



Program Quality Director Report

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For my first Program Quality Director Report I first want to thank the Toastmasters of District 54 for entrusting me with this role. I know this year is going to be a challenging one, however I have never been one to back down from a challenge. Jonny Kim – NASA Astronaut said “If I could talk to my younger self, I would just say that the path to great things is filled with a lot of stumbles, suffering, and challenges along the way. But if you have the right attitude and know that hard times will pass – and you get up each time – you will reach your destination.”

Well, if I could talk to a younger District 54 I would say that we are in the middle of a stumble. We are all facing this challenge together, but I know this Trio will get up and provide a destination that we *WILL* reach. Why, because we have the right attitude to face these challenges!

Currently the District has 49 clubs, 12 Areas, 4 Divisions

CELEBRATIONS:

Of those 49 Clubs we had: 5 Distinguished, 4 Select Distinguished, 7 President Distinguished

Distinguished	Select Distinguished	President Distinguished
Rock On! John Deere Toastmasters Professional Communicators Power Communicators ADM Toastmasters	Rockford Communication League Pimiteoui Club State Farm Talk of the South Confident Communicators	Fox River Toastmasters Fox Valley Toastmasters Forging Leaders Sunrise Speakers Lincoln-Way Toastmasters New Lenox Toastmasters Yes And Toastmasters

Sixteen of the 49 Clubs making Distinguished or better. That is 32.6% of this District! I would love to double, even triple that percentage this year!

Of the 12 Area we had: 1 Distinguished

Distinguished	Select Distinguished	President Distinguished
Area 22		

1 of 12 Areas making Distinguished or better. That is 8.3% of this District! Again, I want to increase that percentage! Who of my Area Directors will accept my challenge?

My Division Directors, who is going to be the first Division Director to become a Distinguished Division since the 2018-2019 Toastmaster Year when both Division B & Division D achieve this feat!

My District Directors, will you accept my challenge of achieve Distinguished for better as a District? An achievement that hasn't been met since the 2010-2011 Toastmaster Year!

48 of 49 clubs submitted their Club Officer List on time! That is amazing progress from last year, and with a push to have dues on time that will be 1 of the needed goals for clubs to reach Distinguished.

INCENTIVES:

Wheel of Fortune – Monthly Member Education Recognitions (Continues)

An incentive provided from our former Program Quality Director will continue.

Month	Winners	Club	Prize
June	Margaret Grundmeier		Book: Personally Speaking; Set of Affirmation card
July	TBD		TBD

More Incentives to be announced next month.

TRAINING:

Area/Division Director Training – Conducted on Saturday, June 24th. We have 12 of the 16 Directors fully trained. That is 75% of the total directors. Make-up sessions will be scheduled after TLI's are completed.

TLI's

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

We are still in the process on confirming attendance of registered officers, more to come at the next DEC meeting.

Calculations from registered officers estimates 80.3% of District 54 officers. I hope the attendance reflects that percentage.

District 54 TALENT SEARCH:

I am looking to build my team. An email went out this week to search for talented Toastmasters within District 54 that want to assist me in preparing events throughout the year. Winter TLI's, Educational Events, Pathway Support, and Spring Conference. If you know of a project management-oriented Toastmaster with a passion to succeed, please have them contact me.

I have already received several responses, but there is always room for more people, ideas, and support!

FINAL THOUGHTS:

I have talked about challenges throughout this report. As I mentioned in the opening, I am ready for all the challenges that I know of, and all those that I have yet to know. I have also put out challenges to our clubs, areas, divisions, and district directors. Will you step up with me and face these challenges? Will you step up and go for gold with me!