

District 15 Division D Director's Report

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We started this new Toastmasters year with the pandemic still looming over our heads. We were hopeful but also ready for a tough year ahead with the District. As we approach June, Division D has moved forward with a positive attitude.

- Club numbers and new alignment:

We started with 22 clubs (1 club was in the process of chartering but halted their activity due to COVID) and ended up with 17 clubs. The Division starts with a new realignment, and it also ends with a new realignment in 2021. We need to reshuffle Clubs within the Areas to balance out the load and create a challenge for clubs to interact with different areas after many years. I had a chance to discuss the change with the Realignment committee member - Sarra Idehen - and agreed with her suggestion. We will have only 4 areas and 16 clubs in Division D if the plan is approved.

Current Alignment	New Alignment
D1	D1
TNT Club	TNT Club
Chevron Salty Toastmasters	Taxmasters Club
Broadway Speakers Toastmasters Club	Image Masters Toastmasters Club
Taxmasters Club	Toastmasters @ Progrexion
D2	Broadway Speakers Toastmasters Club
TURN Club	
SLC Amex Toastmasters	D2
USANA Toastmasters	Sunrise Club
D3	Metro Toastmasters Club
Key Toastmasters Club	Key Toastmasters Club
Image Masters Toastmasters Club	Precision Speakers Club
Metro Toastmasters Club	
Toastmasters @ Progrexion	D3
D4	Speaking of Rockets
Sunrise Club	Salty Tongues Club
Speaking of Rockets	Parkway Pontificators
Ruby Mountain Club	Cross-Talkers Club
D5	
Park City Toastmasters Club	D4
Hoots Toastmasters	Park City Toastmasters Club
Precision Speakers Club	Hoots Toastmasters
D6	Ruby Mountain Club
Parkway Pontificators	USANA Toastmasters
Salty Tongues Club	
Cross-Talkers Club	
Murray Chamber Chatters Club	

- Areas:

An Area Director stepped down in early Fall 2020. As a Division Director, I could not find anyone to replace him, so it has been fun and challenging supporting both Area D3 and Division D.

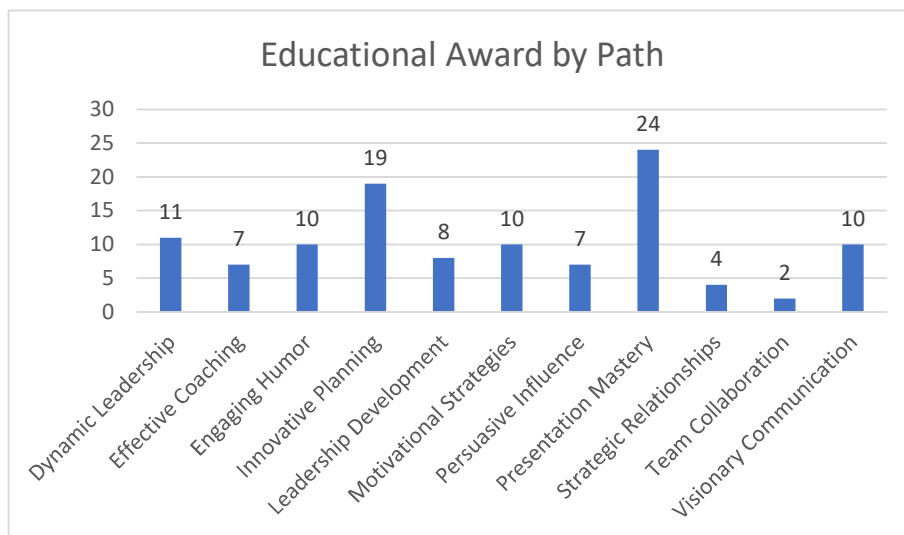
The number of clubs that got at least 4 officers trained was 57% in the fall and 43% in the spring.

- Clubs:

Due to the pandemic, we have lost many clubs this year. Besides, it presents a new learning curve as we move our meeting online. On the other hand, it creates a chance for Toastmasters worldwide to join any meeting with a click of a mouse. Some toastmasters make it a challenge to visit clubs that are on different timelines. Due to low membership, some clubs do joint meetings with other clubs to maintain attendance.

We also got a chance to host Speech contests via Zoom. This creates an advantage for Toastmasters as more companies are planning to adopt working-from-home, we have already prepared our members with the skill to use this technology. We have corporate clubs that invite their coworkers and boss to cheer them up because it's more convenient to attend an online meeting during lunchtime. Some clubs also had their open house. Image Matters in Area D3 even hosted an 8-week accelerated speechcraft program in the Winter.

We also got more than a hundred Educational awards achieved in the Division just this year. We have a good distribution for all 11 paths and levels within the Division. We have 3 DTMs this year as well.



- Pathways adoption:

In addition to people still getting used to Pathways, we had great educational training and materials from Pathways-savvy members. However, there are still several clubs that have not

fully adopted Pathways, some clubs are as low as 70%, which can be explained by clubs that no longer active since the beginning of this fiscal year.

Overall, we experience challenges and get to learn new skills out of the pandemic. This year will be one of the most memorable in the history of Toastmasters as we help develop online meeting skills for members. We got "closer" to toastmasters from around the world with online meetings.