



District Director's Corner

Jean Williams, DTM, DD

January came and went so quickly that I did not have a chance to get my notes put into the newsletter. We started the year with an online TLI that was well attended. Enrichment Night was well received with a new addition – a Pathways Help

Desk to help those who need attention in a smaller group or individual setting. As a person who can never seem to get a computer to cooperate, I especially enjoyed help from Dana Wall-Oakley DTM – Thank You Dana. We also had fun and learned a lot at the January in person TLI. It was great to see familiar faces and especially



fun to meet the newer members in our district. The icing on the cake was game night; the games change each month and the fun increases – come and laugh with us.

February brought the beginning of the District 115 leadership applications which will be accepted until the end of March. If you are interested in flexing those leadership muscles while you help the district, consider applying. As an Area Director, I learned about Toastmasters, problem solving, and met many members that I still consider friends. As a Division Director, I gained confidence as I had opportunities to work with a fantastic team of Area Directors to find creative ways to make our division the best in District 115. I promise you will have fun and learn so many things you never imagined that you would. Apply today.

February brought our District leaders together for District Officer Training. Every time I see your District leaders, I am more certain that our clubs are in good hands. Ken Richardson organized an event that enhanced comradery and learning. Speaking of comradery and learning, we also enjoyed Enrichment Night and Game Night – if you are not coming to these events, you should.

Fun news – we have a new club brewing: Championship Speeches meets online Thursdays at 5:30pm. This will be an advanced club focusing on evaluations. See this group in action and be part of the “March Madness” event which will create a competition between 16 former World Champions of Public Speaking – actually the videos of their winning speeches will be compared until a winner is chosen. Come and enjoy this experienced group as you improve your evaluation skills. Contact Bill Parker for more information.

As February ends, we are in contest season. I truly enjoyed seeing the Area contests of Division A – and a talented group of contestants. The contest was well organized and fun for all. Be sure to look at the dates of the upcoming contests and come to as many as possible.

This newsletter will list the events and contests to see in the coming weeks – we have many events and opportunities to enjoy and learn. Think of the reasons that you joined Toastmasters, and attend at least one new event. I am glad that you are a member of District 115 and I look forward to seeing you.

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Division A Area Contests

The Areas of Division A held their annual contests on February 25, 2023, at Palo Verde High School. The event marks the first time hybrid contests were held in District 115. The contest team reported a few glitches but overall the hybrid format worked well. Interestingly, half of the winners were online, and the other half in person. Barton Firch won the A1 Humorous Contest; Irene King won A2, and Lindsey Brown won A3.



Malcom Grissom, Area A1



Philip Dahlheimer, Area A2



A2 Director, Kathy Kingston (right) presents a certificate to contest winner, Irene King.

Division A Director, Larry



Johnson (left) presents a certificate to A4 contest winner, Lindsay Brown.

The winner of the International contest from A1 was Malcom Grissom. Philip Dahlheimer won A2, and Peggy Printz won A3.



Peggy Printz (left), Area A3 and Cynthia Dick, A3 Director.

Sparkplug & Toastmaster of the Year

The Division A Area Directors also named their Area Sparkplugs and Toastmasters of the year for 2022-2023. The winners are listed below.

Area	Sparkplug	Toastmaster
A1	Barton Firch	Pamela Raneri
A2	Jodi Lynn	Mark Kemp
A3	Maria Martinez-Riach	D. George Lund
A4	Conor Peterson	Monica Robles

Rotary Club 4-Way Speech Contest

The Las Vegas Rotary Club (#813) held their annual 4-Way student speaker contest on February 16, 2023. Several Toastmasters from D115, including Sherrie Parker and Jan Richardson served as contest judges.

The 4-Way contest is designed to answer the following questions:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

This year's theme for the 6-8 minute speech was, "Imagine Rotary." Contestants were challenged to imagine what Rotary clubs and community service would look like in a more perfect world.



Rotary Club Student Speaker Participants



Wake Up With Toastmasters

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

Email anitadellacroce@gmail.com if you are interested in being a guest on the show.

Division C Area Contests

March 4, 2023, 9:00 AM at Palo Verde High School and online at: bit.ly/3PTUJsB



Educational Enrichment Night

Saturday, March 11, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

6:00 PM

*New Member Orientation – Ken Richardson

*Hybrid Meetings– TBA

*Pathways Help Desk - Dana Wall Oakley

7:00 PM

*Introduction to Pathways – Ken Richardson

*Pathways Help Desk – Dana Wall Oakley

*Exploring District Leadership –TBA

Online at:

<https://bit.ly/3AVQ42F>



Areas B2&B4 Contests

March 18, 2023, 10:00 AM-PST at the St. George Chamber of Commerce 136 N.100E, St. George, Utah and online at:

bit.ly/3hDZ2LL.



Game Night

Saturday, January 28, 2023 6:00-8:00 PM.

Register via this link:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcocuuzotGNP2K_qPRj-T90QWZpbMO0sP](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcocuuzotGNP2K_qPRj-T90QWZpbMO0sP)

Support for D115 Clubs

Karen Moirao, DTM

Join the Club Support Team and help our smaller clubs (10 or fewer members) be more attractive to guests. Volunteer to fill a role at an upcoming meeting. Most meetings are hybrid, so you can attend online if you prefer.

As a member of a smaller club, join the Club Support Team to ask for help filling meeting roles.

The only requirement is that you don't promote any other club when filling a meeting role and that members of the club you are helping do not ask you to join.

We communicate via the texting app Telegram. Just download and install the app on your smart phone, then email toastmasterd115clubst@gmail.com and ask to join the Telegram group. Once you are in, you can begin helping and/or requesting meeting role help.

Why do it? You will help our district grow, you will meet new people and learn new things, you will practice your communication and leadership skills, you will have fun!

Questions contact Karen Moirao
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Educational Achievement February, 2023

Award	Member	Club
<u>DL3</u>	Laurie I. Jegaden, DL3	Henderson Toasters
<u>PM2</u>	Shawna Glasser, PM2	Morelli House TMC
<u>SR2</u>	Jennifer L. Smith, SR2	Valley Voices & Vices
<u>EH2</u>	Mark A. Kemp, EH2	Lion's Roar Club
<u>DL1</u>	Karen De Shazer, DTM	Colorado River TMC
<u>PM2</u>	Grover H. Prowell,	Starmasters TMC

PM2

<u>TC1</u>	Julius C. Harrison, TC1	Toastmasters In the Kitchen
<u>EH2</u>	Jason R. LeDuc, DTM	Bon Appetit TMC
<u>EC2</u>	Jacob D. Potter, EC2	Cedar City TMC
<u>PM2</u>	Deborah A. Leoni, PM2	Cedar City TMC
<u>PI2</u>	James Thelin, PI2	Cedar City TMC
<u>EH1</u>	00299914 -	I'll Drink To That
<u>EH2</u>	00299914 -	I'll Drink To That
<u>EH3</u>	00299914 -	I'll Drink To That
<u>EH4</u>	00299914 -	I'll Drink To That
<u>MS1</u>	00299914 -	I'll Drink To That
<u>MS2</u>	00299914 -	I'll Drink To That
<u>MS3</u>	00299914 -	I'll Drink To That
<u>MS4</u>	00299914 -	I'll Drink To That
<u>MS5</u>	00299914 -	I'll Drink To That
<u>PI1</u>	Patricia Christianson, DTM	Saturday Morning Live
<u>PM1</u>	Joe Devon, PM1	Henderson TMC
<u>VC5</u>	Arthur McClenaghan, VC5	Henderson TMC
<u>IP2</u>	Michael Phelan, IP2	Energizers TMC
<u>PM1</u>	Crystal Peros, PM2	Energizers TMC
<u>PM2</u>	Crystal Peros, PM2	Energizers TMC
<u>PI2</u>	Linda Campbell-Miller, PI2	Henderson TMC
<u>DL2</u>	Ford Wegner, DL2	Henderson TMC
<u>IP2</u>	Finn Caoile, IP2	UNLV TMC
<u>EC5</u>	Jimmy Guerrero, EC5	Gente De Voz
<u>TC1</u>	Lisa M. Meyer, TC1	Chamber Voices
<u>LD1</u>	Paul Sanchez, LD1	Benchmark TMC
<u>PM1</u>	67486538 -	Benchmark TMC
<u>PM1</u>	Devora Langley, PM1	Speakers & Leaders of Summerlin
<u>PM4</u>	06606307 -	Jackpot Speakers
<u>MS1</u>	Jan Richardson, MS1	Bon Appetit TMC



Congratulations!

Club Officer Training

The November – February training period for club officers ended on February 28. The next training period begins on June 1, and ends on August 31. For the current period, 41 clubs – 82% of eligible clubs – met TI’s standard of at least four officers trained for the period. Seventeen clubs (34%) trained all seven club officers!



District Leaders Wanted

The District Leadership Committee is in the process of recruiting district leaders for the 2023-2024 Toastmaster’s year. We need four Division Directors, twelve Area Directors, and the Trio positions to fill.

If you are ready to become a District Leader, please complete the application found on our website, <https://d115tm.org/become-a-district-leader/>.

TI Update

At the recent mid-year training, TI announced two important computer-related developments. First, they are working on better integration between Base Camp and Club Central. This has been an issue since the introduction of Pathways. Currently, granting educational awards is a two-step process. The VPE (or other designated Base Camp Manager) must approve the member’s educational request within Base Camp, and then enter the data in Club Central. That process will be streamlined in the near future.

The second announcement involves individual member payments through the TI website. For the past year or so, Club officers have been able to pay their international dues (not club dues) directly. TI is in the process of expanding that feature to all

members. Club dues for officers and members will still have to be paid to the club treasurer. Nevertheless, the new system will make the process simpler.

The new payment system is available now. The date for the integration of Base Camp and Club Central has not been announced; however, the changes will probably be in place by the end of the year.

Leadership

“The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible.”

“You don’t lead by hitting people over the head – that’s assault, not leadership.”

“A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done.”



Dwight D. Eisenhower

“Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal which is worthwhile.”



Vince Lombardi

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