



District Director's Corner

Jean Williams, DTM, DD

We are on the home stretch with only one month left in this Toastmasters' year. It has flown by.

April was been a busy month for contests. We started the month with the last of the Area contests. Then we moved to the Division contests. I have



seen so many talented speakers; I am certain that District 115 will have the next World Champion of Public Speaking.

For each of the people who competed this year at all levels, please know that you did what the vast majority of people

will never do – not only did you venture into public speaking, but you competed. Not many Toastmasters enter into competitions, which makes you even more special. When you look back at this contest season, I hope it is with a smile. I know that I learned many things by competing in speech contests. I learned how to polish and tighten a speech, how to be succinct and focused on the message I wanted to convey, and about accepting and using feedback to improve. Most important, I improved as a speaker and gained confidence. I am proud of all of our contestants.

Between all the contests, I was able to visit a couple clubs. Cause Masters welcomed me as they did their recent new members – it was fun to see familiar faces and meet the new ones. This is one of our morning clubs and is hybrid. I was able to pop into

a Jackpot Speakers meeting briefly and left wishing that I could have stayed longer.

I attended a wonderful open house at Library 2.0. Our Region 2 International Director, Jesse Oakley III DTM was a key note speaker and I was the opening act. We recognized the management of the Clark County Library District (CCLD) for their support of this great corporate club. If you know a CCLD employee, please encourage them to visit this hybrid club – their dues will be paid by their employer.

High Noon LECTERN was the next club visit. The room was full and the mood was great. Every club has a personality and this one has a friendly and outgoing personality.

I was able to visit Benchmark for the first time and found another group with a full room and five guests – luckily, they have a bigger meeting room for later. I was lucky to hear the ice breaker of a new member and a great tall tale of a more experienced member. This club is very close to President's Distinguished and should have no problem reaching it.

As I write this, I am packing the sunscreen and bringing water and snacks to the Open Air, Open House of Vegas Stars to take place on May 21 at the Clark County Wetlands Park. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying the park and a picnic lunch.

New clubs? Are there any new clubs forming? Yes.

- For District 115, Championship Speeches is forming. This is a club focused on evaluating great speeches. This online club is worth visiting – you can still be a charter member.
- A couple of our District 115 members have come together over the border into Kingman, AZ and are working to form Kingman Legacy Toastmasters. If you live close to the border, consider visiting this in-person only club.
- A new corporate club is on the horizon at Credit One Bank. If you know a Credit One

Bank employee, let them know this fantastic opportunity is coming to them.

Ken Richardson brought together our District Conference which took place on May 6, 2022 at the Culinary Institute. I was fortunate to visit and tour the facility prior to the conference – it is an incredible place with so many training programs. The conference was terrific and the venue was a perfect choice. Thank you to all those who worked together to treat our district to this great event.

Our district elections took place in May and our new district leaders have been elected. I am confident that District 115 will be in great hands for the 2023-2024 year.

I am happy to serve you as your District Director. I hope to meet everyone. If you haven't already, be a guest on Wake Up With Toastmasters so we can get to know you and learn about your club(s). Please come to Enrichment Night and Game Night to see some of the events that are waiting for you outside of your club.

Please email me with any questions or concerns you have at jeanwdtm@gmail.com or call me at 702 445-2011.

Elections

District 115's annual elections were held on May 7, 2023. The following officers were elected for the 2023-2024 term.



Ken Richardson,
DTM, District
Director

Nadia Gilkes,
DTM, Program
Quality Director



Jennifer Smith,
Club Growth
Director

Division Directors



Division A-
Dalisa
Steward

Division B- Anthony
Harrell



Division C –
Warren
Stender



D. George Lund, Maria Martinez-Riach, and
Cynthia Dick.



Division D- Ralph
Villanueva, DTM

The banner parade (above) and the presentation of
the colors (below) kicked off the conference.

Annual Conference

The D115 Annual Conference was held on May 6, 2023 at the Culinary Institute of Las Vegas. Some seventy-six people attended in-person, and another 20 joined online.



The banner crew from Valley Voices and Vices featured (from left to right) Jennifer Smith,

June Calendar

Wake Up With Toastmasters

Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM

[FaceBook.com/WakeUpWithToastmasters](https://www.facebook.com/WakeUpWithToastmasters)

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

Early Bird TLI

Saturday, June 10, 2023, 9:00 AM on Zoom

bit.ly/40DpxRW

Educational Enrichment Night

Saturday, June 10, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

6:00 PM – Classes TBA

7:00 PM – Classes TBA

Register at:

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

District Office Training

The first round of training for new District Officers (Division and Area Directors) will be held on June 24, at the Whitney Library, 5157 E. Tropicana Ave., 89122, 10:30 AM. Lunch is provided

Game Night

The last Saturday of the month, 6:00-8:00 PM.

Register via this link:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcocuuzotGNP2K_gPRj-T90QWZpbMO0sP](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcocuuzotGNP2K_gPRj-T90QWZpbMO0sP)

Leaders Wanted

Although we just held elections, we still have several open positions. The Trio and the Division Directors are all elected, but the Area Directors are appointed. We need a total of 12 Area Directors, three each for our four Divisions.

The Area Director is the key link



between the various clubs they serve and the District. Area Directors are assigned not less than three or more than six clubs. ADs visit their clubs on a regular basis and provide support for officer and new member installation, club officer training, and contests. They also file twice-yearly reports on the health of their clubs and make recommendations for improvement.

If you are interested in serving as an Area Director, please contact the appropriate Division Director, or District Director Ken Richardson @ krichardsonlvnv@gmail.com, or 702.523.3023.

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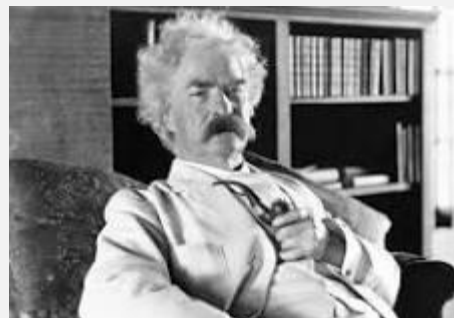
Member	Club Name
<u>LD2</u> Name unavailable	Centennial Hills Toastmasters
<u>PM1</u> Noel Gardiner, PM1	Ahead of the Curve Toastmasters
<u>VC1</u> Anthony S. Harrell, VC1	Bon Appetit Club
<u>MS2</u> Vasko Trankov, MS2	Summerlin Toasters Club
<u>PM2</u> Vicki Kallman, DTM	Summerlin Toasters Club
<u>LD1</u> Malcolm Grissom, LD1	Epic Speakers
<u>MS2</u> Alicia Hernandez, MS2	Valley Voices & Vices Club
<u>PM5</u> Paul J. Villaluz, DTM	Benchmark Toastmasters
<u>PM3</u> Jack Romano, PM3	Benchmark Toastmasters
<u>LD4</u> Phyllis Wall, DTM	Windjammers Club
<u>TC4</u> Phyllis Wall, DTM	Authors and Aspiring Authors
<u>IP4</u> Lawrence M. Johnson Jr, IP4	Pro Toastmasters
<u>MS2</u> Kathi Kulesza, MS3	Pro Toastmasters
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<u>DL2</u> Paul Mangual, DTM	Chamber Voices Club
<u>DL4</u> Suzanne King, DL4	Chamber Voices Club
<u>PM2</u> Ken Richardson	Bon Appetit Club
<u>SR2</u> Betsy D. Robinson, DTM	Toastmasters In the Kitchen

<u>DL1</u>	Malcolm Grissom, LD1	Jackpot Speakers
<u>DL4</u>	Warren Stender, DL4	Toast Of Sierra Toastmasters Club
<u>PM 2</u>	John Krivacic, VC4	Toast Of Sierra Toastmasters Club
<u>TC1</u>	Carol Campbell, DTM	Toast Of Sierra Toastmasters Club
<u>TC2</u>	Carol Campbell, DTM	Toast Of Sierra Toastmasters Club
<u>VC4</u>	John Krivacic, VC4	Toast Of Sierra Toastmasters Club
<u>DL2</u>	Nadia T. Gilkes, DTM	Jackpot Speakers
<u>SR1</u>	Ai Hatano, SR2	Toastmasters In the Kitchen
<u>PM 4</u>	Paul J. Villaluz, DTM	Benchmark Toastmasters
<u>MS 1</u>	Vasko Trankov, MS2	Summerlin Toasters Club
<u>TC2</u>	Julius C. Harrison, DL3	Toastmasters In the Kitchen
<u>PW ME</u>	Tasha C. Toy, VC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>VC1</u>	Tasha C. Toy, VC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>VC2</u>	Tasha C. Toy, VC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>VC3</u>	Tasha C. Toy, VC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>VC4</u>	Tasha C. Toy, VC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>VC5</u>	Tasha C. Toy, VC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>EC1</u>	James Fugate, EC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>EC2</u>	James Fugate, EC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>EC3</u>	James Fugate, EC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>EC4</u>	James Fugate, EC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>EC5</u>	James Fugate, EC5	Virtual Linguists
<u>EC4</u>	Doris Tuckett, DTM	Toastmasters In the Kitchen
<u>MS 1</u>	Kelly N. Parker, MS5	Tub Thumpers of St. George
<u>MS 2</u>	Kelly N. Parker, MS5	Tub Thumpers of St. George
<u>MS 3</u>	Kelly N. Parker, MS5	Tub Thumpers of St. George
<u>MS 4</u>	Kelly N. Parker, MS5	Tub Thumpers of St. George
<u>MS 5</u>	Kelly N. Parker, MS5	Tub Thumpers of St. George

Quotable Humor

"I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member."

Groucho Marx



"Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please."

Mark Twain

"People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do."

Isaac Asimov



"You can lead a man to congress but you can't make him think."

Milton Berle

Congratulations



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