

District Director Kandi Kutkas Report

Hello leaders,

I am Kandi Kutkas, District 15 Director. As your District Director, my role and responsibilities are to directly oversee and manage the District's day-to-day operations, finances, and human resources. Fortunately, I have a team of District leaders to help fulfill these responsibilities. You have heard reports from the team. Our District mission is to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

The District Base Membership payments are at 1,644. The current membership payment as of 9/26/2024 is 551. The membership payments to achieve a Distinguished District is 1,661. The goal is to achieve 1,661 member payments by June 30, 2025.

There is much action and excitement for the 2024-2025 Toastmasters year. District 15 has started off with a bang with training for Division and Area Directors trained in late June and September. Club officers were trained in July and August getting us off to a great start towards being Distinguished for the 2024-2025 Toastmasters year.

District 15 hosted Region 1 Advisor Rose Kirland September 18-23, 2024 visit. Throughout the week we visited corporate and community clubs, held a leadership retreat in Park City Utah, participated in strategic planning sessions, had one on one training opportunities and enjoyed fellowship. We received valuable constructive feedback from members which we take very seriously.

We are continuing our incentive programs of 5 DCP goals by December 30, 7 of 7 officers trained, open house reimbursement along with adding new ones such as 8 is GREAT! for having 8 members paid by September 15th. Please check out the District 15 website at district15speaks.org to get details on these incentives and others we are continuing to promote.

There has been a new member orientation training that all members are welcome to attend and will assist members on how to navigate Toastmasters website, pathways programs, and district15speaks.org website for all resources available to them, this is being completed every other month. There will be a pathways training to all members with the new Pathways program roll out in October. Please watch for these trainings on our District 15 website. There are also opportunities to attend trainings in other districts throughout the region.

I invite you to lean into leadership, be a part of this great district and invite current members to renew, take on President Randhi Spear, DTM challenge to invite 1 guest to your club meetings by December 31, 2024 and share your WHY toastmasters is so important and the benefits one can gain from the program.

We face many challenges; however it is NOT new to us! We have faced them in the past yet we continued to move forward with resilience and commitment. Let's keep that momentum going, supporting and uplifting one another in collaboration to achieve our goals in this journey.

Thank you leaders for stepping up and being there for members. Thank you members for your trust and support.

District 15 can achieve goals of 60 clubs and 1661 membership payments and 21 distinguished clubs together, unified on purpose.