

Division A Governor's Report by Robert Puhalla
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As per usual, along with the other divisions, Division A has had its share of ups and downs along with both good and bad news.

The bad news is that I have struggling clubs one of which just about folded in the past year. At the same time the good news is that I have growing clubs who have seen an overall increase in membership. Not to mention clubs that, through gains and losses, have remained at or about the same number of members.

My personal feeling is that the best news is that irregardless of the size all of my clubs have a great core membership of dedicated members who realize the benefits of Toastmasters and continue to strive to better their abilities.

I'm particularly impressed by the members that were first time contestants within our various area contests.

On a personal side I am winding down having served as Area and Division Governor over the last four years and want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been such a help over the last four years. You'll notice that I indicated ownership of the clubs by calling them mine. In no way am I indicating that I had anything to do with their strengths. Its that I've had such a privilege, the last four years, serving the members and have become to think of them as part of my Toastmaster family. Again thanks to the various District officers, the division/area governors, and especially the individual members that made the last four years so enjoyable.