



Division C Director Report

31 March 2022

It has been a busy start to the year with all Areas running their speech contests in February and the Division C Contest in March. The Area Directors quickly adjusted to organizing their contests online rather than in-person. Congratulations to all the contestants.

Area Directors have started their second round of club visits. I look forward to reading their reports and hearing how the clubs are faring.

Although membership is down across most clubs, our members are still achieving awards as follows:

Level 1: 25 awards completed so far this year

Level 2: 12 awards completed so far this year

Level 3: 7 awards completed so far this year

Level 4 and 5: 10 awards completed so far this year

Well done to those members and for those working towards completing a Level, there are still (at the time of this report) three months left of the current toastmasters year so keep it up.

At the time of writing this report, many clubs have yet to submit their April renewals so it is difficult to accurately report on the membership numbers for this current period. I do note that of the clubs that have renewed to date, with a couple of exceptions the membership numbers are down from the previous period. However, this is sadly to be expected given the Covid-19 pandemic affecting many aspects of our lives at present. It is encouraging to hear that some clubs are meeting online or having hybrid meetings (where some members join in via zoom and the balance meet in person). The success of the speech contests has shown that with a bit (okay a lot) of organizing beforehand it is possible to have a well run meeting on zoom as well as in-person.

It has been a privilege to be your Division Director this year. It was a few steps out of my comfort zone but I discovered it wasn't as scary as I thought it would be and I have had a lot of support from my Area Directors – Doug Fraser, Craig McGregor, Karen Squires and Peter van Lokven. I would encourage anyone out there who has perhaps been an area director in the past, to give the role of Division Director a go!

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