

# District 15 Division C Director's Report

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**Division Status:** Division C began the year with 12 clubs spread throughout Northern Utah. In October one club which had been suspended was able to pay their dues and reinstate to give Division C a total of 13 clubs. Thus far in the current dues payment cycle, eight clubs are in good standing, four clubs are below the eight member requirement, one club is currently ineligible (less than three of the original members paid), and one club has not yet submitted any member payments. When the Toastmasters reports are run after the dues payment cycle ends March 31, we will have one club at President's Distinguished – congratulations to More Toasting. More Doing for meeting and in some cases exceeding all 10 goals! Several clubs are close if they can increase their membership. Surprisingly, the lockdown has helped two of the clubs which are meeting online to increase their membership because we have new members from outside Division C.

**Area Directors:** Two Area Directors have the responsibility for four clubs each; one Area Director has five clubs. All Area Directors submitted their reports in the Fall; the Spring visits and report submissions are in progress. One club in the Division has not been meeting at all since the 2020 lockdown; the Area Director has contacted the Club President regarding their status but the club has not yet made a decision on what they plan to do.

**Pathways Adoption:** All Division C Clubs have at least a 50% Pathways Adoption Rate as of March 27. The majority of clubs show a 100% adoption rate for the officers. Division C is a Division which has a number of mature clubs and adoption of Pathways has been difficult in some instances. One of these clubs has a Vice President Education who has pushed her club into the new program; this club has submitted four Level 1 awards, one Level 2 award, and two Level 3 awards during this year.

**Distinguished Club Program:** Division C continues to participate in the Distinguished Club Program. As of March 30, members have completed 24 L1 awards, 15 L2 awards, 12 L3 awards, and 11 L4 and L5 awards. Two of the awards in the Level 4, 5, or DTM category were Distinguished Toastmaster awards. On July 1, 2020, Trevor Nelson earned his DTM award in Pathways and on February 19, 2021, Linda Heydorn earned her DTM award under the traditional program. Congratulations to both! In addition, eight clubs met the goal of having at least four officers trained in both the August and February training periods. Leadership Pathways Toastmasters had all seven officers trained in both periods. I am convinced that being able to attend training online was a factor in our officer training success this year.

**Challenges:** Division C has been impacted by Covid-19 and the inability to meet as we have in person. Many clubs are anxious to get back together, shake hands and exchange hugs. One club has been meeting in person while obeying the safety guidelines, eleven clubs have met online since March 2020 (one has even increased the number of times they meet), and sadly one club is not meeting at all. Membership in this Division has always been a struggle but a few clubs have benefitted by being able to meet online and my hope is that they will be able to continue. Finding places to meet that will accommodate a hybrid format may be difficult once all restrictions are lifted and our world returns back to normal. I feel that the

Covid-19 lockdowns also adversely impacted our ability to hold contests; many members who would normally compete said they did not wish to compete on Zoom.