That is 93% of the total number of directors. While it wasn't 100% that I wanted to achieve, we were able to meet the 85% requirement presented by Toastmasters International by September 30th.

Date	July 8 th (Saturday) 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	July 10 th & 11th (Monday & Tuesday Evening) 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm both nights	July 16th (Sunday afternoon) 1:00 pm – 5:00pm
Location	In-person (Peoria, IL)	virtual	virtual
Dean(s)	Heather Blase & Gary Vaughn	Tashika Williams	Stephen Jenkins

Total Clubs	Total Active Clubs with 4 or more trained	Total Active Clubs with less than 4 officers trained
51	46	2
Total Active Clubs	90.20	3.92
49	Total Active Clubs with ALL officers trained	Total Active Clubs with NO officers trained
	13	3
	25.49	5.88
Total Active Officers	Total Club Officers Trained	Total Club Officers Not Trained
326	258	68
	79.14	20.86

Date	January 20 th (Saturday) 12:30 PM – 6:30 PM	January 29 th & 30 th (Monday & Tuesday Evening) 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm both nights	February 10 th (Sunday) 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Location	In-person (Normal, IL)	virtual	In-person (New Lenox, IL)
Dean(s)	Gary Vaughn	Partick Olson	Noel Ganay

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FINAL THOUGHTS:

What a great start to the year! Help me to continue the excitement by sharing, celebrating, challenging each other, and focus on reaching that Distinguished, or better, status by June 2024!