



D54 Program Quality Director Report

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Club Officer Training

There's only 1 week left in the second round of Club Officer Training. Please remind your club members to inform me if they received their training outside of District 54, that way I can begin the process of confirming credit early.

We are not yet at 75% of our officers trained. Please reach out to clubs and officers to encourage them to attend training. There are still training opportunities available, see the D54 website for a list.

The following clubs only need 1 or 2 more officers trained to complete Goal 9

Astounding Communicators

Yes And Toastmasters – although 1 said he was getting trained, just need confirmation

Bridge Builders Club

Fox Valley Toastmasters

Speech Contests

We have all the dates and locations for the Speech Contests. The District budgeted \$40 per Area Contest and \$75 per Division for food. It's my hope that the Areas that are not combining their contests can spend less to allow the ones combining, and therefore request volunteers to be there longer, to spend a bit more.

Division and Area Director Training

After the DEC meeting, Chris Kostelec will be presenting on how to grow new clubs, which is a responsibility we all share.

Area Director Visit Reports

Round 2 has already begun so be sure to get those visits scheduled and get your reports submitted early. The deadline is 31May2026. We'd like to get 100% of the clubs visited during this round. Kenneth submitted the first report for this round of visits. Currently at only 16% Completed with 8% Scheduled and 4% Report Incomplete. Please ensure that you allow yourself enough time to get all the visits completed. Let myself and your Division Director know if you will be unable to complete the visit so that one of us can do so.

District Annual Conference

Registration is now open for the final D54 Annual Conference, to be held Saturday 25Apr2026 at Posh Banquet and Event Center in Joliet IL. See the D54 website for more information. Ticket prices go up on 09 Mar 2026.

When you visit clubs, including your home club, please encourage everyone to attend the conference. This is our last one as District 54 and we want to build those connections since we won't all be in the same district next year.

We are creating a ppt to be shared with clubs highlighting why we are holding one and what all is on the agenda.

2025-2026 Goals

We had 12 members complete educational levels in January! Congratulations to all for making progress towards your goals. To celebrate their achievements, I used a random name picker to select a winner from the list of names. The winner will receive an incentive from the Toastmasters store, which I will be delivering to the individual. The winner for January is Teresa Brown from Logistically Speaking Club who completed Level 2 of Presentation Mastery! Congratulations Teresa!

Pathways Support

Our amazing Maryann Reichelt, DTM, our District Pathways Support Coordinator, is hosting her Pathways support calls on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 – 8:30 pm, via Zoom. The next call is on Wednesday, 25 Feb 2026.

We have resources to support our clubs with the Pathways Enhancements on the D54 website, d54tm.com, under Pathways, including an overview presentation, a video, and tracking forms.

Let's continue working towards our goals to make 2025-2026 a year to remember! Focus on keeping the main the main thing, the district mission is the main thing.