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District 8 Mission

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

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My Final Thoughts on 2020-2021

Namaste: I See and Honor the Devine Spirit in all things and “Be the Change you want to see in the world.” These were principles that Mahatma Gandhi lived by and I too embrace in my own guiding principles.

World renown motivational speaker, author, and mentor, Jim Rohn said, “If you don't like how things are, change it!

I believe when we change the way we look at things, the things we look at change.

At the start of this Toastmaster's year, we were facing a full-blown pandemic, struggling clubs and members not fully embracing Pathways or Zoom ... Uncertainty, confusion, and clarity plus how to deal with all of these new challenges.

As this Toastmaster's year, 2020-2021, winds down and my time as your District Director comes to a close. I pause for reflection on all that has happened, all the growth, adapting and overcoming, and gratitude for all the incredible members & Leaders in District 8.

As the District Director, I came into this year with the intention of changing how we look at things and doing things differently, in most cases not the way things were done in the past. I shifted my approach and leadership styles throughout this year; I brought in new faces that had never served in a district officer role before and I put things in place never done before. You see I believe you will always find what you are looking for and if you look for positive change... Then that is what you will find.

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Message from your District Director: RJ Stratton (cont.)

In addition, I focused on Developing new leaders from within the district. I believe, "if you focus on contribution and not on achievement ... You will achieve more than your wildest dreams. This district is full of extremely talented individuals and all I did was tap into that potential. When strengths are integrated, the whole of the team is always going to be greater than the sum of its parts, which is the ultimate definition of synergy. Amazing things happen when everyone contributes.

Leadership and Learning are Indispensable.

In closing ... My Vision for this Toastmaster's Year was "Together we Lead & Together We Learn." I believe we accomplished that and more.

So I say to District 8, all of it's Leaders and Members. Namaste... I salute the Devine spirit in you and I honor the light, love, truth, peace, and wisdom that I see in each and every one of you.

Thank you for a fantastic year and the personal growth you brought about in me.

Your District Director,

RJ Stratton, DTM, District 8 Director 2020-21



2021 Annual Conference

Barbara Kryvko, DTM ,PDG
Conference Chair

The District 8 Annual Conference was held virtually on April 9-10. The weekend started with a key-note by Lindy MacLaine, the second-runner up in the 2020 World Champion of Public Speaking. Since the conference was virtual, we were able to get speakers from all over the world, including Morag Mathieson from Germany, AlyceAnn Crump from Chicago, and Vickie Musni from Reno. We also had some great local talent: Andrew Welter spoke about Pathways, and Joe McChesney did an Improv workshop.

The District Table Topics and International Speech Contests were held in the evenings, facilitated by Contest Master Mike DiRuscio and chaired by Debra Morrissey. My personal favorite part was watching so many fellow Toastmasters accept their Distinguished Toastmaster awards, after many years of hard work.

Thank you to the committee: Lisa Collier, Paul Cook, Tom Coscia, Tiffany Hoeckelman, Kelly Lawson, Karen Leingang, Kat Mokriakow, Debra Morrissey, Umanga de Silva, Art Stanze, and Dawn Tucker. It was not easy to plan and execute a virtual conference, so my hat goes off to them for doing such a wonderful job.



2021 Conference Recap

Toastmaster of the Year: Debbie Young
Retired Toastmaster of the Year: Elaine Curry
Enduring Service Award: John Barry & Tom Coscia
Division Director of the Year: Karen Leingang & Art Stanze
Area Director of the Year: Annetta Works Salley

District 8 Officers for 2021-2

District Director - David Kincade, DTM
Program Quality Director - Karen Leingang, DTM
Club Growth Director - Dawn Tucker, DTM

Division A Director - Patrick Hunt
Division B Director - Sarah Van Meter
Division C Director - Annetta Works Salley
Division E Director - Victor Mattison
Division F Director - Lawson Calhoun

2021 Table Topics Speech Contest Winners

First Place: Kevin Desrosiers
Second Place: Patricia Sherwood
Third Place: Nathan Randall

2021 International Speech Contest Winners

First Place: Brad Adams
Second Place: Meenakshi Sharma
Third Place: Yutaka Ikeda



Message from your Program Quality Director

Dawn Tucker

Finish the Year Strong!

How do you feel about the past ten months? It probably wasn't the year most of us expected, but I hope all will be able look back and say it was profitable in terms of the abilities we stretched and the new skills we learned. Do you still have more to learn? Great! Because it isn't over yet: There are still more opportunities available to help you and your club finish the year strong!

IDEAS FOR CLUB OFFICERS! We just completed our first session of Peer-to-Peer Officer Conversations, organized by Umanga De Silva. To provide each other with ideas and inspiration, club presidents and VPEs met together to share their challenges, experiences and successes. Our second session is on the calendar for May 16th, and will provide the same opportunities for VPMs and VPPRs.

INSPIRATION FOR PATHWAYS PROJECTS! Michelle Sturdivant has stepped up to organize another new event, which will allow all members to meet virtually with others in the District who are working on the same path. This is an opportunity to share and receive ideas and inspiration for those projects you weren't sure how to pursue. The tentative date is June 5th, leaving you almost a month to finish up a project or a level. Hear from other members who have "been there and done that," and find out how you can do it, too.

BE A PART OF HISTORY! We would love to hear the stories of as many clubs as possible. Please share a video about your club's origin, colorful characters, special event, traditions, or legends, to be added to a special 80th anniversary presentation at TLI.

HELP TO GROW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! The Trio is working on ideas to help you grow your membership as we finish up the last two months of the year. I know there are many clubs that just need a few more members to be recognized as Distinguished. Watch your email, the D8 website, and social media for resources. Plans are in the works!

TRAINING FOR INCOMING OFFICERS! Our incoming PQD, Karen Leingang, DTM, is already involved in plans for the next TLI, scheduled for Saturday, July 10th. Co-chairs Sarah Van Meter and LaJuanna Williams are excited about the ways they can help our new officers start the next year strong! Would you like to be a part of team?

LEARN TO BE A ZOOM HOST! Speaking of TLI, we'll be looking for additional Zoom masters for TLI and other 2021/22 events. Here's an opportunity to learn a new skill with many real-life applications, and help the District by joining our Zoom team. Watch for dates to be announced soon.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this year a success, and best wishes to all who have already started working on the next! Join in on any of the events mentioned above with an email to PQD@dist8tm.org.

Message from your District Club Growth Director

Victor Mattison



As we eye the fast approaching transition to our new leadership team it's important that we not lose momentum on a number of important areas, among them, membership growth and our commitment to support clubs that have been most negatively impacted by COVID.

I was communicating recently with someone that I much admire. Though she's bold, successful and has a magnetic personality, she is paralyzed by the idea of walking into an unknown business and striking up a conversation. I suggested she consider Toastmasters as I know it would help. Surely you have similar stories. Growing Toastmasters by adding her is not just growth for the sake of more numbers, it would be have an impact on her life.

Growth is not just about more numbers - more members leads to a better club meeting experience, growth is necessary to offset natural attrition and to spread the effort required to support a club. Adding members helps clubs attain excellence awards - such as President's Distinguished. These members then become stronger leaders within their families, businesses and communities. In the end, growing our ranks is about making a bigger impact on the lives of others.

Without a doubt, the past 14 months have been strange and most difficult. Changes to how we live and work have impacted our families, businesses and communities - and our Toastmasters District did not escape the fallout. Though we fared much better than most districts our membership numbers fell. This was heavily driven by corporate clubs which transitioned to a work-from-home environment. Some such clubs just closed.

There is no silver bullet to a growth strategy - growth requires diligently doing lots of little things well. Clubs should lean on their Area and Division Directors for help and support. Members should be inviting friends, family and co-workers. We each play a role and it's important that we re-double our efforts.

During the past 14 month of COVID, helping clubs by way of effective mentoring and coaching has required some creative ideas and new methods. Our district leadership team developed some tools shared at TLI, we recruited more than 40 volunteers, our Area and Division Directors tried to make connections via Zoom and we tried to connect clubs that were doing well with those that needed a little help. There is no "one size fits all" solution as each club and situation is different.

Thanks to all that were involved - at all levels - to make this strange year as successful as possible. We've developed some new tools, found some new success paths and tried a few ideas, some that worked well others which need refinement (or abandonment). All of this is a strong foundation for a great - and hopefully more "normal" - balance of 2021. **Stay well.**

Summer TLI: Enhancing the Member Experience



The Toastmasters club is where most members experience Toastmasters for the first time, and where most of us spend the majority of Toastmasters time. Individuals join clubs, begin speaking in clubs, and fill a variety of roles in club meetings. While we hope all club members will become active at the district level, and eventually become a part of district leadership, memberships are created and fostered in clubs and club meetings. Clubs are where the initial magic of communication confidence happens and the leadership experience begins. With this in mind, Summer TLI 2021 will focus on what it takes to grow and enhance Toastmasters clubs.

While some clubs have grown and thrived though the COVID pandemic, others have lost members, momentum, and in some cases, morale. In the case of those thriving clubs, TLI will be an opportunity to continue, and even increase, their successes. For clubs facing challenges based on loss of corporate support, layoffs of their members, or discouragement over poor attendance at virtual meetings, we're offering education sessions that will help them meet their challenges with information and ideas.

In addition to officer training sessions, look for electives such as Building Healthy Teams, The Club Success Plan, Free Toast Host for Beginners, Marketing, Engaging and Retaining Members, Engaging Prospective Members, and the often requested Enhancing Evaluations.

Karen Leingang, DTM & Dawn Tucker, DTM



Message from your Immediate Past District Director

James Childress

Greetings District 8 Toastmasters!!

Last month we just elected our new District Leaders for the 2021-2022 Toastmasters Program Year. We have an awesome group of new leaders who will do a great job for our district. However, they cannot do it by themselves. In the immortal words of Past District 8 Director Elaine Curry, "It Takes a Village". Please consider volunteering to be on the Leadership Team as an Area Director or chair one of the district committees. It is a worthwhile endeavor that will pay dividends for your personal growth as you are supporting District 8.

To learn more about the various roles on the Leadership Team, please click on <https://dist8tm.org/team/#leadership> and underneath "Leadership Team 2020-2021" click on the link for a description of roles and responsibilities. The Area Directors and Committee Chairs are appointed by the incoming District Director. If you have any questions, please contact me, James Childress; Immediate Past District Director at jamesrvp@yahoo.com. Take care and best wishes!

Omer Roberts / Dori Drummond Inmate Scholarship Fund

Fellow Toastmasters,

On behalf of all District 8 Inmate Clubs we would like to express our appreciation to those of you who already have and those who will make donations to the Omer Roberts/Dori Drummond Scholarship Fund.

This year to date we have raised over \$1,100 from donations from District 8 Toastmasters and this has enabled more and more inmates to achieve the positive results that participating in a Toastmaster Club provides.

Donations provided are used for partial dues payments, new members fees and printing pathways paths and alleviates the burden that paying the equivalent of a year's salary for Toastmasters places on the inmates.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to many more years of having Inmates Clubs do their part in adding to the overall success of District 8.

Future donations may be made at <https://dist8tm.org/resources/inmate-scholarship-fund/>.

Questions can be sent to me at scrogginscurtis@gmail.com or 573-291-9011.

Thank You, Curtis Scroggins, District 8 Roberts/Drummond Fund Committee Chair



Message from 2021 Division Directors of the Year

Karen Leingang & Art Stanze

The past year has presented District 8 with many learning opportunities as we all figured out a way to stay together in spite of the pandemic. We were reminded that we do not always have a say in things as businesses suffered losses which resulted in hardships for individual members and corporate clubs. We collectively learned how to be resilient as we researched and learned new



technologies to meet virtually to keep our clubs together. Newly discovered technologies also allowed us to visit clubs throughout the world, learn about new cultures, and grow.

Some of our clubs learned that on-line meetings could be a boon for them. Removal of travel time made it much easier for people to discover how awesome their clubs were which resulted in new members. We also found that virtual training can be successful as the District moved to on-line Lunch and Learns, a contest college as we prepared for contest season, very successful TLIs, and a tremendous District Conference.

The past year also reminded us that District 8 is blessed to have a plethora of talented members. When we needed members to learn how to master Zoom in order to host our on-line events, Tom Coscia, Paul Cook, and Suresh Gopalakrishnan stepped up to hold training sessions to train our new army of Zoom Masters. When we needed additional personnel to hold on-line training, numerous District 8 members stepped out of their comfort zones and assisted in Officer Makeup Trainings, Speech Contests, TLI's and the District Conference for the first time ever. These experiences allowed these members to grow and to become eager to take on more roles in the future as they grow their Toastmasters' network. These accomplishments were made possible by our foresighted and creative TRIO and Division and Area Directors who coaxed the members to expand their horizons.

Next year will be another year of learning opportunities. As the economy starts to rebuild, District 8 will have the opportunity to rebuild clubs and grow membership. Our newly elected Trio, Division and Area Directors will need to learn how to work together and become a cohesive team. We will need to remember that we are not individual ships alone in the ocean, but instead an armada that works together and accomplishes great tasks as a TEAM. As a team, we will have the opportunity to learn how to grow new clubs and rebuild existing clubs as we recruit members back to District 8. As a team of members, we will learn that all District 8 members have something to offer and as more people put forth their voices in the interest of District 8, we will achieve great things.

The Personal Growth Opportunities when you Volunteer

Tom Coscia, DTM, PDG

2021 D8 Enduring Service Award Recipient



Besides working full time, I am a dedicated volunteer in 3 organizations: my Scout Troop, the St. Louis Ski Club and of course District 8 Toastmasters. And what I have learned as a volunteer in each organization has helped me become a better volunteer in the other two.

- For instance, I learned about the WordPress website software in my ski club. I was then able to apply it by serving as the webmaster for my Scout Troop and District 8.
- In my Scout troop I learned about Google forms and I've applied this knowledge in creating surveys and registration forms for both the ski club and Toastmasters.
- In Toastmasters I learned about website slide shows which I've incorporated on the ski club website.
- In the ski club I learned to produce a newsletter using Microsoft Publisher which gives me the skills to produce Toastmaster conference programs and this very newsletter.
- In my Scout Troop I learned about Kahoot which I've applied at both virtual ski club happy hours and TLI's.
- Thanks to Toastmasters I'm a better communicator and I've definitely used those skills when speaking to my troop and ski club.
- This past year I have been constantly been improving my Zoom skills, and guess what? All three of my organizations are avid users of Zoom!

And I've had a lot fun learning and applying these skills to help multiple organizations that I really care about.

Are you taking on new tasks and responsibilities in Toastmasters so you leverage your productivity in whatever else you do in life? The opportunities are out there!



Message from 2021 **Area Director of the Year**

Annetta Works Salley, EC4, CC

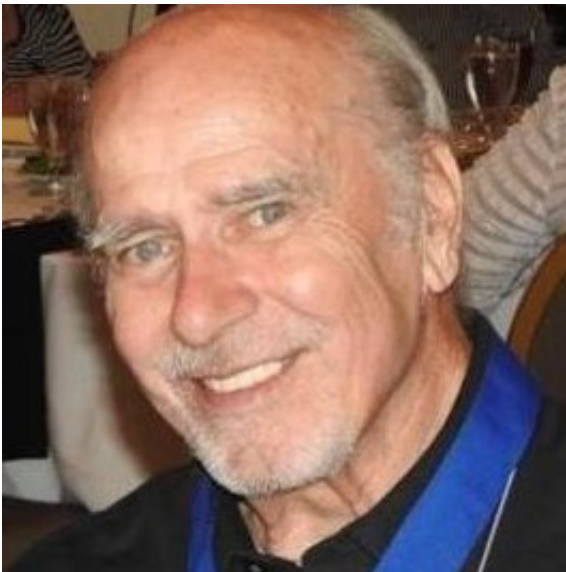
I remember distinctly day one of my Area Director year I said, "I'm leading in the middle of a pandemic, so I need to hit the ground running" and I did. However, the reality of change stood right in front of me and I thought, "Now would be a good time to try out some new concepts". With the lessons learned as past District 8 Public Relations Manager (PRM), as I collaborated with District 8 leaders and club leaders for creative ways of using Open House and Digital Speechcraft events for club growth and member development.

I soon learned just how well Area 6 club leaders were good at doing more with less. I was warmly welcomed at every AD club visit. Yes, the required visits and the extra visits added value to me. I am thankful to the clubs outside of my area who opened their doors to allow me to give educational presentations on club member engagement and the newly released Digital Speechcraft experience.

Since Open House and Speechcraft are club events, it was important to understand the anxiety club leaders were sensing/experiencing about coordinating these as virtual events. There has been a positive mind-shift taking place around virtual club meetings and speech contests with refocused District training and the emergence of new collaborative teams in District 8 to address the challenges. The leadership lessons I learned from effective networking and creating social media content have been invaluable.

The loss of clubs is disheartening but rather than putting a band-aid on the problem and wishing for the best, District 8 Leaders emerged with new concepts to address the source of the the bleeding. The combination of new concepts, relentless leadership, a different level of risk-taking, patience, and creative teamwork has proven to be a real strategy for leading even in a pandemic with social unrest. Receiving the Area Director of the Year award for 2021 will be one I will cherish because of the growth and sacrifice that made this possible.

With a grateful heart, THANK YOU District 8!



Stay a Toastmaster, Stay Relevant

At the District Conference on April 10, 2021, I was quite surprised when Monetta Toastmasters President Nancy Whatley told the story of her mom Kathy preparing to compete in a speech contest and made some flattering comments about competing against me. Her story was

the prelude to my being awarded the new **Enduring Service Award** initiated by the current Trio and awarded by Program Quality Director, Dawn Tucker. I looked up the definition of “enduring” and several synonyms were mentioned like steadfast, continuing, lifelong and timeless. What wonderful recognition for my 30 years of Toastmasters membership. The **Enduring Service Award** is special to receive and seems similar to a lifetime achievement award. Many current members of District 8 come to mind with many more on the pathways to receive a similar lifetime service award.

When I joined in 1989, District leadership was still communicating with handwritten postal service letters and relied upon phone calls for follow-up. Then came the Internet around 1995 and email correspondence emerged shortly afterward. Within the corporate world you had to plunge into learning the new technology to stay relevant. The advent of smartphones, video conferencing, virtual meetings and group collaboration has helped accelerate today’s business workflow.

Someone asked me why they should stay in Toastmasters after they retire from the corporate world. With the burgeoning technical advances it’s critical to stay relevant to continue to communicate personally and professionally. The 2020 pandemic accelerated the utilization of virtual meetings and staff working from home. Staying active in Toastmasters is a great opportunity to participate in virtual and hybrid meetings going forward.

In the business world it’s mandatory to be fluent in virtual meetings and group communication. Virtual Toastmaster meetings offer the opportunity to practice and learn how to host and participate. Of course the same objectives sought in the in-person meetings are still relevant in the virtual world. Networking with coworkers, improving presentation skills, gaining confidence and feeling empowered to reach personal and professional goals are still paramount. **The Enduring Service Award** has a reserved space on your bookshelf. Stay a Toastmaster, stay relevant!

John Barry, DTM

Message from your Quality Club Chair

Fellow Toastmasters, congratulations on an great term! Instead of reflecting back on the year with discouragement, I challenge you to think about what you have learned. I'm a project manager by profession, and we wrap up every project with a discussion of "lessons learned." This allows us to analyze our project and discuss what went well and what we would have done differently. You can do this on a personal level, as an executive team or with your entire club. If you had success in an area, such as perfecting Zoom meetings, what did your club do to make that happen? Share your secret of success with others, such as your area director or other clubs. If you struggled in an area, such as membership, what did you try that didn't work? Share this information with your entire club so you can work together to try new approaches to the areas you want to improve. Attend District educational events and training to get new ideas.



We gain more confidence as leaders when we are able to overcome difficulties. Isn't that what Toastmasters is all about? I am very grateful for the opportunity to have served in this new position, Club Quality Chair. The District has some great leaders and I was impressed with some of the innovations I've seen. I'm confident District 8 will be in good hands for upcoming term I hope to see you all at our next TLI!

Best of luck to you all,
Debbie Young
2021 D8 Toastmaster of the Year
Club Quality Chair

Past District Governor / Past District Director Advisory Committee



I had the privilege of Chairing the PDG/PDD Advisory Committee. Together with fellow PDG/PDDs: Curtis Scroggins, Tom Coscia, Dan Darnall, Cindy Larm, Tim Spezia and Kat Mokriakow to devise ideas and suggestions based on their collective years of experience and leadership to the Trio. Based on the District's objectives in key areas such as membership growth, club and member retention and fulfillment of the District's Success Plan. This committee then documented our ideas and suggestions in an Excel workbook.

As the Committee's Chairperson I presented at the Trio's meeting. I answered questions and made the Committee available to them if they wanted our input on any matters. I was extremely impressed with the level of knowledge and leadership that volunteered to participate on this Committee sharing their time and in addition to all the responsibilities they had in addition to making this sacrifice. You should all know what an asset this team is for our District. I want to publicly thank them for their service.

Retired Toastmaster of the Year 2020 – 2021

Elaine Curry, DTM, PDD, Region Advisor



What an honor it is to be recognized for hard work and dedication to an organization that you feel so passionate to serve. This year will be my 10th anniversary with Toastmasters. On this journey I have so many achievements that I am proud to have accomplished. One of the grandest was having the District Director place the ribboned medallion of DTM around my neck. This happened the same night that I had been elected to District Director in 2018. The best was yet to come.

Over the next couple of years I developed so many meaningful relationships in District 8 that gave me an opportunity to help lead others to achieving goals they had set for themselves. I shared experiences and mentored those who trusted in my abilities to guide and lead. This award is the icing on the cake. It puts my name in District 8's Hall of Fame. I could not be prouder. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in District 8 and will continue to avail myself to our wonderful membership. I thank the District Leadership for this prestigious recognition.

We are looking for the next District Leaders

There is nothing more important role in District 8 than serving as a District Leader. The first Questions you might ask, "What are the District Leadership roles and what exactly do they do?" Now you don't have to ask anymore. If you are looking to develop your leadership skills even more.

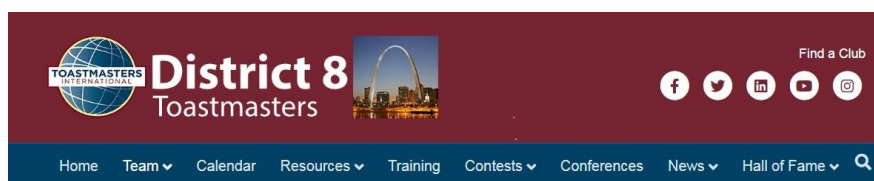
If you are the kind of person, that finds it rewarding helping people. Then look no farther... Check out the new District 8 Document that explains it.

Job Description & Responsibilities of District Leadership Roles & Committee Chairs

Visit the District 8 website: [Link to Roles](#)

Or just go to the www.Dist8tm.org ... click on the tab at the top of the home page that says Team. Once on the District Leadership Team 2020-2021 ... click here for a Description of Roles & Responsibilities. The Job Descriptions & Responsibilities Document will come up.

Let's talk, Contact RJ Stratton, DTM, District 8 Director... DD@Dist8tm.org



Leadership Team 2020-2021

Click [HERE](#) for a Description of Roles & Responsibilities

District 8 Members Who Earned Education & Leadership Awards from February 16, 2021 to May 7, 2021

Division A

Aetna Toastmasters

- Bangert, Lisa—IP1
- Klostermann, Bruce—IP1

Centene Speaks

- Ali, Nighat—MS1
- Dahm, Sara—DL5
- Jaladanki, Neeharika—PM2

Climateers Toastmasters

- Monken, Joshua—LD1

Crossroads

- Darnall, Daniel—LD4
- De Silva, Umanga—EC1
- De Silva, Umanga—EC2

High-Noon Toastmasters

- Hannah, Jeff—MS1
- Hannah, Jeff—MS2
- Hannah, Jeff—MS3
- Hannah, Jeff—MS4
- Kirchdoerfer, Ellen—IP3
- Kirchdoerfer, Ellen—SR1
- Wayland, Jered—DL1
- Welter, Andrew—EH3
- Welter, Andrew—LD5

Jeffco Challengers

- Gans, Charmin—IP1
- Meadows, Brook—LD2
- Meadows, Brook—LD3
- Meadows, Brook—LD4

Rabo Masters

- Ablan, Tamara—VC1
- Ablan, Tamara—VC2
- Muelleman, Norman—DL5

RGA Toastmasters

- Campbell, Lisa—LD4
- Leong, Chung—TC2
- Pronovost, Erik—PI3
- Pronovost, Erik—PI4

South County Toastmasters

- Hoehn, Jeff—PM1
- Hunt, Patrick—VC3
- Page, Keith—PM2

- Salih, James—PM1
- Salih, James—PM2
- Young, Debbie—DL5

Speak Easy Toastmasters

- LaCroix, Andrew—DL2
- Morris, Dana—IP3

West County

- Kincade, David—PM1
- Rohan, Michael—IP2

Division B

Aerospace Auditors

- Floyd, Chris—MS2
- Ikeda, Yutaka—EC5
- Law, Kevin—IP2

Ascension Health Toastmasters

- Geier, Charidee—PM1
- Kent, Kesha—PM4
- Kent, Kesha—PM5

Creve Coeur Toastmasters

- Chauhan, Raj—PI2

Grace Church Toastmasters

- Morrissey, Debra—EC1

Noontime

- Brown, Shannon—PM2

Script Masters

- Kam-Blackard, Jackie—IP3

Shalom Church Toastmasters

- Jamerson, Keith—PM5
- Williams, Paula—EC1

Triton Toastmasters

- Alba-Marshall, Candace—PM1
- Jarmon, Anna—IP1
- Jarmon, Anna—IP2
- Jarmon, Anna—IP3
- Jarmon, Anna—IP4
- Jarmon, Anna—IP5

Division C

Capital City Toastmasters

- Evoy, Curt—PI2
- Rankin, Sue—VC2
- Rozhon, Amanda—LD2
- Street, Melissa—PM2

Collinsville, Toastmasters

- Griebe, Lisa—TC1
- Rushing, Fable—LD4

Effingham Toastmasters

- Woods, Daniel—SR1

Fairview Heights Toastmasters

- De Silva, Umanga—VC1
- Shute, Barbara—IP2

Gem City Toastmasters

- Boll, Julie—DL2
- Nelson, Sherry—VC1
- Williams, Margaret - MS5

Horace Mann Toastmasters

- Snow, Brianna—TC3

League of Our Own Toastmasters

- Stephens, Shaketta—MS3

Marion VA Toastmasters

- Neal, Michael—PM4
- Patrick, Chaze—EC1
- Shaner, Dara—DL2

McBrian Lincoln-Douglas

- Wilson, Lynn—SR1

Mt Vernon Toastmasters

- Howard, Patti—VC1
- Howard, Patti—VC2
- Jalkanen, Karl—SR5
- Mlot, Linda—IP1

O'Fallon Toastmasters

- Heilig, Leslie—EC3
- Lambert, Warren—IP3
- Lambert, Warren—IP4
- McKee, Anita—PM1
- Nagaraj, Aparna—EH1
- Smith, Justine—SR1
- Smith, Louis—LD2

District 8 Members Who Earned Education & Leadership Awards from February 16, 2021 to May 7, 2021 (cont.)

- Woodside, Aimee—PI2
- Works Salley, Annetta—EC4

Scott Toastmasters

- Wood, Yolanda—MS1
- Wood, Yolanda—MS2

Smedley Hometown Memorial

- Mather, Lora—PM1

Southern Illinois Toastmasters

- Cupp, Karen—IP4
- Mill, Cynthia—DL2

St. Clair Toastmasters

- Curry, Elaine—IP5
- Curry, Lemont—MS1

Division E

Capital Toastmasters

- Weaver, Denise—SR1
- Weaver, Denise—SR2

Cave Springs Toastmasters

- Willman, Darlene—PM1

Continental Communicators

- Rowe, Mary—VC5

Downtown Toastmasters

- Meighan, Natalie—IP1

Little Hills Toastmasters

- Jacobsen, Jennifer—SR1
- Roy, Sandeep—IP4
- Schmitz, Dan—MS2

Mastertoasters Club

- McChesney, Joseph—EH3

Ozark Orators Club

- De Silva, Umanga—LDREXC
- De Silva, Umanga—IP4
- Paudel, Shyam—LDREXC
- Paudel, Shyam—ALS
- Paudel, Shyam—DTM
- Rawlins, Charles—PM4
- Sharma, Meenakshi—LDREXC

St Charles Cnty Toastmasters

- Jimenez, Paul—EC1

UniGroup Toastmasters Club

- Orban, Terri—DL5
- Orban, Terri—EH2
- Smith, Jeffrey—MS4

Division F

Free Speakers Toastmasters

- Breinin, Angela—DL3
- Carpenter, Denise—PI3
- Dunphy, Shannon—EC2
- Hammond, Cheryl—PI1

Grand Center Club

- Dennis, Regina—VC2
- Keeton, Rosetta—VC2
- McNeal, Curtis—IP1

Jacobs P3

- Eisenbacher, Emily—VC2
- Munro, Phil—LD5

Midtown Clayton Toastmasters

- Schoeneberg, Wayne—LD2

MilliporeSigma TM

- Russell, Karen—VC4

Primary Conversations

- Lee, Marlon—LD3
- Scheidhauer, Laura—SR1

Rent-A Toast Club

- Thomas, Joshua—DL2
- Young, Evan—IP1

Speak Up!

- Adams, Barbara—IP1
- Lynch, John—PM1

Toast of WU

- Boaten, Veleria—DL1
- Montgomery, Charles—TC1

Voices in Unity

- Lamb, Jeannine—PI1
- Triplett, Melissa—VC4

WashU Med Masters

- Mangetti Goncalves—IP1

Webster Groves Toastmasters

- Babis, Catherine—EH2

WUSTL Speaks

- Early, Rosalind—SR2

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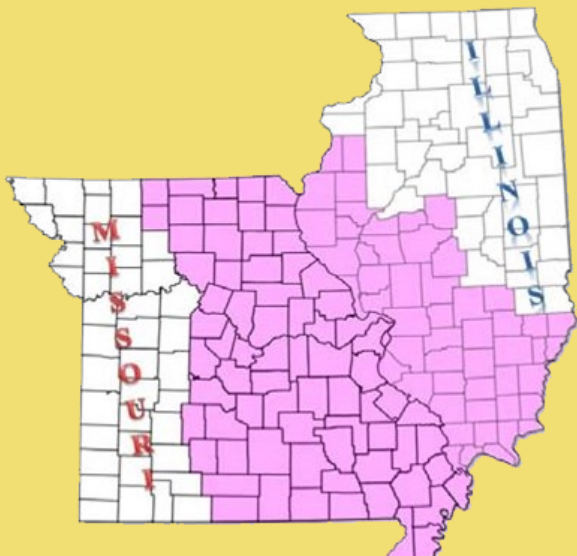
Educational Descriptions

Abbr.	Path Name
DL#	Dynamic Leadership
EC#	Effective Coaching
EH#	Engaging Humor
IP#	Innovative Planning
LD#	Leadership Development
MS#	Motivational Strategies
PI#	Persuasive Influence
PM#	Presentation Mastery
SR#	Strategic Relationships
TC#	Team Collaboration
VC#	Visionary Communication
MNTR	Mentor Program



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