



Club Growth Director Report

District 54

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Marketing Team

Club Growth Director – Estelle Foster
Club Extension Chair – Open
Club Retention Chair – Tom Willison, DTM, PDG
Corporate Relations Chair – Jon Greiner, DTM, PIP
Prison Club Manager – Jon Greiner, DTM, PIP

D54 is seeking a Club Extension Chair. This position, along with all the job description, is posted on the D54 website. Contact any member of the District Leadership team if you are interested in finding out more about the opportunity to improve your leadership skills in the coming year.

Club Extension Report

I want to encourage everyone to keep building new clubs top of mind throughout this Toastmasters' year.

Tom continues to encourage Constellation Nuclear to begin meeting in an attempt to motivate additional employees to join. Still awaiting a response from the last email sent.

More to report on a potential collaboration between NSA and D54 will have to wait because the meeting to discuss further was pushed out due to scheduling issues. However, NSA did send information regarding two opportunities for D54 to attend their webinars. Look for more information coming out soon.

An advisor of a group of students at Rockford University reached out with interest in starting a new Toastmasters club. The introductory meeting with two professors and the advisor went exceptionally well. They and the group of students will be attending the Rock On! Open House on 25Nov2024 at 6:15pm. We are hopeful that the meeting can serve as their demo meeting and we will be able to then begin working on their charter paperwork.

The Toastmasters Lead Management, or TLM, on the TI website has been updated with relatively current leads. There are a few that are nonresponsive and will probably be closed before the December DEC meeting if I don't hear back from them.

Club Retention Report – Tom Willison, DTM, PDG

As of 14Nov2024, D54 has 43 paid clubs. Our membership base is 1,575 and we currently have 780 member payments.

Quad Cities Easy Speakers and Electric Toast are now listed as Suspended on the District Performance Dashboard. However, Quad Cities Easy Speakers have increased their membership to 5. Joliet Jesters membership is at 6 and they now have two incredible Toastmasters who stepped up to be their coaches. The paperwork is being submitted next week. A big Thank You goes out to Kashaun Parker and Cathy Wilhelmi.

Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters and Electric Toast do not have any membership payments received by Toastmasters. However, Gary was able to get contact information for the former members of the Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters and efforts are underway to contact them to see how we can support them in getting their club back up to Charter strength.

If your club has 12 or fewer members and is wanting a Club Coach, reach out to Tom at tomwillison3@gmail.com. Or if you are an experienced Toastmaster and you want to help out by being a Club Coach, again reach out to Tom. As Wendy shared with us last month, being a club coach is an option for one of the Requirements for earning a DTM Designation.

Prison Club Monthly Report Input---Jon R. Greiner, DTM, PIP - November 2024

Prison Club Report – Jon Greiner, DTM, PIP – Prison Club Manager

The prison club team is working with the Pekin Federal Correctional (FCI) Education Manager to arrange first discussions about what would be required to start a new Toastmasters club in the Pekin FCI. Apparently, meeting room facilities for those individuals without security clearances are very limited. There appears to be a lot of interest at the moment. The main questions will center around the level of ongoing support the club would need and finding the manpower resources. This would be a great opportunity for anyone working toward achieving their DTM. If you want to know more about this opportunity, please contact Jon R. Greiner, DTM, PIP at greinerjon@aol.com.

We also have an inquiry from an inmate's spouse at the Thompson FCI. More follow-up is needed to determine status of this potential new club or 309-256-0201.