



Immediate Past District Director Report

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As this is my final report as the immediate past president, I would like to reflect a bit on the journey I have been on for the last three years.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my years as PQD and DD, I have learned an enormous amount about leadership and myself.

The amount of help and mentoring that I received from Past District Directors and the Membership over those 3 years really shows the strength of the District which is the willingness of the membership to help out wherever possible.

The connections that the District leadership has formed with Region 12 adds so much experience and friendship to the District and we must continue to honor and grow those connections.

Over the year as Immediate Past District Director I have noticed that the District is not passing on the knowledge that we have as well as what we should be, especially in regards to our Area and Division Directors who are looking to continue their journey in Leadership,.

As the chair of the District Leadership committee this lack of knowledge about the Organization and Leadership with in the organization shows me that we have work to do in this area and I encourage future leaders of this District to look at how we can improve this situation.

To have come through the last 4 years as we battled Covid and financial challenges well as we have is a credit to the members of this District and while we have lost Divisions, Areas, Clubs and membership the spirit of the District still shone through, it has been a tough few years and I'm, sure that there will be more challenges ahead of us as a District, So I would like to encourage the membership to continue supporting the incoming Leadership team as they face these challenges as best they can.

I want to thank the District for allowing me to have the opportunity to be a leader of this District for the last 3 years, I have learnt so much and I am so much more confident in myself and this is what Toastmasters is all about allowing people to achieve growth both personally and professionally.

To all the Teams I have worked with and lead over the last 3 years, It has been an absolute pleasure to have met you and work with you and I wish you all the best in your continuing journey wherever it may take you.

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