

District 36 Toastmasters

Spring District Council Meeting (Hybrid) - 2025/26 District Leader Reports

3PM - Saturday, May 16, 2026



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Agenda

Agenda Item	Presenter
1. Call to Order Review of our Mission Zoom Etiquette	Administration Manager - Meredith Willson
2. Welcome and Introduction Agenda Adoption	District Director - Arvind Venugopal
3. Meeting Standing Rules & Adoption	District Director Parliamentarian – Ena Okah, PDD
4. Spring Meeting Minutes Approval	District Director
5. 2025 - 26 Mid Year Audit Report	Finance Manager – on behalf of Audit Committee
6. Financial Report (as of March)	Finance Manager – Sheraline Thomas
7. Division Reports (2 minutes each)	Division A Director – Venkatraman Krishnasami Division B Director – Sancho Jacinto Division C Director – Margaret Serrano Division D Director – Carla Harper Division E Director – Irina Gabidullina Division F Director – Sandhya Murthy
8. Public Relations Report (5 mins)	Public Relations Manager - Maria Pia Younger
9. Club Growth Report (5 mins)	Club Growth Director - Jill Vanderweit
10. Program Quality Report (5 mins)	Program Quality Director – Augusta Inniss
11. District Director Report (5 mins)	District Director - Arvind Venugopal
12. Unfinished Business New Business	District Director
13. Announcements & Reminders	District Director
14. Acknowledgements	District Director
Meeting Adjourned	Administration Manager

1. Review of Our Mission

Toastmasters International Mission: We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.

District Mission: We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

Club Mission: We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

2. Zoom Etiquette

- When entering the Zoom meeting, all participants must be identified with your Role plus your First and Last Name so it shows on screen. If your name is not listed, you will be asked to identify yourself. If you do not add your name, you will be removed from the meeting. Examples:

P FirstName LastName for Club President

V FirstName LastName for Vice President Education

T1 FirstName LastName for district timer #1

- If you have multiple clubs for which you are a District Council Member use a "I" symbol, as in

P/P FirstName LastName for serving two clubs as President

V/V FirstName LastName for serving two clubs as VPE

P/V FirstName LastName for serving one club as President, another as VPE

- For District 36 DEC Members who may be joining via Zoom: Division Directors, Area Directors, Administrative Manager, Finance Manager, Public Relations Manager, please use the letters "DEC" DEC FirstName LastName
- If you are both a member of the DEC and are serving as Club President or Club VPE, the naming convention is:
P/DEC FirstName LastName
V/DEC FirstName LastName

- All participants will be muted when joining.
- All participants will keep camera/video off unless you are invited to speak.
- When acknowledged by the Chair, the Zoom host will un-mute your audio to allow you to speak.
- The "Raise Hand" feature is available by clicking on the hand icon in the participant window or by clicking on the "Raise Hand" icon in the Reactions bar at the bottom/top of the screen, depending on the version of Zoom that you have. If you are participating by phone, please press "star 9" to raise your hand.

3. District 36 Council Meeting Standing Rules (for virtual meetings)

From TI District Administrative Bylaws, Articles IX - XI and XIII, as amended
(Not subject to approval by the District Council)

Voting District Council Composition: The District Council shall consist of the District Executive Committee and the President and Vice President Education from each member club in the District. The District Executive Committee is composed of the District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Public Relations Manager, Administration Manager, Finance Manager, Division Directors, Area Directors, and the Immediate Past District Director. These shall be the only voting members of the District Council.

Quorum: One-third of the Presidents and Vice Presidents Education from member clubs in the District shall constitute a quorum for District Council Meetings. In the event that any business is transacted at any District Council meeting at which a quorum is not present, the action shall be deemed as valid as if a quorum were present if it thereafter is expressly approved in writing, personally, by mail, fax, e- mail, electronic transmission or other reasonable means, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Member Clubs in the District on the basis of two (2) votes per club.

Proxies: Proxies are not permitted for a virtual business meeting.

Voting: Each member of the District Council participating in a Council Meeting is entitled to one vote. The President and Vice President Education from a member club in good standing are entitled to two votes and any such individual member who is also entitled to a vote as a member of the District Executive Committee is entitled to an additional vote, for a total of three votes. All other members of the District Council shall be limited to a maximum of two votes. Proxies are not permitted for virtual meetings.

Rules of Order: Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the final authority on parliamentary procedure insofar as they do not conflict with any provision in the District Administrative Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of Toastmasters International, Policies and Procedures, set by the Toastmasters International Board of Directors.

Credentials: Council members were asked to preregister to establish a quorum. Registrations to determine a quorum will be tallied 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Parliamentary Aids: To expedite the meeting, the Chairperson will use unanimous consent as much as possible, especially in accepting the submission of committee reports. Any Council Member may object to unanimous consent by stating "objection" when the presiding officer says, "if there are no objections" or "hearing no objections." With any objection, a motion will have to be made and seconded, discussed and voted. While all points of view are entitled to be heard, that does not mean every member needs to speak. Because of limited time for debate and

discussion, members are asked to primarily make statements that offer new information and not repeat what has already been stated. Rights of the minority opinion are to be protected and respected even though majority rules. Courtesy should be extended to all participants and that includes not asking redundant questions that have previously been answered either in the delegates' package or by other delegates. Specific voting details will be shared at the meeting. Submittal of Motions: Resolutions, motions, or amendments to motions shall be submitted in writing to the Chair. For a virtual meeting this may be done via Chat.

New Business: Motions for "New Business" must be submitted no later than seven days prior to the council meeting.

Announcements: The Chairperson should be informed of any intentions to make announcements before the start of the District Council Meeting.

Addressing the Council: Recognition by the Chairperson is required before a person addresses the District Council. Without recognition, comments will not be part of the official record. During virtual meetings, individuals shall be muted unless delivering a report or recognized by the chair and unmuted. To address the District Council, an individual must address the Chairperson and wait for acknowledgment by the Chairperson. For a virtual meeting, an individual will address the Chairperson through the "Raise Hand" and "Chat" features and must be recognized by the chair and unmuted before addressing the District Council.

- During the virtual meeting, to ask a question, make a motion, speak in debate, or second a motion, please "Raise Hand" and write in the Chat box, giving your name and District role or club name/club number represented (in the Council meeting), and wait to be acknowledged by the Chair.
- Once acknowledged, the individual should state their name, club name, club number, or District Council role, and then succinctly state the business.
- The District Director will request that main motions and amendments be in writing in advance (when possible), signed by the maker of the motion using the following format (/s/ First and Last name), and submitted electronically to be presented to the Chair, with a copy to the Administration Manager. For virtual meetings, such documents may be posted in the chat.
- All Council members may participate in discussions, in accordance with these rules and the District's parliamentary authority.

Business Time Limits and Guidelines for Participation: There will be limited debate on items of business.

- Each individual shall have a maximum of two (2) minutes to address the question. No member of the District Council shall speak in debate more than once on the same question except by permission of the District Council granted by a two-thirds vote (or unanimous consent) without debate.
- Council Members holding ballots have the right to debate before members without ballots.

- The maximum time for discussing or debating any particular motion, including its amendments, shall be fifteen (15) minutes. Unless two-thirds majority of Council Members vote in favor of any motion to change the time limits for debate, the Council will immediately vote on the pending question if the 15-minute limit is reached.
- Any Toastmaster in good standing may voice their opinion on any question of business but may not make any motion nor vote on any business unless they are a Council Member.
- During the Annual Business Meeting, each district officer candidate, including any floor candidate, is entitled to a two (2) minute speech after nominations are closed and prior to election of the respective officer position. At the discretion of the Chairperson, candidate speeches may be suspended for uncontested positions (cases in which only one candidate has been nominated). Speeches by candidates are delivered in alphabetical order of the candidate's last name, by office, beginning with the highest contested office. Each speech shall be delivered by the candidate if present. If the candidate is absent and has consented to the nomination and signed the Officer Agreement and Release Statement, the candidate's representative may give the speech. All floor candidates must identify their intent to run from the floor by seven (7) days prior to the business meeting and must have been interviewed by the District Leadership Committee (DLC); non-DLC-interviewed floor candidates will not be accepted during the meeting. No other speeches, demonstrations, or other activities related to the election of officers are allowed during the Council Meeting.

Appointment of Timer: The District Director shall appoint an official timer(s) for this District Council Meeting. The designated timer(s) will mute the speaker when speaking time expires.

District Administrative Bylaws: District Council shall refer to Toastmasters.org for current governing documents.

4. District 36 Fall 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Opening and Welcome

The Fall District Council Meeting took place on September 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm by District Logistics Manager and the meeting's SAA Mike Onzay, DTM.

District Director Arvind Venugopal introduced dignitaries and welcomed participants to the meeting. He welcomed past District Director and Parliamentarian Ena Okah, PDD, DTM to read the district mission, club mission, and Toastmasters values. DD Venugopal provided an inspirational word on the district mission of the year Nurture, Grow, Inspire and handed the meeting over to the meeting SAA Mike Onzay.

The meeting was temporarily shut down due to a zoom intrusion. The meeting resumed at 2:34pm.

Mike Onzay informed the Zoom participants about the Zoom etiquette including naming nomenclature, remaining muted, and waiting for acknowledgement in person and on zoom by the meeting chair before proceeding with questions.

Credentials Chair Report

DD Venugopal invited the District Credentials Chair, David Alexander, DTM to provide the credentials report. The credentials chair noted a quorum is required to conduct club business. At the time of the meeting, there were 140 eligible clubs (district clubs in good standing). Each club has two votes (President and Vice President Education). A quorum is 93 attendees as no proxy votes are allowed. At the start of the meeting, there were 96 registered and a quorum was achieved. The credentials chair also issued 21 District Executive Committee (DEC) ballots. The credentials report was adopted unanimously.

Approval of Standing Rules and Agenda

The standing rules were reviewed and have not changed for years and had been disseminated earlier to members of the District Council. Icy Barton, President Chesapeake Toastmasters made a motion to adopt the standing rules. David Alexander, President Greenbelt seconded the motion. There were no objections.

The meeting agenda was adopted as is. A motion was made by Augusta Inniss, VPE The Restored Toastmasters. The motion was seconded by Icy Barton, President Chesapeake. There were no objections.

Approval of Minutes

The next agenda item was the approval of the Spring District Council Meeting minutes. The minutes were made available online in the delegate package. One correction was made by Sonya Ponds, VPE, She Leads She Speaks for her name incorrectly spelled as Sandra Ponds. No other

objections noted. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the stated correction by Ramu Garapati, Vagabond Toastmasters and seconded by Icy Barton (club details previously noted). The minutes were approved.

Approval of Appointed Leaders

DD Venugopal announced the list of nominated leaders and appointed leaders. Jaci Pasley, VPE Great Seneca Power Toasters asked if the webmaster is an appointed DEC role. DD Venugopal clarified the role is an appointed role but not a voting member of the DEC. Jill Vanderweit, CGD noted that the subheadings in the packet state 2024/25. DD Venugopal noted the comment and made the correction that the leaders being approved are for 2025/26. An updated version will be posted on the District website reflecting this change. Janice Strachan, President Jim Whitney made the motion to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Sancho Jacinto, Division B Director. The DD confirmed the appointment of the installed District officers.

Update on Audit Committee

The 2024/2025 audit update was provided by Ramu Garapati, IPDD. Mr. Garapati reported that the audit report is in progress and is being overseen by audit chair Howard Glassman. One chair member has resigned and has been replaced with a new member. The report will be completed in a few weeks and will be presented at the Spring Conference business meeting.

2025/26 Budget and Approval

The 2025/26 Budget was presented by District Finance Manager Sheraline Thomas. The report showed a focus on balancing the budget this year. The projected income is \$108,000 from dues, conferences, and other finance initiatives, and the total expenses of \$107,000 for strategic investments in growth, education, marketing and public relations, and member recognition. New initiatives for revenue include a district memorabilia campaign and reviving the district bookstore. The full district budget slides are available to members of the District Council for Review. Glenn Rogers, President Ambassadors of Speech inquired about the educational expenses at the conference. PQD Augusta Innis detailed the educational benefits of the conference including keynote presentations and breakout education sessions. Margaret Sheppard, VPE Ariel Rios asked about support for clubs made up of Federal employees given the current national environment. DD Venugopal recommended federal employees who are members consider adding a nonwork email to ensure ongoing communications with the district on support initiatives. Given the unique needs of clubs, DD Venugopal asked for clubs to email trio@district36.org for support for federal clubs. Maria James inquired about the November summit and whether the summit was open to the public. DD Venugopal confirmed the event is open to the public and interested individuals should contact PQD Augusta Innis. David Alexander, VPE DTM Leaders motioned to approve the minutes, and Kevin Wang (FDIC club) seconded. There were no objections.

District Realignment Updated

Initial alignment recommendation for 2025/26 was provided at the Spring business meeting. Additional changes were made by DD Venugopal with the support of the PQD and CGD to

accommodate new clubs chartered at the end of the year. The changes can be found on the delegate package. The alignment has been submitted to Toastmasters International and is approved. For any questions, please contact DD Venugopal. DD Venugopal announced the upcoming districts merger of 36 and 27 into 220 which will take effect on July 1, 2026. More details will be provided and members can contact the DD with more questions.

District Leader Reports

Division A Report was provided by Venkat Krishnasami. He reported that the division has 20 active clubs with 4 areas. The Division has chartered one new club, Hostmasters. 15 of the clubs met the TLI criteria – 4 or more officers trained. Club visits and reports are underway scheduled for September and October with a goal of completing most visits by October 31. The contest dates are available and on the website. Division A Director encouraged officers to participate in area council meetings and support contests.

Division B Report provided by Sancho Jacinto. He acknowledged his area directors and noted he has a full team. The area and division contest dates are on the district website. Division B is doing well and seeking out new ways to strengthen the struggling clubs through relationship development, while continuing to champion the strong clubs. Division B Director noted the strategy to pair strong and struggling clubs to allow crosspollination. Division B's newest club is ACC Toastmasters and was welcomed to the Division.

Division C report provided by Maggie Serrano. Ms. Serrano noted two main focus points – preparing clubs for successful contests through appropriate volunteer support and potentially having joint contests and holding contests in areas in the geography of the areas and the division. The second focus is completing club visits. One area is without an Area director and the division director will work to complete those visits herself or with support of other district leaders.

Division D Director report by Carla Harper. She has held a division council meeting with her area directors and is building relationships with her team. She has also actively recruited a new director for Area 42. Four club visit reports have been submitted, 11 are scheduled and the remaining are underway. Reports will be submitted after visits. Division D Director has sent individualized messages to clubs offering resources such as coaching and encouraging clubs to complete their club success plan (CSP) and complete timely renewals. Area contests and division contest dates and times are being scheduled and will be posted to the district website.

Division E Director report by Irina Gabidullina. The Division is in great shape, all Area director positions are filled, and club visits are being scheduled. All area contests and the division contest have been scheduled. The division has started to get educational awards. A priority is encouraging timely renewals and growing membership. There is a need for coaches for about 10 clubs, 17 CSPs were submitted with area 51 having all CSPs complete. The Division had 24 clubs that completed club officer training requirements. The division team is working collaboratively to continue to grow the division.

Division F Director is unable to attend due to family obligations. Her report is presented in the delegate package.

Public Relations Manager Report – Maria Pia Younger – The PRM provided the PR goals for the year including attracting attention of potential members and media, increasing the visibility and reputation of District 36, and promoting important club messages and events. Maria introduced her PR team and pending roles that she is recruiting to fill. The PR team will be implementing the district theme Nurture Grow Inspire through their initiatives including Toasty Talks, the new District 36 podcast. She also provided social media updates and resources for club officers including tools and templates. For any questions, members can contact the PRM on email.

Club Growth Director Jill Vanderweit, DTM provided the Club growth report. She acknowledged her team working on club extension and retention. The CGD acknowledged the current coaches in D36 and their corresponding clubs. The CGD is seeking a club quality chair to identify new club sponsors and mentors. Currently, she is serving in that role, and she recognized the club sponsors and mentors from the 24/25 year who are still working to support new clubs in the current year. The CGD also recognized all the clubs that were chartered the previous year. There is a need for more clubs to reach October renewals of at least 8 members to pay their dues.

Program Quality Director Augusta Innis, DTM provided her report. The PQD started by reviewing her objectives for this year and reflecting on the accomplishments from the previous year when she was the CGD. In her CGD role, she chartered six new clubs, grew membership across the district, and supported struggling clubs with a dedicated team. The key lesson of the year was that growth goes beyond numbers, it is about people and relationship building. In the new year, the focus is on continuing to grow others through service and challenging new members to step outside of their comfort zone. This year, the PQD will be building on the successes of last year and focusing on quality and education. The priorities are to help the district achieve distinguished status by enhancing club programming, driving pathways adoption and education awards, and providing exceptional training and educational events and through contests. The PQD also recognized clubs that have met office training goals, educational achievements, and those meeting their membership milestones.

The District Director report was provided by DD Venugopal. He started with an acknowledgement to and gratitude for the district leadership team. The DD reminded the attendees about the district council about the history and uniqueness of District 36. The district theme is Nurture, Grow and Inspire for 2025/26. The DD acknowledged the resilience of members including overcoming the earlier meeting interruption. The district goal is to be Smedley distinguished (the highest achievement for a district). The DD recognized the value of members and their contribution to the overall district success and members should nurture themselves by renewing their membership, inspire themselves by filling some pending district roles, and grow by challenging oneself to bring in new members. Club officers were recognized as a vital part of club functioning and were charged to nurture the clubs by completing the CSP, inspire by building teams, and grow by engaging beyond the club.

New and Old Business

Only unfinished business was the club realignment update and appointment of district leaders which was completed earlier. No new business was submitted for discussion based on the Toastmasters rule to submit new business 7 days prior to the meeting.

The DD closed the meeting with acknowledgement of all the district officers, officiants, and meeting participants.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm by acting SAA Mike Onzay.

5. 2025-26 Mid Year Audit Report

District 36 Audit Committee Report

Audit Period: Mid-Year 2025–2026

Report Date: 2/15/2026

The District Audit Committee reviewed expense transactions recorded for the audit period listed above. The review included examining supporting documentation, approval records, reimbursement timing, and overall compliance with Toastmasters International and District financial policies and procedures.

Based on the documents provided and the review conducted, the Committee did not identify any findings or instances of non-compliance. All expenses reviewed were properly documented, appropriately approved, and processed in accordance with established financial policies and procedures.

The Committee appreciates the cooperation of District leadership in providing the requested documentation in a timely manner.

District Audit Committee

Carmen Koffi (Chair)

Yin W. Zhang

Jonathan Leroy

6. Financial Report (as of March)

District 36 Financial Summary Report Through March 31, 2026

Financial Overview

District 36 remains in a positive financial position through March 31, 2026, with year-to-date net income exceeding budget expectations despite revenue trending below budget in several categories. Careful expense management and reduced operational spending contributed significantly to the favorable overall results.

March 2026 Monthly Highlights

Revenue Performance

- Total March revenue was **\$16,780**, which was **\$4,077 below budget**.
- Membership revenue continues to be the primary source of income, totaling **\$16,570** for the month.
- Fundraising revenue was below expectations for March.

Expense Management

- March expenses totaled **\$1,227.88**, coming in **\$5,407 below budget**.
- Lower-than-budget spending in food/meals, fundraising, and operational categories contributed to the favorable variance.
- Administration expenses were slightly above budget due to routine operational activity.

Net Income

- March net income totaled **\$15,552.12**, exceeding budget by **\$1,330.12**.
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Year-to-Date Highlights (July 2025 – March 2026)

Revenue Summary

- Total district revenue year-to-date is **\$56,840** compared to a budget of **\$67,135.94**.
- Revenue is currently **\$10,295.94 below budget**.
- Key areas below budget include:

- Membership Revenue
- Fundraising Revenue
- District Store Revenue
- Oct/Nov Event Revenue

Expense Summary

- Total district expenses year-to-date are **\$25,553.27** compared to a budget of **\$49,926.65**.
- Expenses are currently **\$24,373.38 below budget**.
- Significant savings were realized in:
 - Food & Meals
 - Club Growth
 - Public Relations
 - Lodging
 - Fundraising Expenses

Net Income Position

- Year-to-date net income totals **\$31,286.73**, exceeding the budgeted amount of **\$17,209.29**.
- Overall net income is currently **\$14,077.44 favorable to budget**.

Key Financial Takeaways

- District 36 maintains a strong positive net income position through the third quarter of the fiscal year.
- Revenue performance remains an area of focus, particularly in membership and fundraising categories.
- Conservative expense management continues to strengthen overall financial stability.
- Current financial results position the district favorably as it moves into the final quarter of the fiscal year.

7. Division Reports

Division A Report

Report coming soon !

Division B Report

Division B is finishing the year strong with two select distinguished clubs: Dupont Circle of Speakers and World Bankers club and two distinguished clubs: IMF and FDIC Toastmasters clubs with more coming soon. Since my last report, IFC and IMF held open houses with PAHO planning one in June. Area 23 held a social hour on May 7 and their Milestone Achievers Program was also a huge success with several members completing the challenge and was recognized. Kudos to Area 23 Director and Division D Director-Elect Andrea Chu for being proactive with her initiatives. The Division B team also visited all the active clubs in the Division.

Division B gained and lost clubs this year. Special recognition to Clara Barton and Eisenhower Toastmasters which have officially held their last Toastmasters Meeting. They are still multiple clubs struggling and inactive which we've been fully supporting this year. I'm sure the next district board will continue our efforts in helping them become successful. A huge success story is FDIC Toastmasters who went from almost inactive last year to being distinguished. I would like to recognize their president Kevin Wang for the great turn-around.

As we close the year, I've been extremely grateful and humbled to serve as your Division B Director. We held contests, made friendships, visited clubs, and most importantly, learned and became better leaders. I certainly grew a lot in this role as I've obtained skills and expertise that I will bring with me forever. I would like to thank everyone who made this journey possible. From all the contest volunteers, to all our club officers who tirelessly sacrifice their time to run their Toastmasters clubs; we see you and we thank you.

Finally, I would like to end this report by thanking my wonderful team. Area 21 Director Jeanine who did an amazing job coaching all her clubs despite being 115 miles away. Area 22 Director Landon who was a great role model and took the ownership of mentoring his clubs. Area 23 Director Andrea who was excellent from day 1 and has proven to me that she wasn't "lucky" with her clubs, but her clubs were "lucky" with her. My Deputy Division Director, Tessa, who's always ready to contribute and has been my constant friend in running the entire Division. Last but not the least, I would like to thank the District 36 trio for the endless mentorship, support, and friendship; I'm forever Grateful.

I want to thank you all and I did my best to be the best Division B Director I can be.

Division C Report

Report coming soon !

Division D Report

Introduction

Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to take a moment to provide a structured status report on Division D. This year has been a productive one, with several noteworthy accomplishments and ongoing efforts across our division.

Contests

We have successfully hosted four contests this year, demonstrating strong organizational capabilities and member engagement. In addition, we have supported and delivered two very seasoned contestants to the District Spring event, further highlighting the talent and commitment within our division.

Area Visits

Currently, all area visits are 90% complete. We have just two more visits to conduct before the term concludes. This high completion rate reflects our dedication to supporting each club and ensuring consistent oversight across Division D.

Membership Status

Membership levels across the clubs and the division appear strong. At least 19 out of our 23 clubs currently have eight or more members, meeting the benchmark for healthy club membership. These numbers indicate overall stability and growth within Division D.

For the clubs that did not reach the benchmark of having at least eight members on their roster, I have been in direct contact with their leadership. This outreach is part of our ongoing effort to identify challenges and provide guidance on increasing their membership numbers.

Club Support and Partnerships

One area of focus has been our work with Bowie State University. Over the past year and a half, we have collaborated closely with their club, working diligently to support their growth and success. This effort has been carried out in partnership with Jill Vanderweit, our District 36 Club Growth Director whose involvement has been instrumental in our progress with the club.

Acknowledgements

This has been a very successful year for Division. Considerable effort, time, and dedication have gone into ensuring that this division was meticulously planned and executed with minimal flaws. This achievement would not have been possible without the collaboration of my two area directors, JuDawn Lowe and Deneen Williams, who assisted with club visits and coordinated the contests. I extend my sincere gratitude to them, as well as to the trio who supported us throughout the process, my fellow division directors, and all Toastmasters dignitaries who volunteered to contribute to the contest's success. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Although a few tasks remain, I am committed to facilitating a smooth transition to my successor for Division D and will continue to support the forthcoming Vision 220 in the coming weeks. Thank you all very much.

Division E Report

Division E continues to demonstrate strong momentum within Toastmasters International District 36. Based on the current District 36 performance dashboard, Division E has 26 paid clubs out of a base of 29 clubs and already has 5 Distinguished Clubs, making it one of the stronger-performing divisions in the district at this stage of the Toastmasters year.

One of the strongest indicators of success is club retention and educational activity across the division. Area 51 achieved 100% club renewals in October while maintaining strong participation in officer training and club support activities. Several clubs are already showing exceptional Distinguished Club Program performance. Toastmasters International clubs such as NIST Toastmasters, Greater Olney Toastmasters, Germantown Toastmasters, and Wheaton Community Toastmasters are showing strong educational and membership progress with high DCP point totals already earned this year.

Across the division, clubs are making progress in several key performance categories: member education awards, officer training completion, membership renewals, and club quality. Multiple clubs have already surpassed 10 members above base membership, while others are demonstrating strong Pathways engagement through Level completions and leadership awards. Officer training participation has also remained solid across Division E, helping clubs maintain meeting quality and leadership continuity.

Division E leadership has also demonstrated strong accountability and club support efforts. Three areas have already completed 100% of required club visits and submitted all reports on time, while two additional areas are very close behind.

Another positive trend is the balance between community clubs and corporate clubs. Corporate clubs such as NIST Toastmasters continue to provide consistent educational achievement, while community clubs are helping expand outreach and membership growth across Montgomery County and surrounding areas. This balance strengthens the division overall and creates more opportunities for member development.

Kudos to the entire Division E leadership team, Area Directors, club officers, mentors, and members whose dedication continues to drive these results. The collaboration, coaching, and support happening across the division are clearly reflected in the numbers, and the progress this year is something the entire team should be proud of.

Division F Report

Executive Summary

- Overall Division Status: Division F consists of 5 Areas and 27 Clubs. Currently, 1 club is President's Distinguished, 1 is Select Distinguished, and 2 are Distinguished.
- Key Highlights: Successfully held Division Speech Contest with 100% area participation.

2. Club Performance (Distinguished Club Program)

- Distinguished Clubs: Crown of Laurel, Silver Spring Toastmasters, She Leads She Speaks, Ullico Toastmasters club
- Struggling Clubs: [Executive Toastmasters Club and Daniel Leadership Toastmasters Club - Dropped in Membership Rolls

3. Area Director Visit Reports

- Round 1 Visits (by Nov 30): ~30%
- Round 2 Visits (by May 31): 30%
- Key Trends/Observations: Most clubs have high member engagement but struggle with contest participants for some reason

4. Division Events (Training and Contests)

- Club Officer Training (COT): Most of the had training needs met
- Speech Contests: Division Contest held on Apr 26, 2026

5. Membership and Growth

- Membership Growth: New Payments over the year 183

8. Public Relations Report

Report Coming Soon !

9. Club Growth Report

CGD Report

Submitted by Jill Vanderweit, May 8, 2026

In the Toastmasters Year 2025-2026, the Club Growth Director team members have worked hard and accomplished a great deal.

Under the Club Retention Chair John Ojeifo, 8 coaches were assigned to clubs with 3-12 members. The coaches have attended club meetings, met with the officers, and have provided club-specific feedback to help these clubs gain members and sustainability.

As yet, these clubs are still working toward their success. And though the overall objective is to encourage them to reach Distinguished – or better – these clubs have achieved some of their interim goals. For instance, all submitted their Club Success Plans on time; and almost all have achieved their DCP Training and Administration goals, and submitted at least one educational goal. Two of the 8 clubs have already achieved enough goals to be Distinguished, but they are still struggling to add members.

As Club Extension Chair, Cristin Birch has followed up on leads for prospective clubs; participated in numerous in-person and online meetings with individuals and organizations that want to know more about Toastmasters; supported several demo meetings for serious prospects; and ultimately helped 4 new clubs charter this year. (The Demo Meeting Team consisted of about 12 members and was led by Ernie Davis.) In addition, we anticipate chartering one more club and one youth-focused gavel club by June.

New clubs require special support and guidance as they begin their journeys in Toastmasters. I have been lucky to work with nearly 20 Toastmasters who volunteered to be sponsors and mentors for the clubs that were formed in 2025 and 2026.

The CGD incentives this year included the following:

- Travel Writer Award for completion of Fall Club Visits – 10 directors were informed of their eligibility for free attendance at the Spring Conference
- War Correspondent Award for completion of Fall and Spring Club Visits - 10 directors will receive \$100 Toastmasters gift certificates
- Trip to Bountiful Award for Smedley Distinguished – no clubs have yet attained this distinction (\$100 TM certificates)
- Up and Coming Award for first 5 struggling clubs to become Distinguished – 4 clubs (so far) FDIC, Unity, Vagabond, and Sunrise will receive \$50 TM certificates
- Look at Me Now Award for first 5 struggling clubs to become Select Distinguished – no clubs have yet attained this distinction (\$75 TM certificates)

10. Program Quality Report

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Prepared by: Augusta Inniss, DTM

It has been an honor to serve District 36 as your Program Quality Director during this historic 2025–2026 Toastmasters year. This term has reflected resilience, collaboration, innovation, and a strong commitment to strengthening the member experience across our District. I extend sincere appreciation to the Program Quality Team, Division Directors, Area Directors, Club Officers, trainers, contest teams, volunteers, and members whose dedication made this year successful.

Your leadership and willingness to serve allowed us to continue providing quality educational and leadership opportunities throughout the District.

This year, our focus remained on club excellence, member engagement, leadership development, and educational achievement. Together, we accomplished:

- **96% Club Success Plan submission rate**
- **71% Education Achievement completion to date**
- **85% district engagement in Pathways**
- **77% of club officers trained through Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)**

To further support our members and leaders, we offered:

- Monthly **“Level Up Lunch Hours with the District Pathways Chair”** to provide Pathways support.
- Monthly **“Third Thursday” New Member Orientation** to introduce new members to District 36, Toastmasters International and Pathways Education Program.
- Weekly **Pathways Support Sessions for Vice Presidents Education** during the second half of the term
- More than **15 educational sessions and electives** during TLI and throughout the Toastmasters year

I am especially proud of the leaders who stepped outside their comfort zones, embraced new opportunities, and grew into impactful servant leaders. Through collaboration across Divisions, Areas, and clubs, we continued building supportive environments that encourage confidence, communication, and leadership growth. As we prepare for the transition into our newly unified District 220, my commitment remains focused on finishing strong by supporting club success, strengthening leadership transitions, and empowering incoming leaders for continued excellence. I hope the legacy of this term will be remembered as one rooted in unity, encouragement, growth, and service.

Thank you, District 36, for the opportunity to serve. Together, we have continued demonstrating the life-changing power of communication, leadership, and community.

11. District Director Report

Arvind Venugopal, DTM

Nurture, Grow, Inspire

Fellow Toastmasters, what a year it has been. Guided by our vision to Nurture, Grow, and Inspire — and energized by International President Aletta Rochat’s call to share the gift of Toastmasters with people everywhere and build teams through validation and joy — District 36 has risen to the moment. As we convene for our final Annual Conference as District 36, I stand before this Council with pride, gratitude, and a clear-eyed focus on finishing strong.

<p>Education & New Members: Our Strengths</p> <p>Member education and new member growth have been our brightest results this year. Clubs opened their doors wide — welcoming new voices, delivering quality meetings, and competing with distinction. Speech contest participation, officer training, and VP Education engagement all reflect a district that takes the promise of Toastmasters seriously. These outcomes belong to every club officer and member who showed up, week after week.</p> <p>Club Renewals & Pathways: Upward Trending</p> <p>Both club renewals and Pathways adoption are tracking upward. Persistent outreach, club visits, and a culture of accountability from our DEC team have driven meaningful progress. Members navigating Pathways are completing levels and earning recognition that reflects real growth. With focused effort in these final weeks, we will close the year on a high note.</p> <p>Our People: The Heart of District 36</p> <p>Our DEC team delivered tireless, creative leadership at every level. Our PR & Marketing team gave District 36 a vibrant, visible voice through storytelling that made members proud. And our PDD/PDG Advisory Group brought wisdom and steady counsel that raised the bar for all of us. To each of you — this year’s results are yours.</p>	<p>DASHBOARD HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● ON TRACK<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Success Plan — on track▶ Administrative requirements — on track📈 CLIMBING TOWARD GOAL<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Member renewals — closing the gap▶ Distinguished Clubs — upward trend🎯 KEY FOCUS — FINAL WEEKS<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Total paid clubs achieving Distinguished or better <p>Every club that crosses the threshold shapes our District’s final standing. This is our collective priority.</p> <p>WE ARE NOT WINDING DOWN. WE ARE SPRINTING TO THE FINISH.</p>
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These final weeks are our opportunity to honor the work of an entire year — and to build a legacy that the new District 220 will stand on. Let us Nurture every club still within reach, Grow every member close to a milestone, and Inspire one another to close this year exactly as we started it — with purpose, passion, and District 36 pride.

12. Unfinished Business & New Business

13. Announcements & Reminders

14. Acknowledgements