

Program Quality Director Report

District Executive Meeting

November 03, 2018

2018 Winter TLI

We are in the final countdown for the TLI. Still need some trainers for VPM and Treasurer. We also need volunteers for room monitors, hospitality committee, registration committee, and other TLI related activities. Please contact TLI Chair Linda Sullivan at 573-680-5476; email sullivan60ls@gmail.com or TLI Co-Chair Telicia McGee at 314-258-6355; email teliciamcgee@yahoo.com. Please promote this to your clubs. A Survey Monkey will go out once the agenda is finalized.

2019 Spring Conference

Still looking for a site. In discussions with Marriott St. Louis Airport. The event planner from the Marriott also sent our Request for Proposal to four sister hotels in the West County and Airport area. I spoke to her November 2nd. She is going to forward me the bids soon. Kathleen Fiorini volunteered to chair the conference. More details to follow.

2019 Summer TLI

Tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2019 at Maritz Corporation. Will reach out again to POC at Maritz to begin discussions.

PQD Incentives

The incentives are now posted on the District 8 website. There are four incentives so far with possibly a few more later in the year. Good luck!

Speech Contests

Contest season will begin in a couple of months. Please encourage your clubs to hold contests instead of sending contestants to the Area Contest. Even if the turnout is small, clubs should still hold a contest and the club needs to follow contest protocol. Having a contest is a great learning experience for the entire club. It breaks up the monotony of a club meeting, gives the contestant(s) an idea of what to expect at the area level, provide leadership opportunities that could lead to credit toward an educational award, attract new members, retain members, and give members confidence to perform functionary roles which could make it easier to find volunteers for Area and Division Contests. Invite members from clubs in your area or from neighboring areas to support.

This program year, we are having the Evaluation and International Contests. Normally the club contests are held in January/February; Area Contests in March; Division Contests in April, and District Contest in May. If you normally use the St. Louis County Libraries for your contests, please go online at <https://www.slcl.org/> and book as quickly as you can. Library space can fill up quickly. Please communicate with each other to find out what dates you want to have your contest to avoid having too many contests on the same date. If it's feasible, areas may hold joint contests, but Area Directors need to ensure that communication is clear to avoid unnecessary conflicts. Division Directors, I will purchase your trophies. Area Directors, you must purchase you own trophies. You will be reimbursed for your expenses. All Division and Area Directors will be reimbursed for mileage to their own contest. Also ensure that everybody is familiar with the Speech Contest Rulebook. There are normally changes every year, so it's imperative to know the latest information. Last thing is to have fun. This should be one the best activities during the program year.

District 8 Leadership Expo (D8LX)

A Survey Monkey went out to evaluate the D8LX. Received some very good responses. Here are a few things that I want to highlight.

Why did not members attend?

59% had other plans

18% was not aware of the event

16% was not interested.

On a scale of 1 - 5 with 5 being the highest, how would you rate the D8LX?

33% rated it a 5.

51% rated it a 4.

15% rated it a 3.

Was the time for the D8LX suitable?

67% The time for the D8LX was perfect.

22% The D8LX was too long.

9% The D8LX was too short.

Should this event be held annually?

88% Yes

11% No

Should this be a two-day event?

11% Yes

88% No

Would you pay for this event if it's held in the future?

65% Yes

34% No

The survey will close this Monday 10:00 pm.

Thank you for your support and hopefully we can do it again!