



Toastmasters District 74

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District Council Reports

Division Directors

Division Director Report *(2026 Council)*

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Division Director Name:

Sakhile Mazibia

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Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

Division Amplify's goal is President's Distinguished Division.

To achieve this, we will:

1. End the year with 18 clubs (16 base, 1 chartered Green Berets 30 January 2026 & Gibbs University June 2026).
2. Achieve 9 Distinguished clubs (strong performing clubs with healthy membership promising to get us distinguished and above: Alberton ,Green Speakers, Green Beret, Gold Reef, Sasol Energy, Communicator for good, Absa Breakfast, Absa Absolute, Johannesburg, Standard bank Operations

The How:

Educationals:

Most clubs are lagging behind on educational, goals, to remedy this we are encouraging members to be catalyst of their own success by showing up and leveraging the district Level 1 and base camp campaign and starting in April we will target members to come deliver their speeches at PowerHour level UP in partnership with my mentor Estelle, District Admin Manager. We encouraging president and exco to send personal email to members who are due to complete their level 1 and amplify attendance at district level 1 and division power hour evenings

Membership:

Supporting clubs needing net growth: Dial parties with area director and executive starting 26 March 2026

Supporting the Open House at Gibbs planned for the 7 April to ensure we deliver a compelling open house and add 20 new members

Supporting opportunity clubs by allocating personalized coach and assisting where there is no capacity from exco leverage easy speak platform

Division Team:

A1 Nicola Casson/ Mathieson ,A2 Carmelita Kruger, A3 Fortune Radebe, A4 Nthombeni

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

Timeous updates are shared on the WhatsApp council group and where there is escalations we schedule brainstorming zoom connect .

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

AD Nicola leading the Open House under CGD's guidance at Gibbs planned for the 7 April to ensure chartering in this toastmasters year

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

Email reminder to all corporate clubs were sent on the 04 March and so far we are seeing a few corporate clubs being verified complete. Community clubs using different strategies to ensure they protect membership numbers (monthly payments etc.,) As division dial parties in progress to remind current and old members to renew

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

A1 and A2 Contest successfully and A3 & A4 contest planned for the 28 March. Division contest in collaboration with division E scheduled for 11 April everything is on track

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

- Ignite: Net growth 13 needed; prefers internal tactics.
- WBS: Zero net growth; open house planned post-Easter.
- The Sages: Negative growth; requires coach and DCP support.
- Lavenir: -1 growth; needs 2 DCP goals to reach distinguished.

Strategy: Personalized coaching, EasySpeak support, and leveraging district bootcamps and mentoring
Encouraging members to bring guest to every meeting and include member moment even if its 2 minutes of testimonials in every meeting

Area Success Stories:

A4: Alberton & Gold Reef sitting on 6 DCP goals; poised for distinguished possibly president distinguished once membership renewed.

A3: Absa Breakfast: 12 net growth; 6 DCP goals achieved.

A1: GreenSpeakers: 9 goals; nearing President's Distinguished status and if they shoot for the moon they will finish Smedley

A3: Area director reports in for all 4 clubs followed by A2 area director

Super Proud of the 2025-26 Cabin Crew for amplifying their commitment so we achieve success and support the district directors vision to become Smedley Distiguished

We will not give up on any club and we will finish strong

Other information / Comments

Focus remains on member experience, club quality, and sustainable growth and ensuring clubs have a smooth succession as we elect and usher the new leadership

Division Amplify is on track to achieve President's Distinguished status. Through strategic club support, membership growth, and coaching fragile clubs

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Division Director Name:

Willene Venter

Date Submitted

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Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

Goal to retain 90% of present clubs, dues payable, ensuring verified clubs. Working towards 2 new clubs

Division Team:

Peter Ahmad, Carol-Ann Savosnick, Lewis Dube, Glenis Whitehead, Tom Horne, Angie Kivido

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

Weekly online meeting via Zoom, whatsapp calls. Direct calls every 2 weeks

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

FNB This has all of a sudden showed renewed interest once HR started understanding the limits on their members not being able to progress past Icebreaker speeches. This has prompted discussions on financial viability for the corporate

Mercedes is also in discussion as per emails. It is being watched closely. Timelines are not there yet Capitec- the focus has at lo g last shifted from speechcraft to a full on club possibility. Lorna and Crail-°Ann are working on it

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

We have deveoped an ad campaign which focusses on the lower dollar rand situation. AD's are also dealing direct with each club to keep the narrative going and encouraging part patmemmts from December already

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

B1 - 31 March - Table View, Winelands, Vodacom and Siemans are working together

B3 - 19 March - Act and Algoa working together on this

Division - 18 April - Lorna, Carol-Ann, Peter and myself

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

Areas B1 and B2 have excellent AD which keep me up to date. Early intervention helps here

B3 I am myself keeping my fi ger on the pulse. The only club I have no contact with is Thriving which is a worry for me

B4 myself and Lorna mentor Nelly to ensure nothing falls through the cracks. Peter is also helping here

Area Success Stories:

Resuscitation of Atlantic to Thriving
Santam in B1

Peter and Carol-Ann stepping alongside Lewis. Once it was clear that he could not cope, Carol-Ann stepped back in.

Other information / Comments

None

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Division Director Name:

Lorna Holtman

Date Submitted

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Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

My goal is to be President Select

Division Team:

Area Directors Nick, Nadeem, Gabi and CJ

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

We have regular meetings. We have a Division Council WA group and this is our preferred method of communication. Individual ADs also communicate with me or fellow ADs.

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

New Clubs in the pipeline: EMERIS , NSFAS, GALLAGHER FOUNDATION Development Bank of Namibia. And one chartering 1 April, Merchants Toastmasters Club.

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

Each one bring one. Fomo created using VC clubs. Incentives and recognition are important.

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

4 Area Contests 7 March 2026.

ADs ran their own contests. Checked in with me. I supported from the back.

Division C Contest 18 April 2026

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

Universal Speakers needs a coach.

The Grove needs a coach.

Area Success Stories:

100% trained in C1 and C3

C4: new club Merchants TC

3 Clubs are VC

10 Clubs have Distinguished status depending on April membership.

Other information / Comments

Thanks to my mentor Granny Be007, Estelle AM always ready to help.
All DvDs and cabinet members thabk you.
ADs C1 to C5 well done for being the best ADs.

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Division Director Name:

Nontobeko Mhlongo

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Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

Goal is to be a President's Distinguished club. We are working on chartering 2 new clubs and trying to rescue 3 existing clubs. Supporting clubs with DCP goals training and Division onboarding session on the 30th of March to ensure new members understand how their individual goals benefit the club, Area, Division and District

Division Team:

Division Dynamite

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

We meet monthly every 2nd Monday and chat via WhatsApp, have phone calls and see each other at club events

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

Durban North Toastmasters led by AD Viv Boddy, DTM needs help with securing final half of charter members. Time To Talk led by AD Gil Harper is also in need support to secure charter members. Charter documents have been submitted for both clubs.

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

Supporting clubs with getting VC. Additional training for members to refresh interest.

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

Area contests were on 21 March 2026 and Division Contest is on 11 April 2026.

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

Online clubs are struggling across the board especially corporate clubs. Hybrid and in-person clubs fair better.

Area Success Stories:

Managed to get all clubs VC. More clubs participating in contest. Division membership above base shows clubs having net growth.

Other information / Comments

I am proud of Division D and our contribution to the District goal to be Smedley Distinguished at the end of the year.

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Division E

Division Director Name:

Gcobisa Sigwili

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Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

Getting qualifying clubs President Distinguished

Division Team:

Division of Excellence

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

WhatsApp,Meetings,CallsRed

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

Reena,Xhanti,Set,Gcobisa

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

Interesting club initiatives

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

Division contest 11 April 2026

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

Renewal issues across division

Area Success Stories:

4th Dimension,5th Dimension,Empower her

Other information / Comments

None

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Division Director Name:

Lesedi Masina

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Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

The goal for Division F is President Distinguished. Ensure that every Area grows by atleast 1 club

Division Team:

Area Directors

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

We have a meeting once a month

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

Krugersdorp toastmasters club - AD Modieng Ramekosi

Vetspeak toastmasters - Jaco Theron

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

The strategy was to get the corporates to submit their invoices early

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

All Area and Division Contests have been completed

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

We have the following clubs that need some attention. Wesbank, rainbow and Randwater (from a quality perspective)

Area Success Stories:

Other information / Comments

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