



June, 2022

District Elections

The District 115 annual election of officers was held on May 15, 2022. The 2022-2023 Trio members are profiled below. The Division Directors and appointed officers will be introduced in the July newsletter.

District Director, Jean Williams, DTM

Jean Williams has been a Toastmaster since 2010. She started as a member of a corporate club and served as their Vice President of Education for five years.



During her time as a Toastmaster, she has competed in several contests and was the Tall Tales winner at the District 33 conference in 2013.

Jean became an Area Director in 2018 and has moved through the District offices of Division Director, Club Growth Director, and Program Quality Director.

During the last four years of district leadership, Jean has created Enrichment Night, Wake Up With Toastmasters, and the Club Support Team.

She has been instrumental in the creation of the Corporate Club Summit, the Club Officer Training class for corporate clubs, game night, and early bird club officer training.

Jean recently retired from the Federal Government after a 34-year career. She has three adult sons and a boyfriend who keep her very busy. In her spare time she enjoys quilting, cooking, and reading.

Program Quality Director, Ken Richardson, DTM

Ken Richardson has been a Toastmaster since 2007. He has served as an Area Director, a Division Director, Administration Manager (3 terms) and Club Growth Director. He won third place in the District 33 humorous contest in 2010 and finished in first place in the D33 humorous contest in 2016. At the club level, he has served various club officer roles multiple times.



Club Growth Director, Scott Transue

Scott Transue began his Toastmasters career in District 53 in Upstate NY (Albany, Schenectady, and Troy). He served multiple terms as Club President, VP-Education, and Treasurer. He became an Area Director and then Division Director, earning the President's Distinguished Division award.



In 2014, he was recruited by one of the national seminar companies as a Trainer. Over the next several years, he presented seminars on business topics to audiences as big as 100 and in 45 different states.

Scott relocated to Las Vegas in 2016. He became active in Toastmasters again during the 2021-2022 year, serving as Area A-3 Director. With Covid

forcing the seminar industry to go 100% virtual, Scott has established a tax practice in the Las Vegas Valley and is also active in real estate. He is an Enrolled Agent and received his MS in Accounting from Walden University. Scott is thrilled to be part of The Trio and very much looks forward to making District 115 the best it can be.

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Wake Up With Toastmasters

Monday through Friday, 6:00 am
[FaceBook.com/TMD115CGD](https://www.facebook.com/TMD115CGD)

Contact Ken Richardson at d115cqd@gmail.com if you are interested in being a guest on the show.

Early Bird TLI

Saturday, June 11, 2022, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. This training is restricted to club officers who have served in the same role in the last year and received training at a previous TLI.

Register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93479003436?pwd=WVlDUDBJSlpVc0REeVB2bkhDa3pNZz09>

Educational Enrichment

Saturday, June 11, 2022, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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*New Member Orientation

*Getting to DTM

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

*Introduction to Pathways

*High Performance Leadership Projects

Register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93479003436?pwd=WVlDUDBJSlpVc0REeVB2bkhDa3pNZz09>

In-Person TLI

Saturday, June 25, 2022, 8:00 AM – Noon. LDS Church, 5160 Lone Mountain Road, Las Vegas.

Game Night

Saturday, June 25, 2022 6:00-8:00 pm

Register here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/JcocuuurztGNP2K_gPRj-T90QWZpbMO0sP

Online TLI

Saturday, July 9, 2022, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

District Officer Training

Saturday, July 16, 2022, 9:00 am – Noon.

International Convention

August 17 - 20, 2022, Nashville, TN

District Convention

District 115's first in-person convention was a huge success. From the opening ceremonies to the banner parade, the C&L recipient, and our amazing speakers and contestants there's nothing like the energy generated at an in-person convention. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped make it so memorable.

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Contest Winners

**Congratulations to Judy Katzin!
2022 District 115's 1st Place
Evaluation Contest Winner**



Carol Campbell, DTM, DD, Jean Williams, DTM, PQD, District Evaluation Contest winner, Judy Katzin, and Ken Richardson, DTM, CGD. (Photo by Jennifer Smith)

**Congratulations to Martha Macphee!
2022 District 115's 1st Place
International Speech Contest Winner**



Trio members present the first-place trophy to Martha MacPhee, International Speech Contest winner. (Photo by Jennifer Smith)

District 115 Toastmaster of the Year

Phyllis Tribby, DTM, PDD is a Toastmaster member with 25 years of service. At her first meeting she presented a Table Topics answer holding onto the table. She was so nervous the table started to move forward! She has grown to be much more comfortable now.



Phyllis has held all club and district offices, and many appointed District offices. A highlight of her year serving as District 33 Governor for the 2010-2011 year occurred when she was on the stage at the World Championship of Public Speaking. She was privileged to invite the 3,000 plus members in the audience to the next Toastmasters International convention, to be held in Las Vegas.

She has been a District Chief Judge nine times and served as a judge at the World Championship of Public Speaking.

This year Phyllis is a co-host on "Wake Up With Toastmasters". A venue for members to tell their story and the events of their Toastmasters Club. She is inviting each of our members to visit.

Phyllis is a club coach trainer, as such she changed DTM to mean Dedicated to Mentoring. A DTM is always a person who helps, the one who says Yes first. She is willing to answers questions and be a mentor, her email address is phylypay@gmail.com. You can also reach her by phone at 317-435-1932

District 115 Sparkplug of the Year

Jason LeDuc, Distinguished Toastmaster, started his journey in public speaking and leadership during his 20-year career in the United States Air Force. He shares the lessons he learned there and in Toastmasters



with others in the community through his company, Evil Genius Leadership Consultants Jason maintains his growth by observing and learning the best practices of other speakers and leaders. He joined Toastmasters in 2016 and is a current member of Grand Central Toastmasters and Bon Appetit. He has held various club leadership positions including club president as well as district level leadership positions of Area Director, and Division Director. Jason is the current Club Extension Chair for District 115 and a strong believer in continuing to educate ourselves and is an avid reader and practitioner of leadership, motivation, communication and human behavior.

Area Directors Rock

Lawrence “Larry” Johnson has been educating and entertaining children, teens, and adults as a librarian for over 20 years. He joined Toastmasters in 2017 as a member of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District’s corporate club. He wanted to become a better communicator in his personal and professional life. Since joining his first club, he has become a member of Pro Toastmasters and Toastmasters in the Kitchen.



Even though improving his communication skills was his main goal, he also took advantage of multiple leadership opportunities, which helped him further develop his leadership skills. He has been elected and appointed to various leadership positions in Toastmasters, including currently serving as Area C-3 Director, President of Library 2.0 and Beyond Toastmasters and Pro Toastmasters, and VPE of Toastmasters in the Kitchen.

In his spare time, he loves to bake bread and casseroles, cook hearty weekend breakfasts, collect and read cookbooks, read African and African American fantasy novels, and debate people on Facebook.

****Why did you join Toastmasters?***

I joined Toastmasters to improve my public speaking skills as a professional and in my personal life. I also wanted to learn additional techniques to control my speech impediment.

****What keeps you in Toastmasters?***

Toastmasters is my speech and leadership therapy. I’m always learning new ways to become a better speaker. For instance, I learned the art of pausing from Toastmasters. I find this technique helpful when I’m about to stumble my words. In addition, Toastmasters has helped me to become a more confident leader. My leadership skills grew as the result of serving as Area Director for two years.

****What lessons have you learned that you wish you knew at the beginning of your year?***

The biggest lesson I’ve learned is how to manage my time better. I learned this lesson while preparing for the contest. I didn’t give myself enough time to solicit donations from potential sponsors. Consequently, I missed out on many opportunities because I was too late to take advantage of them.

****What could the Trio do better to support Area Directors?***

The trio did a wonderful job supporting the Area Directors, so I don’t see how they could improve. I appreciate the trainings they have given me. I also appreciate the trio answering my difficult questions, which were many. I felt they have given me plenty of support.

****What advice would you give to incoming ADs?***

It’s okay to make mistakes. They are learning opportunities that will help you improve. Also, communicate with your clubs often, which includes multiple visits throughout the year. The clubs in your area will feel supported when you contact them regularly.

We Need You!

The new fiscal year is almost upon us. We still have several openings for Area Directors. If you are interested, please apply at the d115tm.org website under the District Leadership/Become A District Leader tab. For more information, email District115DLC@gmail.com





EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
APRIL + MAY, 2022

| Award | Date | Name | Club |
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| <u>SR2</u> | 05/28 | Jamey French, DTM | Henderson Toasters |
| <u>TC2</u> | 05/27 | Michael Morrow, DTM | Republican Toastmasters |
| <u>TC3</u> | 05/27 | Michael Morrow, DTM | Republican Toastmasters |
| <u>PM2</u> | 05/27 | Laurie Christopher, DTM | Blue Flame Masters |
| <u>IP3</u> | 05/27 | Alex Balint, IP3 | Blue Flame Masters |
| <u>PM3</u> | 05/27 | Jason Rosenberg, PM3 | Summerlin Toasters Club |
| <u>PM1</u> | 05/26 | Damarys Alicea, DTM | Starmasters Toastmasters |
| <u>EH1</u> | 05/26 | Karen De Shazer, DTM | Colorado River Toastmasters |
| <u>PM2</u> | 05/26 | Clark Baumgartner, DTM | Colorado River Toastmasters |
| <u>PM1</u> | 05/25 | Vicki Kallman, DTM | Summerlin Toasters Club |
| <u>EH2</u> | 05/25 | 00790675 - | Speakers & Leaders of Summerlin |
| <u>VC4</u> | 05/25 | 00790675 - | Speakers & Leaders of Summerlin |
| <u>VC3</u> | 05/24 | 00790675 - | Speakers & Leaders of Summerlin |
| <u>PM2</u> | 05/24 | Malcolm Grissom, PM2 | Storytellers Toastmasters |
| <u>SR2</u> | 04/18 | Michael Keeler, DTM | Chamber Voices Club |
| <u>MS3</u> | 04/18 | Natalia Trodahl, MS3 | Saturday Morning Live |
| <u>EH2</u> | 04/17 | Nadia Gilkes, DTM | Jackpot Speakers |
| <u>DL4</u> | 04/16 | Jessica Parker, DTM | LV Tech Pros |
| <u>DL5</u> | 04/16 | Jessica Parker, DTM | LV Tech Pros |
| <u>PM2</u> | 04/16 | Evelyn Carrillo, PM2 | Storytellers Toastmasters |
| <u>EC1</u> | 04/15 | Janice Montoya, DTM | Early Risers Toastmasters |

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| <u>DL4</u> | 04/12 | Matt Howard, DTM | Color Country Communicators |
| <u>VC1</u> | 04/10 | Sherrie Parker, DTM | Jackpot Speakers |
| <u>PM2</u> | 04/07 | Rich Vila, PM2 | Henderson Toasters |
| <u>SR1</u> | 04/07 | Jamey French, DTM | Henderson Toasters |
| <u>EH1</u> | 04/06 | Michael Keeler, DTM | Chamber Voices Club |
| <u>SR1</u> | 04/04 | Lorinda McCormick, SR1 | Library 2.0 & Beyond |
| <u>PI1</u> | 04/04 | Louise Beaton, DTM | Jackpot Speakers |
| <u>LD2</u> | 04/03 | Betsy D. Robinson, LD3 | Toastmasters In the Kitchen |
| <u>LD3</u> | 04/03 | Betsy D. Robinson, LD3 | Toastmasters In the Kitchen |
| <u>PM1</u> | 04/02 | Evelyn Carrillo, PM2 | Storytellers Toastmasters |



Quotes

“The art of communication is the language of leadership.”

James Humes

“The difference between mere management and leadership is communication.”

Winston Churchill

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