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District Director Nancy Potts, DTM Sept 11, 2021 District Council Meeting Report

Thank you District 39 as we move forward in our Toastmaster Leadership year 2021-2022

District 39 Trio and District Leaders raced to the start of our path forward for 2021-2022. Thirty leaders have stepped up to fill Area Director roles to help Division Directors, clubs and members succeed. Kudos to the three leaders Laura Gregory, Donna Lewis and Morgan Hathaway who each volunteered to serve in secondary Area Director Positions. Unfortunately, a new Toastmasters International rule change effective July 1st states that "A member may only serve in one (1) position within any District Executive Committee, as specified in Article XI (a), at any given time." Though the deadline for Leadership Credit has now passed we are still in need of eight Area Directors. Please consider stepping up to serve your District.

It appears our path forward remains largely virtual for the time being. As was set in place last year, District 39 purchased two Zoom accounts for each Division to help our clubs continue to meet virtually. There is no charge for D39 clubs to use one of the District Division Accounts. If your club would like to purchase your own Zoom account using the Toastmasters International and Zoom offer, please feel free to do so however since we have these D39 zoom accounts available there will be no District reimbursement if clubs choose to buy their own account. Hope this helps clarify the recent email from Toastmasters International concerning the 50% discount. District 39's goal is to help our members meet virtually, in person or as hybrid clubs. We have clubs who have zero "club funds". The District Zoom accounts were reviewed and are included in this year's budget. Zoom usage will be reviewed and reassessed in 2022-2023. According to Jonathan Lam, Toastmasters International District Growth and Support Director,

"We appreciate you sharing what the District is doing in support of the clubs. The ideal situation is for the clubs to own their accounts, but we understand that this was not feasible, until now, with the discount codes.

Depending on the District's subscription with Zoom, the District may work with the clubs to inform them when the District's subscription expires or if the District can cancel its subscription and the club can get their own account."

District 39 needs a consistent meeting platform whether virtual, hybrid or in person to help our clubs, areas and divisions work towards distinguished status. We are aiming for 100% of our 125 clubs to reach distinguished between June 1st through June 30th, 2022. We anticipate 69 of those clubs will reach Smedley Distinguished. Our clubs are working intently towards being Distinguished! Now is the time to set goals. Use the Distinguished Club Program report at every Board or even club meeting to encourage your members to succeed. Dashboard:

<http://dashboards.toastmasters.org/District.aspx?id=39>

We cannot thank our Committee Chairs and Committee members enough for their incredibly diligent work.

- Credentials Committee Report Sue Eisberg, DTM
- Year End 2020-2021 Audit Report Donna Lewis, DTM
- Proxy Chair Louise Houdelette, DTM
- District Leadership Committee Ed Johnson, IPDD, DTM
- District Realignment Committee Jill Fay DTM
- Parliamentarian Rick Sydor, PID, DTM, RP-R

District 39 Accomplishments include but are not limited to:

- District 39 2021-2022 Budget
- District 39 2021-2022 Success Plan
- District Council team 2021-2022
- Training and Education -Club Officers, Area & Division Directors, Pathways, Zoom

~ Our Path Forward

- Retaining members and building new clubs
- Dues are due September 30, 2021 reminders
- Public Relations items including the Spotlight of Distinguished Toastmaster “Frank Taylor DTM”
<https://www.district39.org/>

Thank you Executive Committee members and teams: Program Quality Director, Gutherz IP3; Club Growth Director, Lance McMahan, DTM; Public Relations Manager, VeenaVijayaraj-Kadidal, DTM; Finance Manager, Kristine Porter, PM1; Administration Manager, Minda Fernish, DTM

Reports: <https://www.toastmasters.org/my-toastmasters/profile/district-central/district-success-plan/district-success-plan>

Club Growth Director, Lance McMahan and his teams are working hard on retaining members and building new clubs. We currently have 24% of our October dues paid by members. All member dues are due September 30th. Since July 1, 2021 87 new members have joined. Club coach positions are still available as 58 clubs are eligible for coaches (40.6%), Thank you to our newest assigned Club Coaches; Melanie Stark (Coaching: Lodi Toastmaster Club) and Donna Lewis (Coaching: Speaking From The Heart Toastmasters Club)

Program Quality Director Denise Alder Gutherz, Training Manager Russ Steele and their teams have been working hard training club officers. 92 clubs had at least four officers trained while 18 Clubs had 7 of 7 officers trained: 489 Officers were trained. Second session of Officer training begins in November. 64% of our Area and Division Directors are trained. Next Area Director training September 18, 2021 <https://www.district39.org/calendar-events/>

Earning Educational Awards help our members succeed. “If you work the program, the program works.” Since July 1st our members have earned 129 Educational Awards! Congratulations to our Triple Crown recipients. Reham Nawar with 8 achievements, Frank Taylor with four achievements, Wandafaye Portman and Ann Marie Rose each with three achievements. <https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/pathways-dtm-award-application>

Area Directors are working hard. 3% of our Area Director club visits are complete. Round one submission due November 30th (Round 2 May 31st). Welcome your Area Directors as they come forward to support your club and members.

Let’s enjoy the Humorous Speech Contest Season which is happening now! Club contest are taking place as regulations permit: virtual, hybrid or in person. Clubs may send contestants (virtually only above club level) to their Area and Division Contests held this fall. Winners will compete virtually at the District Spring Conference in May. (There will be no Table Topics District sponsored contests.) Evaluation and International Speech contests will take place in the new year and winners will compete virtually at the Spring Conference. As in the past clubs may conduct club contests or use club selection to determine contestants to represent their club at the Area level. Let’s add some laughter to our meetings. Spring Conference will be hybrid COVID regulations as permitting. All contests past club level will be held virtually.

Toastmasters International has been recognized as the leading organization dedicated to communication and leadership skill development for more than 95 years. Thank you for being a member! If you have not yet renewed your membership now is the time to do so.

The trio and the Advisory Team decided that due to recent rise in covid cases and related regulations the October and November DECMs will be held virtually. District Executive Committee Meeting: October 9, 2021 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will aim for a possible Hybrid December meeting/event.

District 39 recognizes the extra challenges clubs, their members, families and friends have been under that are affected by the current wildfires. We are working together to keep our District 39 Toastmaster family safe, healthy, laughing and succeeding as we travel on “our path forward” together in these new normal times.

Optimistically yours,
Nancy Potts DTM
District 39 Director

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Please join me in thanking and supporting our current District 39 2021-2022 Leaders!

<i>District Director</i>	Potts	Nancy	Division Director	H	Lamont	Michael
<i>Program Quality Director</i>	Gutherz	Denise Alder	<i>Area Director</i>	H 81	Ruiz	Gregory
<i>Club Growth Director</i>	McMahan	Lance	<i>Area Director</i>	H 82	Pickens	Tammy
<i>Administration Manager</i>	Fernish	Minda	<i>Area Director</i>	H 83		
<i>Finance Manager</i>	Porter	Kristine	<i>Area Director</i>	H 84	Moore	Mandaris
<i>Public Relation Manager</i>	Vijayaraj-Kadidal	Veena	Division Director	I	Prestwood	Jim
<i>Immediate Past District Director</i>	Johnson	Ed	<i>Area Director</i>	I 91	Littleton	Deborah
Division Director	A	Swann	<i>Area Director</i>	I 92	Bahler	Kristen
<i>Area Director</i>	A 11	Sullens	<i>Area Director</i>	I 93	Owens	Ann
<i>Area Director</i>	A 12	Sandoval	<i>Area Director</i>	I 94	Sontra	Susan
<i>Area Director</i>	A 13	Swann	Division Director	J	Chacko	Jay
<i>Area Director</i>	A 14	Grossman	<i>Area Director</i>	J 01	Coopwood	Lieutenant
Division Director	B	Gregory	<i>Area Director</i>	J 02	Sahoo	Rashmi
<i>Area Director</i>	B 21	Murphy	<i>Area Director</i>	J 03	Clark	Eva
<i>Area Director</i>	B 22		<i>Area Director</i>	J 04	Long	Cheri
<i>Area Director</i>	B 23	Inman	<i>Area Director</i>	J 05	O'Neill	Rozaida
Division Director	C	Haylor	Audit Committee Chair		Nunez	Sondra
<i>Area Director</i>	C 31	Diamond	Club Extension Chair		Waldrop	Joey
<i>Area Director</i>	C 32	Carly	Club Retention Chair		Rodriguez	Angie
<i>Area Director</i>	C 33		Community Judging Chair		Long	Herb
Division Director	D	Mendez	Credentials Chair		Eisberg	Susan
<i>Area Director</i>	D 41	Hathaway	DD's Advisor Team Chair		Steele	Russ
<i>Area Director</i>	D 42	Gomez	District Leadership Committee Chair		Johnson	Ed
<i>Area Director</i>	D 43	Burrue	District Parliamentarian		Sydor	Rick
Division Director	E	Jaradat	Hybrid Manager:		Beck	Dylan
<i>Area Director</i>	E 51	Houdelette	Logistics Manager		Hatano	Cindy
<i>Area Director</i>	E 52		Pathways Manager		Rodriguez	Angie
<i>Area Director</i>	E 53	Lewis	PDG Advisor		Steele	Russ
<i>Area Director</i>	E 54		PDG Advisor		Hatano	Brian
Division Director	F	Chima	PDG Advisor		Nunez	Sondra
<i>Area Director</i>	F 61		PDG Advisor		Johnson	Wes
<i>Area Director</i>	F 62	Dyer-Oliver	PDG Advisor		Waldrop	Joey
<i>Area Director</i>	F 63	Venugopalan	PDG Advisor		Jarosik	George
<i>Area Director</i>	F 64		Proxy Chair		Houdelette	Louise
Division Director	G	Knight	Realignment Comm.Chair		Fay	Jill
<i>Area Director</i>	G 71	Frasche	Technology Manager:		Betowski	David
<i>Area Director</i>	G 72	Zulkader	Webmaster		Johnson	Wes
<i>Area Director</i>	G 73		<i>Zoom Manager:</i>		Bedell	Linda
<i>Area Director</i>	G 74	Cooke				