



D54 Program Quality Director Report

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Club Officer Training

The second round of Club Officer Training has begun. Be sure to 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.

D54 Winter TLI Dates

TLI North	Saturday 24 Jan 2026	New Life Church, New Lenox
TLI South	Saturday 31 Jan 2026	Country Financial, Bloomington

Chief Judge Training

On Thursday 15Jan2026 at 6pm Christina Evans led an inspiring Chief Judge training session with 12 attendees. In case you didn't know, Christina is serving as our D54 Speech Contest Chair at our annual conference.

Speech Contests

If you haven't already set the date and location for your Area or Division Speech contest, please do so as soon as possible. Once you do, please let me know the details so I can get it on the website. 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 requesting volunteers to be there longer, to spend a bit more.

Division and Area Director Training

After the DEC meeting, Gary will be discussing Where Are We Now? while reviewing the DCP with us. There is no training today after the DEC meeting.

In February, 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 30May2026. We'd like to get 100% of the clubs visited during this round.

District Annual Conference

Katie Jandeska and Rachael Berry have identified a fabulous spot for our Annual Conference. If you want to be part of the planning of the last D54 Conference, please reach out to Katie, Rachael or myself.

Saturday 25 Apr 2026
Posh Banquets & Event Center
411 South Larkin Ave, Joliet IL

Due to a scheduling conflict, there's been a change to our visitor from International. Radhi Spear, DTM, Immediate Past International President will be our keynote speaker!

2025-2026 Goals

We had 7 members complete educational levels in December! 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 December is Michael Maloney from Key City Toastmasters Club who completed Level 4 of Presentation Mastery! Congratulations Michael!

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, 28 Jan 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.