



Program Quality Director Report

Kandi Kutkas, EC5 – April 2024

This year got started fast and furious with the District Leadership training the end of June. With this excitement and fresh energy, we were able to get club officers trained in July and August.

To get more in person opportunities for leadership we held a retreat for all district leaders, Division Directors and Area Directors in Salt Lake City. Sarra, Sameer and I were able to bring fresh information we had just learned from our first Trio training of the year. Along with the presentations and trainings we did, past leaders Annette Krause and Maria Cervantes trained basic Toastmaster practices and policies to help the new leaders in their positions. I also had great assistance from Michael Hachigian our education chair who organized the fall TLI and winter club officer trainings. He has also served on the Conference Committee as facility coordinator and found an evening event for attendees to enjoy the first night of the conference.

Meg White Division B Director and this year's conference chair worked with both Michael and me in organizing the event. She has brought a lot of enthusiasm to this position finding speakers, auction chair, and registration chair. Her hard work will ensure this is one of the best conferences District 15 has had. She brought much energy to both her positions this year, working very well with her Area Directors.

I attended a couple of Division C monthly meetings and while they were finding a location for Area and Division contest went with them to check out the location and to visit one of their newer clubs Division C Director Madeline Armendariz brought much energy to her position, motivating her Area Directors which motivated their clubs.

Division D Director Christine Groberg was great. When things came to push and shove, and her team needed to get something done she got it done. She has also taken on the registration chair responsibility for the conference.

Division A Director Deborah Whitman was very involved with getting her division trained, took on the realignment chair duties and really motivated her Area Directors to reach the goals they needed to.

We introduced a couple of new incentives this year encouraging clubs to get their officers trained and to motivate them to get their goals met. 5 DCP by December 30 and 7 officers trained by the end of the training period.

This has been a great year working with and getting to know everyone I have met throughout the year. I am looking forward to the upcoming Conference and Town Hall coming May 16th. I am looking forward to another successful District 15 Toastmasters year 2024/2025.

Best Regards,

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