

GREG CIEPLY, DTM

Greg's answers to the three questions asked of him:

1. Why did you decide to run for office?

One of my goals for 2019, when I took on the Area Director role, was perfectly explained in the Churchill quote "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give". This has suited me well and I have learned an immense amount about how to motivate people, delegate and get things done. The reason though, is the most important – this brings meaning and purpose to my life. I would also love to continue to do this for the Division and all the Toastmasters that this entails.

2. What vision do you have for the district?

One issue that I think impedes continuity in our clubs is the lack of good delegation skills by our officers. Many members are thrust into a leadership role and do not get sufficient training on how to succeed. They often end up doing much of the work themselves, either for time purposes or out of fear/lack of assertiveness in asking others. This often leads to burn out and bad transitions for the clubs. I would like to emphasize the importance of this element and teach our leaders how to do it better.

3. What are your unique talents/skills that you are bringing to the team?

As leader of clubs, area as well as being a scoutmaster, and church group leader, I can bring many leadership efficiencies and experience to this role. I have the passion and purpose to make sure that success will come if we only follow the plan that many Toastmasters who have come before us have put forth.