

## DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S CORNER – JULY 1, 2019

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your 2019-2020 District Director! I am happy to have Ramona Baylor and Michael Beach serving as Program Quality Directors for the East and West and Tim Edwards and Karlene Fyffe Phillips serving as Club Growth Directors for the West and East as part of the 2019-2020 Leadership team. Working closely with the District Leadership team will be Nehal Tanna, District Administration Manager and Lana Torkildsen, District Finance Manager. Returning to serve a second year with the District Leadership team is David Lindquist, District Public Relations Manager and Peter Agiovlassitis, District Logistics Manager.

As we move into the new Toastmasters year, please take a moment and thank all those who made 2018-2019 a success by almost any measurement. When the District 37 2018-2019 books are closed, it will show:

- 4530 members in 230 clubs
- 18 new clubs chartered adding 429 members
- 66 President's Distinguished Clubs
- 17 Select Distinguished Clubs
- 26 Distinguished Clubs
- 617 Legacy Educations Awards Achieved
- 1084 Pathways Education Awards Achieved
- 43 New Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM)

District 37 achieved two of the three District DCP goals for being a Distinguished District. We achieved our goal for the number of clubs and exceed the District goal for number of Distinguished clubs. Achieving each District goal was a significant achievement. Bill Marlow, thanks for your leadership in the 2018-2019 Toastmasters year.

Looking forward to 2019-2020 we will have a few challenges but many more opportunities. We are well positioned for the challenge of splitting the District July 1, 2020. Our challenge will be to find new leaders for District 37 (West) and District 117 (East) for the 2020-2021 Toastmasters year. Our opportunity will be to make 2019-2020 a Distinguished year for District 37.

For 2019-2020, I would like to challenge **every Toastmaster in District 37 to achieve at least one education award for the new Toastmasters year**. Think of the boost we can make for District 37 if 4500 members all achieved at least one education award! What a way to create a legacy for District 37. Every member achieving an award! My challenge to Everyone, get started now with your plan to achieve either a Pathways education award or a legacy education award during the 2019-2020 year.

-Elmer Hill