

# District 69 District Director Report

## September 2024

*"Help Yourself by Helping Others" - John Templeton*

District 69 has started the year strongly with most of the District Officers attending the District Leader Training in late June and very high numbers of Club Officers attending the various Club Officer Training sessions. The District Trio attended training and the TI Convention in mid-August.

I congratulate all those who have embraced this year's theme and taken on roles as club and district officers to help themselves and the district's members. Although we had a couple of Area Directors resign for personal reasons, we have been able to replace them.

I thank all those who put together and/or participated as trainers for all the training sessions (both DLT and COT). Without your efforts our clubs and members would not have the support of the capable leaders they deserve.

I encourage you all to ensure that your members and clubs submit their semi-annual dues to Toastmasters International prior to 30 September 2024. Please remind them that if the Club does not have 8 members signed up, it will be considered as "Not in Good Standing" and members will not be able to compete in the Speech Contests nor can they vote at the District Council meeting. Individual members who have not renewed their membership will lose access to Pathways.

I encourage all members to participate in the club contests that are currently under way and then to support your fellow club members as they progress through the Area, Division and District level speech contests. By doing so you will gain valuable experience in a different environment, which will add to your speaking skills and improve your confidence.

A strong contingent of District 69 members also attended the Centennial Toastmasters International Convention in Anaheim. Although there were some glitches, all enjoyed their experience, particularly the International Speech Contests. We congratulate Colin Williams on his semi-final presentation. Although biased, several of us thought he should have progressed to the final.

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