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**“Coming together is the beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.”**

— Henry Ford

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

What has a beginning definitely has an end. We have come to the end of the **2021-2022 TM year**, It is my belief that you have become a better Leader & Communicator, in this issue, We shall take time to reminisce over the year's Achievements, Areas of Opportunity & many memorable moments that have made the year Awesome!!! Enjoy the read!

**Antony K. Kariuki,
Division A PR MANAGER**

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FINAL WORD FROM DIVISION A DIRECTOR



8760 hours ago, Division Awesome Council embarked on a trip to make a tasty, tantalizing wrap. Today that wrap is comprised of memories, milestones and mysteries. Our Division A recipe focused on leveraging the power of each one to do more so that we would emerge stronger together.

We look back and celebrate all our Awesome Toastmasters clubs – Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mount Meru, Dar, Bongo, Masaki’s Executive, Mombasa Island, Kericho Gold, NYALI, Tamarind Mombasa and Speaking Woman. Members dedicated themselves to growth and personal development with zeal and enthusiasm. Quality club meetings, open houses, debates, socials and even sizzling contests were the order of the day.

Members plugged into various training opportunities offered with vim and verve. Officer training, Speaker to Trainer, Sponsor / Mentor /Coach training and an excellent PR Masterclass were key ingredients in leadership success.

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This Success is the Culmination of leveraging the power of each one of our Members to do More. Truly we have become stronger together.

Our recipe occasionally required tweaks, twists and turns in order to have the desired outcome. Members whose zeal waned midway, vanishing Club , clubs that experienced upheaval, membership renewal challenges were some of these. Nevertheless, that is part of the Toastmasters learning curve and we took it in stride.

Our joy is full as we welcome on board our newborn Toastmasters clubs - Tanzanite and Mombasa Executives. We are certain that these members will bloom, thrive and soar in the safe Toastmaster's environment. What joy to behold a dashboard resplendent with Division Awesome member achievements and awards, Distinguished Clubs and Areas. The icing on the cake is 7 Distinguished Clubs, 3 Distinguished Areas & a President's Distinguished Division Awesome, A great Feat indeed! Division Awesome success is the culmination of all that progress. Look out for more details in this edition.

My sincere appreciation to Division Awesome Council members who stepped up to serve wholeheartedly. Program Quality Director Eva Kimani, Club Growth Director Oltesh Thobias DTM, Public Relations Manager Antony Kimani, Area Directors John Nzira, Rodrique Msechu and Christine Karue.

Thank you so much for your unwavering support in this epic journey. I confidently pass on the reins of Division A to the next crop of stewards. Keep watering, pruning and nurturing this vast, fertile land. "Where grass has grown, grass will grow." Frank Odoi.

It's a wrap!

Terry Odiko, DTM

Division Awesome Director 21-22

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CGD OLTESH THOBIAS,DTM FINAL REMARKS!

My term as the Club Growth Director for Division A, was quite an interesting, engaging, & challenging one. Irrespective of the circumstances I had the opportunity to engage with the three amazing Area Directors.

I also had the occasion to hold face-to-face meetings in three locations(amidst a “nyama-choma” conversation) despite the travel restrictions that were imposed during the peak seasons of COVID-19. I paid visits to Area Directors located in Arusha, Dar-es-salaam, & Mombasa.

I would like to thank them for their support, availability & continued engagement that allowed us to work together as a team,in order to meet the objectives of the Division. We were able to keep the clubs afloat as well as to charter new clubs.

I also had the chance to work with the Division Director, Terry Odiko, who was always available to provide golden nuggets whenever I needed some guidance,words of wisdom



or encouragement. I am ever grateful for this opportunity which provided a platform to work with wonderful individuals!

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FINAL WORD! FROM AD, JOHN NZIRA & INCOMING DIVISION A DIRECTOR

The fact that **Area 1** is the first Area you see on the Toastmasters' dashboard, meant that I was constantly under so much pressure, it's like sitting in front of the class, where you are visible to everyone. Luckily the pressure was channelled into proactive and creative leadership all thanks to the Division Director, Terry Odiko and the Division Awesome council.

I loved working with both the Division and my Area council because we all spoke the same language, Excellence. Initially, I thought the AD role would take so much of my work/ play time and I wouldn't have fun but that wasn't the case. I had so much fun planning, learning, talking to people and even discovering I could make a good graphics designer.

My highlights include Area contests, open houses, AD visits & chartering of Tanzanite Toastmasters, a vibrant community of educators.



As a mentor, I am still figuring out how to take Kilimanjaro TM to Greater heights and be a President's Distinguished Club one day.

It seems like I have to enjoy the front row seat because I now have the honour to serve the district once again, as Division A Director in the next TM year and luckily I am in the safe hands of my colleagues in the council who agreed to step in as advisors.

I am looking forward to a journey of growth, learning and success.

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LEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AD,CHRISTINE KARUE

Wangu Kamundia,DTM is famous in District 114 for the amazing trainings she gives.My most memorable one,was when she trained us on how to apply the DISC leadership personality questionnaire. Dominance(D) and influence(I) are usually found to go together while steadiness(S) and conscientiousness(C) are said to couple up. The aim is to understand our leadership style and use this knowledge to lead our members. But it is not just about leading, it is where we are Leading to.

Toastmasters International has provided us with a wealth of information gathered over 90+ years accessible in the toastmasters website www.toastmasters.org. This information allows us to manage our clubs, areas, divisions and district and build towards success. I have been honored to hold many leadership position since I joined toastmasters.

Whenever I exit the position, my predecessors comment that I made it look so easy and ask what the secret is. The secret is simply SYSTEMS. In my experience, I have witnessed leaders make the mistake of trying to create their own



system to the detriment of their team and members.Do not get me wrong though, I am not against innovation, what I am saying is first take time to understand the system before adjusting it because Strong systems make good people look great, weak systems make good people look bad -Craig Groeschel.

Historical theory makers would travel across countries and continents to learn from the wisdom of those they had read about. We need not have to~ (cut out) go to such strenuous measures, we have the website right at our finger tips. Let us make use of it and lead our members in the right direction.

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The much anticipated Annual **Division Awesome Conference** was Held on the **5th of March 2022**.The rallying theme was **inspire ,Ignite & Transform** Members spread out across **Kenya & Tanzania** as well as guests.

The Conference was Convened by our **Program Quality Director- Eva Kimani**,whose meticulous planning & execution stood out,with the support of toastmaster members from in and outside the division.This year the conference was Held Virtually.

The Division A Council ensured that everything went on smoothly without a hitch.Our Division Awesome Director was also hands on to offer the necessary guidance whenever needed to ensure the success of the event.It was all about Harnessing the power within each one of us to do more & be more together.

The Key Conference Highlights included:

a)Electrifying Contests:

These brought to light the finest, representation from the three Areas in the Division to compete in The **International Speech Contests,The Evaluation Contest,The Tables Topics Contest & Humorous Contests**. Each of these members demonstrated the knowledge and skills gained being part of a toastmasters club; Leadership & Communication skills.

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The First place winners in the various Categories were:



**LALINDRA DE SILVA
INTERNATIONAL SPEECH**



**ENID KANYIRI
EVALUATION & HUMOROUS**



**CYNTHIA ASIYO
TABLE TOPICS**



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b)Keynote Speakers:

The Conference featured two remarkable leaders in their respective fields.These were:

1.Chief Entrepreneur Joram Mwinamo & CEO SNDBX



His talk underscored the need to share our African Entrepreneurial Narratives unashamedly whilst optimising the use of social media as effective tools to enhance Effective Communication.

2.Belinda Wera-MD,Bora International



Her Talk was centred around the important topic of empowering the youth as enablers of change in the society.As a youth herself,she is keen on equipping the youth with the right skills & mindset to take up the leadership mantle in the society.

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c) Awards Ceremony:

Member Recognition for pursuing excellence is a Key highlight of the Toastmaster's experience. Our members in the various categories were recognized and rewarded for the exemplary work they were doing in their quest to become Effective Leaders & Communicators. This Segment was spearheaded by **Area 1, Director John Nzira.**



DIVISION A - D114, 2021 -2022

Toastmaster of the Year

The member who excelled in variety of leadership, communication, educational, marketing and public relations activities.



SAJIDA MASTER

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DIVISION A - D114, 2021 -2022

Mentor of the Year

The most dedicated mentor



OSCAR MWANGI



DIVISION A - D114, 2021 -2022

Club Growth Award

The member that has invited most guests & converted guests into members



CHRISTINE MAANGI

Mombasa Island

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DIVISION A - D114, 2021 -2022

Outstanding Leader

Whose words and actions have inspired others to follow their lead and pursue excellence .



SARAH MARITIM

Tamarind Mombasa



DIVISION A - D114, 2021 -2022

SAA's Best Friend

The member who always has their video on during meetings



JOSEPH NDUWA

Tamarind Mombasa

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d) Education Session:

A major highlight of the Conference was the Education session entitled, "Why Toastmasters", Presented by our Division Club Growth Director, Oltesh Thobias, DTM. This helped showcase what we can benefit from by becoming Members of a Toastmasters Club.



e) Talent Showcase:



The conference was a platform to showcase Talent and notably Musical Talent from the Talented Instrumentalist Laison Tumaini a Member & VPPR of Kilimanjaro Toastmasters Club.

He Kept us Entertained during the Interlude segments. The audience was mesmerized by his musical Prowess!

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Key Achievements:

- A Smoothly run Conference without a Glitch
- Wonderful planning,Participation & Enthusiasm from across the Division,District & beyond.
- Educative Learning Opportunities for guests about Toastmasters as well as from the Various Speakers ranging from the Contestants to the Keynote Speakers.
- Showcase of Clubs Within the Division.
- Opportunities by Members in the Division to showcase their Talents.
- Memorable & Inspirational moments of personal growth & Development in Leadership & Communication.
- Exemplary display of Leadership & Communication Skills by members across the Division & beyond.

Appreciation:

We would like to appreciate the support accorded to us by the District,the Members cutting across Divisions who played pivotal roles as functionaries,the Contestants,Keynote speakers & Invited Guests.Collectively you make Division Awesome. Planning & Executing this Conference offered a Great learning experience for everyone involved,It was an opportunity to Stretch the Team further in becoming Effective Leaders & Communicators.We are Definitely looking forward to hosting you in the subsequent Annual Conferences!.

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NEW CLUB CHARTERS!



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WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

NEW CLUB CHARTERS-

TANZANITE TOASTMASTERS CLUB

14/04/2022

Congratulations!



TANZANITE TOASTMASTER'S CLUB CHARTER MEMBERS FOR YOUR MUCH-AWAITED CHARTER ACHIEVEMENTS!!!

#TeamAWESOME#AGILITY



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NEW CLUB CHARTERS!



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WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

NEW CLUB CHARTERS-

MOMBASA EXECUTIVES TOASTMASTERS CLUB

15/04/2022

Congratulations!



MOMBASA EXECUTIVE TOASTMASTER'S CLUB CHARTER MEMBERS FOR YOUR MUCH-AWAITED CHARTER ACHIEVEMENT!!!

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DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM PROGRESS

SOURCE: TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL DASHBOARD*

Division A- PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED DIVISION

Area 1 & 3- DISTINGUISHED AREAS

President's Distinguished Clubs

- Mount Meru Toastmasters Club -AREA 1
- Dar Toastmasters Club -AREA 2
- Bongo Toastmasters Club -AREA 2
- Kericho Gold Toastmasters Club -AREA 3
- Mombasa Island Toastmasters Club -AREA 3
- NYALI TOASTMASTERS CLUB -AREA 3

Select Distinguished Clubs

- Arusha Toastmasters Club -AREA 1

Clubs that are almost Distinguished:

- Speaking Woman Toastmaster's Club -AREA 3
- Tamarind Mombasa Toastmasters Club -AREA 3

Clubs that have attained at least 1-3 Goals:

- Kilimanjaro Toastmasters Club -AREA 1
- Tanzanite Toastmaster's Club -AREA 1
- Masaki Executive Toastmasters Club -AREA 2
- Mombasa Executives Toastmasters Club -AREA 3

PATHWAYS MENTORS

- Aminata Toure -AREA 1
- John Nzira -AREA 1
- Antony Kimani Kariuki -AREA 3

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Division A Triple Crown Holders 2021-22

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|--------------------------|---------|
| -Thobias Oltesh,DTM | -AREA 1 |
| -Tumaini, Laison | -AREA 1 |
| -Aminata Toure | -AREA 1 |
| -Siwingwa Emilia | -AREA 2 |
| -Glorious, Dorit | -AREA 2 |
| -Bagha Abdulkadir Mohame | -AREA 3 |
| -Kalume Stephen | -AREA 3 |
| -Kariuki, Antony Kimani | -AREA 3 |
| -Lalindra de Silva,DTM | -AREA 3 |
| -Serah Wanjiku Kariuki | -AREA 3 |
| -Christine Kipsang | -AREA 3 |
| -Rachael Fadhili | -AREA 3 |

Division A Path Completions 2021-22

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|----------------------------|---------|
| -Terry Wambui Odiko | -AREA 1 |
| -Thobias, Oltesh | -AREA 1 |
| -Siwingwa Emilia | -AREA 2 |
| -Angeline Muthoni Ndambiri | -AREA 3 |
| -Lalindra de Silva,DTM | -AREA 3 |
| -Enid Kanyiri Gikunda | -AREA 3 |
| -Stephen Kalume | -AREA 3 |
| -Kariuki, Antony Kimani | -AREA 3 |
| -Hope Roberts Ouma | -AREA 3 |
| -Christine Karue | -AREA 3 |
| -Daniel Karanja | -AREA 3 |

Division A Distinguished Toastmaster Award 2021-22

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| -Otumbo Nyagaka Vincent | -AREA 3 |
| -Terry Wambui Odiko | -AREA 1 |

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AREA EVENTS

Area 3 Debate: Ecstatic Mood with the Winning Kericho Gold Team



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AREA EVENTS

Area 3 Joint Club Meeting



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CANVA STORIES



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TEACON CONFERENCE 2021-2022 SPEECH CONTEST
FINALIST

DIVISION A-D114 CONGRATULATES!!

TOASTMASTER ENID KANYIRI,
A MEMBER & CLUB PRESIDENT OF ;
NYALI TOASTMASTER'S CLUB

For Achieving



- AT THE CLUB LEVEL EVALUATION & HUMOROUS CONTESTS 2021/2022
- AT THE AREA 3 EVALUATION & HUMOROUS CONTESTS 2021/2022
- AT THE DIVISION A EVALUATION & HUMOROUS CONTESTS 2021/2022
- AT DISTRICT 114'S EVALUATION & HUMOROUS CONTESTS 2021/2022

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SNIPPETS OF ARUSHA TEACON GALA DINNER



AD John Nzira leading the Arusha Gala Dinner Celebrations!!



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SNIPPETS OF THE MOMBASA TEACON GALA DINNER



L. AD Christine Karue Leading the Gala Dinner Celebrations
R. Guest Speaker Anthony Njaramba on session.



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