



District Director Report for District Council – September 2023

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Portfolio	The District Director is responsible for directly overseeing and managing the District's day-to-day operations, finances, and human resources in support of the District Mission.
<u>District Mission</u> We build new clubs and support ALL clubs in achieving excellence!	

2023/2024 Theme: Building A Legacy

Vision: Creating Two Healthy, Sustainable Districts by 30 June 2024

We are Southern African Toastmasters District 74 – Legacy Builders

Dr Ralph C. Smedley embody the theme when he stated: *“Ours (meaning Toastmasters) is the only organization I know dedicated to the individual, we work together to bring out the best in each of us, and we use these skills to help others.”*

Since 1950, when Harry Olden gave birth to the first and oldest Toastmasters club (Johannesburg Toastmasters Club) on the African continent, the landscape of communication and leadership have been transformed on the African continent and Southern Africa (specifically).

Toastmasters Southern Africa (also known as District 74) was established in 1978 as a non-profit organization to help corporate and community groups in Southern Africa develop public speaking and leadership skills. Toastmasters Southern Africa boasts over 250 clubs in Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

For the past 45 years of its existence, Southern African Toastmasters District 74 has seen leaders creating opportunities and impacting thousands of individuals to take up their communication and leadership journeys.

Our gratitude and thanks to every leader over the 45 years existence that have kept our Southern African Toastmasters District 74 remain relevant and active despite many challenges, they continued with passion that is why we are here and privileged to continue their legacy.

How do we continue their legacy and sustain “Building A Legacy” in 2023/2024?

- Build new clubs – expanding the impact of Toastmasters in low density areas with our District 74
- Return on investment for members – supporting members to engage and receive recognition for their communication and leadership journeys as they participate in the world-renown Toastmasters International Pathways program.
- Build 20+strong member clubs – building a sustainable club model where members can flourish.
- Building Leadership for the future – set up leaders for a successful start towards the creation of the two healthy, sustainable districts on 1 July 2024.

Who will be “Building A Legacy” in 2023/2024?

You and I (We) will do this together.

Leading this passionate drive is our Cabinet, Division Directors, Area Directors, Club Officers and members!

Since 1 July 2023, various initiatives have been embarked upon, amongst others:

- Our Program Quality Directors, Zivai Matondo and GrannyBe Botha, and their team have excelled in completing both District Officer Training and Club Officers Training successfully. The drive to have all members registered and active on the Toastmasters International Pathways program is underway, which includes new member orientation.
- Our Club Growth Directors, Ravin Papiiah and Bhekisisa Ngomane, and their team have already given birth to two new clubs, and there are more clubs on its way. The Club Growth Academy aims to support and provide tools to our members to create a platform for sharing ideas, tools and initiatives to grow new clubs in our District.
- Our Public Relations Manager, Yonela Motloun, and her dedicated team has raised the visibility of our Southern African Toastmasters brand through the PR Academy, the legacy building focus in our Achievers Magazine, expanding the content of our District YouTube Channel, just to name a few.
- Our Finance Manager, Bryton Masiya, is diligently focused to enabling effective use of District resources in achieving our District Mission with the work done in concluding our budget preparations.
- Our Administration Manager, Sikhanyisile Mabhena, supports our District’s operational effectiveness and keeps us on track to meet our administrative responsibilities.
- Our 14 Division Directors and 64 Area Directors are working closely with our Club Executives and members to focus on quality clubs where our members have a safe haven to develop their communication and leadership skills, so members receive value from being part of Toastmasters International.
- Recognition for our members, clubs, areas and divisions through the Club Fitness Reward (CFR) program, for the efforts and hard work in achieving their communication and leadership goals will be a key focus in this year.

Special opportunities in 2023/2024 for our District

District Conference MayCon 2024 – Themed: DreamCon will be hosted in the Johannesburg/Gauteng area – where everything started way back in 1950. Do pre-registration so you will have access to the early bird special, coming soon!

The History of Southern African Toastmasters District 74 – This project is lead by our Immediate Past District Director, Andrew Tsuro, and our Legacy Builders – Past District Governors/Past District Directors.

Let’s Do It! Legacy Builders of Southern African Toastmasters District 74

Every member in our District is a legacy builder – You and I (We) together can make the vision of Two Healthy, Sustainable Districts by 30 June 2024 a reality!

I look forward to our legacy journey together and celebrating each member on their journey of growth!

Yours in Legacy Building,



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