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D/C Chad Lowney, AP

District Commander's Message



It seems only a few weeks ago that the fall issue went out to you and yet in just a couple of days you will be reading our winter publication. The sun's rays will slowly become concentrated over a smaller area of the earth's surface with each passing day, the daylight hours will increase and if we are patient, it will probably warm up too. I expect your vessels are all put to bed, properly winterized, batteries removed, water systems drained, the boat secured against vandalism, as much as is possible. You have removed all volatile materials; fuel, solvents, cooking fluids, flares. etc. Well, haven't you? Did I mention FLARES? Our marina owners tell us that although the initial reason boats are broken into is for the possibility of finding liquor, the perps often find flares and set them off, sometimes with very expensive consequences.

As we roll into the winter months, we find ourselves craving education. Every boater who has taken the Power Squadron Boating Course has gained a great deal of knowledge, which helps every time we go on the water. But we all have experienced a time or two when we needed to think twice about a question. The Power Squadron has an answer for our knowledge gaps. The Squadron offers a series of classes designed to help us all improve our knowledge of boating. From Seamanship to Celestial Navigation there is a course for every level of interest. Start with safety and rules of the road and finish with the satisfaction of understanding celestial navigation. No matter what your interests are in boating the Power Squadron probably has a class for you.

Holiday parties and Changes of Watch (COW) all come during these frigid months. We have also found that partnering with another club for these festivities makes the party all that more enjoyable. Consider making it an event that benefits those in need, after all isn't that what it is all about anyways, we do! Please don't forget to reach out to us with your COW plans and dates. We love coming to these and meeting the new bridge elects!

Our planning committee has been working very hard on the new District and Squadron Simplification Plan. This new plan will help all of us as squadrons become smaller. Stay tuned during these months with new updates.

Please stay safe this winter season and remember, always come into the dock as fast as you want to hit it!

Stay Warm,
Chad Lowney, District 10 Commander





District Executive Department

Greetings My Friends:

Hoping you and yours are well and are enjoying the winter wonderland. Brrr ... its cold outside.



The Vessel Safety Checks have been on the downside from previous years and is currently at 817. The 2022 goal was 1,238. I guess I was too optimistic. I will do better planning next year. **However**



D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, S

Congratulations to Green Bay (116%), Madison (400%), Marinette-Menominee (119%), and Oshkosh (100%) who met or exceeded their 2021 numbers ... Awesome job !!!

1/1/2023	2022													%
	2021	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	2021
Central Wisconsin	275	0	0	0	2	9	177	195	197	198	199	202	204	74%
Door County	157	0	0	0	0	0	67	99	101	102	102	102	102	65%
Duluth	166	0	0	0	0	17	48	75	80	84	84	85	85	51%
Green Bay	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	14	29	29	29	116%
Hiawatha Valley	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	15	15	15	29%
Madison	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	8	8	8	8	400%
Marinette-Menominee	43	0	0	0	0	1	14	39	48	51	51	51	51	119%
Milwaukee	26	0	0	0	2	10	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	46%
Minnetonka	155	0	0	0	0	9	38	38	44	103	112	120	120	77%
Oshkosh	49	0	0	0	0	3	26	27	28	48	49	49	49	100%
St. Paul	159	0	0	0	0	0	79	110	114	141	142	142	142	89%
2022	1108	0	0	0	4	49	460	615	650	766	803	815	817	74%
National		705	1695	2788	4347	7176	10454	12210	16155	18912	20824	21892	22077	

A big Thank You to the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Chairperson, Minnetonka Squadron Commander Dan Saniti, and Past District Commander, Dave Fine, for keeping up on the VSC statistics.



District Executive Department (continued)

Cooperative Charting Program: Geodetic Marker Recovery Program



Geodetic Marker Recovery Chairperson, Lt/C Sandra Broekema, of Minnetonka Power Squadron, does a thorough job educating members about the Geodetic Marker Recovery Program. On the forthcoming pages she explains a fun family or group project you and yours may want to explore while on vacation. Please read on to the next few pages.

Stay safe & healthy. Keep in touch and know that I am always here to help !!! Take care my friends.

Kindest Regards,
D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, S
District 10 Executive Officer





District Executive Department (continued)

Cooperative Charting Program: Geodetic Marker Recovery Program By Chairperson Lt/C Sandra Broekema

Looking for a fun family activity for your winter snowbird travels? Cooperative Charting can be done outdoors anywhere in the U.S. with a little pre-planning and it can be fun for everyone from 7 to 70!

You can scout your locations BEFORE YOU GO at www.ngs.noaa.gov by entering the city and state or zip code of where you'll be visiting. I find it helps to print out the full data sheet and at least one photograph showing the surrounding landmarks (if available). Choose several potential marks in the area, in case one or more cannot be found or were damaged or destroyed by recent construction activity.

You can also scout locations IN REAL TIME by downloading the full application "BENCHMARK HUNTER" on the AppStore for iPhones (\$9.99) or "BENCHMAP" on Google Play for Android (FREE).

Here's an image of a geodetic marker that we found while vacationing in Grand Teton National Park. We stumbled across it at the summit of Cadillac Mountain and took the requisite photographs using "SOLOCATOR" application (\$0.99 + \$4.99 industry pack add in) on my iPhone. It was a great opportunity to explain our volunteer civic role in the Power Squadron to the Park Ranger on duty. We submitted the report once we got back and National emailed back that this was the highest elevation (at 7,727 feet above sea level) that had been recovered by USPS volunteers all year!





District Executive Department (continued)

Cooperative Charting Program: Geodetic Marker Recovery Program (continued)

The United States Power Squadron volunteers provide a civic service to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by physically locating and documenting the current condition of Geodetic Survey Markers (also known as benchmarks). These markers are typically 3 inch diameter metal disks securely mounted on the earth's surface, often found near highways, bridges and railroads. Sometimes the markers are protected by PVC pipes and caps a few inches below grade. Sometimes they are accompanied by a nearby witness post to alert interested parties to their general location. These stable references are used to precisely locate property boundaries and other public infrastructure.

This volunteer activity is coordinated through the national, district and squadron level Cooperative Charting Committees, and we rely on individual volunteers to find the markers and take notes and special photographs documenting the GPS coordinates and condition of markers every few years. The state highway departments also perform this work as part of their responsibilities as time permits.

The NOAA maintains a database of these markers with searchable maps and detailed descriptions including local landmarks and directions for locating the markers. Many markers (but not all) also have links to historical photographs of the marks including from a distance of 25 to 50 feet showing critical semi-permanent landmarks (i.e. utility poles, fire hydrants and buildings). Over many years, some of these landmarks are moved, removed or paved over – so it is important to keep a record of any changes.

Since D10 members live and boat in cold winter climates, Cooperative Charting is most easily accomplished in the spring and fall. However, this is a fun family activity even in the winter if you vacation or visit warmer climates – since you can look for markers anywhere in the U.S.!

For more information or detailed instructions for getting started, please email Sandra Broekema at sandra.broekema@comcast.net.



District Executive Department (continued)

Cooperative Charting Program: Geodetic Marker Recovery Program (continued)

In addition to locating and documenting the condition of geodetic survey markers, the USPS volunteers also work with “CruisersNet” to keep Marina Surveys up to date.

www.cruisersnet.net is a great resource for cruisers – especially those on “transient” adventures on The Great Circle tour or navigating the coastal areas and rivers in the US. This website provides regional weather alerts, tides and currents along with a directory of Marinas, complete with facilities (transient slips, fuel, pump out stations) and contact information.

You may want to gather data on Marinas for the lakes and rivers in your squadron area, as a resource to your membership. A 3 page Marina Survey form is available on USPS.org or by contacting me at the information below. A Survey can be completed in about 15 minutes with an onsite interview with the owner – including snapping a few helpful photographs. Each submitted and approved new Marina Survey qualifies for up to 35 points (25 points for updates on existing Marinas) on the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll.

For more information or detailed instructions for getting started, please email Sandra Broekema at sandra.broekema@comcast.net.



District Educational Department

The nice thing about this time of year is that spring is just around the corner. To help make the winter go by quicker we are offering a number of classes to keep you busy thru the winter.

The JN class meets on Monday nights. The team of instructors, led by Allen Wentworth, are Geoff Carmon , Dave Fine, Thad Smyczek, Jim Pahl-Washa, and Greg Korstad. Having multiple instructors, spread throughout district 10, allows individuals to get help with the sextant skills. Other classes that are running are Piloting, Advanced Piloting, and a Partner in Command seminar (via Go To Meeting on 3-15-23 at 7:00pm). Wes offers an Instructor class for those that would like to be certified to teach the ABC class. This class is being held via Go To Meeting on February 2, 9, 23 and March 2, 9, 16. Please contact Wes Koplitz if you are interested in attending or contact your Squadron Education Officer (SEO). Watch the district 10 website for the class dates and more information.



D/Lt/C Dennis Schultz AP-IN

Another thing I would like to get done is have the District 10 Planning Committee put together a list of instructors to teach classes and seminars. It is time to refresh the list. I would ask everyone to look at the list and add your name to the list if you may have knowledge in some of these areas. By sharing this information it would help other district members. If you are willing to help, contact your SEO. The idea of the list is if your squadron needs a class to be taught this list would provide a name of a person with expertise on that subject. What you can do is look at the list on the district 10 website and contact the members that are signed up to teach that class. The list of classes that we offer are:

Boat Handling (Seamanship)	Marine Navigation (Piloting)
Advanced Marine Navigation (Advanced Piloting)	Offshore Navigation (Junior Navigation)
Celestial Navigation (Navigation)	Engine Maintenance
Marine Electrical Systems	Marine Communication Systems
Electronic Navigation	Radar for Boaters
Weather	Sail
Cruising and Cruise Planning	Instructor Development



District Educational Department

Instructor Recertification
Boat Operator Certification
First Aid

On the Water Training
Jump Start

This is the list of seminars that you could help teach:

Advanced Power Boat Handling	AIS Electronics for Boaters
All about Marine Radio	Anchoring with Assurance
Basic Weather and Forecasting	Boat Handling Under Power
Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes	Boating with Confidence
Confidence in Docking and Undocking	Crew at the Helm (Partner in Command)
Crossing Borders	Cruising Boats and Systems
Emergencies on Board	Fuel and Boating
Hands on Training	How to use a Chart
How to use GPS	Hurricane Preparation for Boaters
Introduction to Navigation	Knots and Line Handling
Man Overboard	Marine Radar
Mariner's Compass	Mastering the Rules of the Road
Paddle Smart	Planning your Cruise
Propane Systems on your Boat	Rules of the Road
Sail trim and Rig tuning	Tides and Currents
Trailer your Boat	Using GPS
Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radios	Weather for Boaters

Please consider adding your skills to our pool of potential Instructors

Thanks,

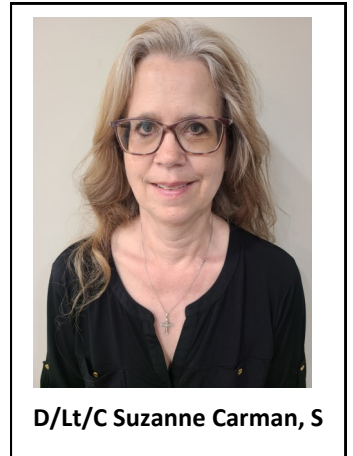
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Life is simple, just add water

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District Administrative Department



D/Lt/C Suzanne Carman, S

Membership is still job 1 in 2023 in District 10. As of the end of December 2022 District 10 may be down 4.8% in membership but we have the most dedicated hard-working members in all of America's Boating Club! We added 107 new members in 2022! Great job everyone! We met our goal of adding 100 new members in 2022. We currently have a retention rate of 82.2%. Keep reaching out to those who did not renew their membership. Work still remains to build membership, but keep up the good work in retaining members.

A great big thank you goes out to Bob DeNoto and the members of the Door County Squadron for hosting our 2022 Summer Rendezvous. The location of this event was perfect and within walking distance to the beautiful maritime Museum. Guests enjoyed exploring all that Door County has to offer including lighthouses, Wineries, local artist shops, and great restaurants. The band that Saturday evening was especially good and we were able to dance the night away! We are still looking for a location for next year's rendezvous so consider hosting that event!

The Rendezvous for D10 this year will be hosted by Oshkosh. Please join us August 18-20 at Lake Winneconne Park for a relaxed weekend of on the water activities, good food, and plenty of great fellowship. Together we will explore boating from Oshkosh to Fremont. We are looking into having a dinner cruise on the Showboat II in Winneconne followed by an evening bon fire. We will finish with a huge brunch at the Fin and Feather on Sunday morning. Please save this date. There will be more information at the Spring Conference.

I would like to thank those who submitted a MIRA application this year. Thanks goes out to Duluth, Minnetonka, Central Wisconsin, and Oshkosh. Last year Duluth was number one in our entire organization and Minnetonka was in second place. This year Minnetonka earned the first-place status!!! And Duluth received second place. Well done!!!!

During the watch year I have been receiving a squadron non-renewal list from our National Administrative Officer V/C Mike Wiedel, JN-IN. Using this information, I contact Squadron Administrative Officers asking them to get in touch with members on this list in an effort to have them renew. I wish to thank all Administrative Officers for your efforts.



District Administrative Department

Did you know that there are 3 ways to enjoy the Ensign? There is a digital edition that you can open using a web browser on your phone, tablet, or computer. Next there is a PFD where you can download a copy. And last you can order a single issue printed and mailed directly to you. Be sure to check out the next issue!

Up and coming events include:

2023 ABClub Annual Meeting February 19-26th in Orlando, Florida

Spring Conference April 28th-30th at the Metropolis in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

D 10 Summer Rendezvous August 18-20. Hosted by the Oshkosh Squadron

Wishing you and your family a very Happy New Year,

D/Lt/C Suzanne Carman, S

District Administrative Officer



D10 Summer Rendezvous at Door County, WI

Thank You Commander Bob Denoto & Door County Sail & Power Squadron for Hosting



D10 Summer Rendezvous, Door County, WI



D10 Summer Rendezvous at Door County



D10 Summer Rendezvous





The Purpose of Sea Scouts

For over 100 years Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship and improved members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

The Sea Scout Program

Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for youth 14 to 20 years old. Sea Scout units—called ships—are established across the country on oceans, bays, rivers, and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that you won't find anywhere else. Sea Scouts is a place to grow and learn, find adventure, and build long lasting friendships.

Seamanship

The best part of Sea Scouts is cruising and mastering the skills you learn with your shipmates. On board a vessel you share hands-on experiences as helmsman and navigator, lookout and cook, sail handler and engineer. You and your shipmates will plan and conduct your annual cruise – summer camp underway. Imagine sailing the Caribbean, cruising to Alaska, fishing, swimming, diving, snorkeling or anything else your ship wants to do!

Scouting

Sea Scouts is youth led and adult mentored. You and your shipmates lead your Sea Scout program. Elected youth leaders plan and conduct the program and adult leaders guide and support your efforts as you learn important leadership and life skills. As you gain experience you will have the opportunity to contribute as a leader in your ship. Sea Scouts are recognized and rewarded for the things they learn and do. You can earn valuable certifications in SCUBA, boating safety, lifesaving, and CPR, as well as advance in rank from Apprentice to Quartermaster. Each certification and level of advancement marks your growth as a sailor and a leader.

Service

Sea Scouts take service very seriously. Sea Scouts perform various kinds of service from service to their ship, to community service. They participate in services such as river or beach clean-up efforts, food drives, and youth programs. Sea Scouts also participate in flag ceremonies and serve as honor guards at various community events.

Social

Sea Scouts provides opportunities to share experiences with other young people who share your interests. As your ship participates in fun and exciting activities like sailing regattas, rowing races, and rendezvous, you'll learn and grow with your shipmates. You'll even have the opportunity to meet Sea Scouts from other parts of your community, the nation, and even the world!

Training

Sea Scouts receive training in seamanship and leadership. From ship meetings, long cruises, a USCG sponsored Safety at Sea, to SEAL (Sea Scout Experience Advanced Leadership) training, you will be learning every step of the way whether you realize it or not.

Limitless Opportunities

You and your shipmates lead your Sea Scout program, so you make it what you want. In Sea Scouts you may cruise the San Juan Islands or SCUBA dive in the Florida Keys. You may be competing in the Koch International Sea Scout Cup alongside Scouts from around the world, or cruise aboard "America's Tall Ship" the USCG Barque Eagle. In Sea Scouts, you build your own adventure!

Adventure on the Water

[What makes Sea Scouts so unique](#) is getting out on the water. Sea Scout ships use a variety of boats from small outboard motorboats to large sailing yachts and vessels. In your ship you will learn piloting and the rules of the road, navigation and how to read the weather. You will be fascinated by maritime history and traditions, learn knots and fancy rope work, master boat maintenance, engine service, and marine electronics skills. No matter what your ship does, you will discover thrills that you just can't get anywhere else.

USPS Squadrons sponsoring Sea Scout Ships

The Sea Scout program can help individual Squadrons by assisting boating safety activities and presenting community outreach programs that promote safe boating. For example, the Sea Scouts can help during organized Vessel Safety Checks, help promote life jacket awareness promotions and assist in National Safe Boating Week programs. The Sea Scouts can help increase membership by offering membership to the scouts and the leaders.

For more information please contact:

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2023 ABClub Annual Meeting February 19 – 26, Orlando, Florida



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB®
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D10 2023 Spring Conference

Eau Claire, WI

28 - 30 April 2023

Metropolis Resort

**Committee Members: Dave, Jennine,
Geoff, Suzanne, Kevco, & Kris**



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB®
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D10 Change of Watch - 29 April 2023

Entertainment featuring the Circle Dogs

D10 Summer Rendezvous August 18-20th

Lake Winneconne Park Barn in Winneconne, WI

A weekend of boating and fun on the Wolf River



Friday night: Dinner at the Fin and Feather
Bonfire and camaraderie at Lake Winneconne

Park Barn to follow



Saturday day : Boating on the Wolf River

Saturday evening: Showboat II Dinner Cruise on the Wolf River and Upper Lakes

Sunday morning: Brunch Fin and Feather

Registration information to follow



Come Have Fun with Us at National

2023 Fall Governing Board Meeting

August 27 – September 4

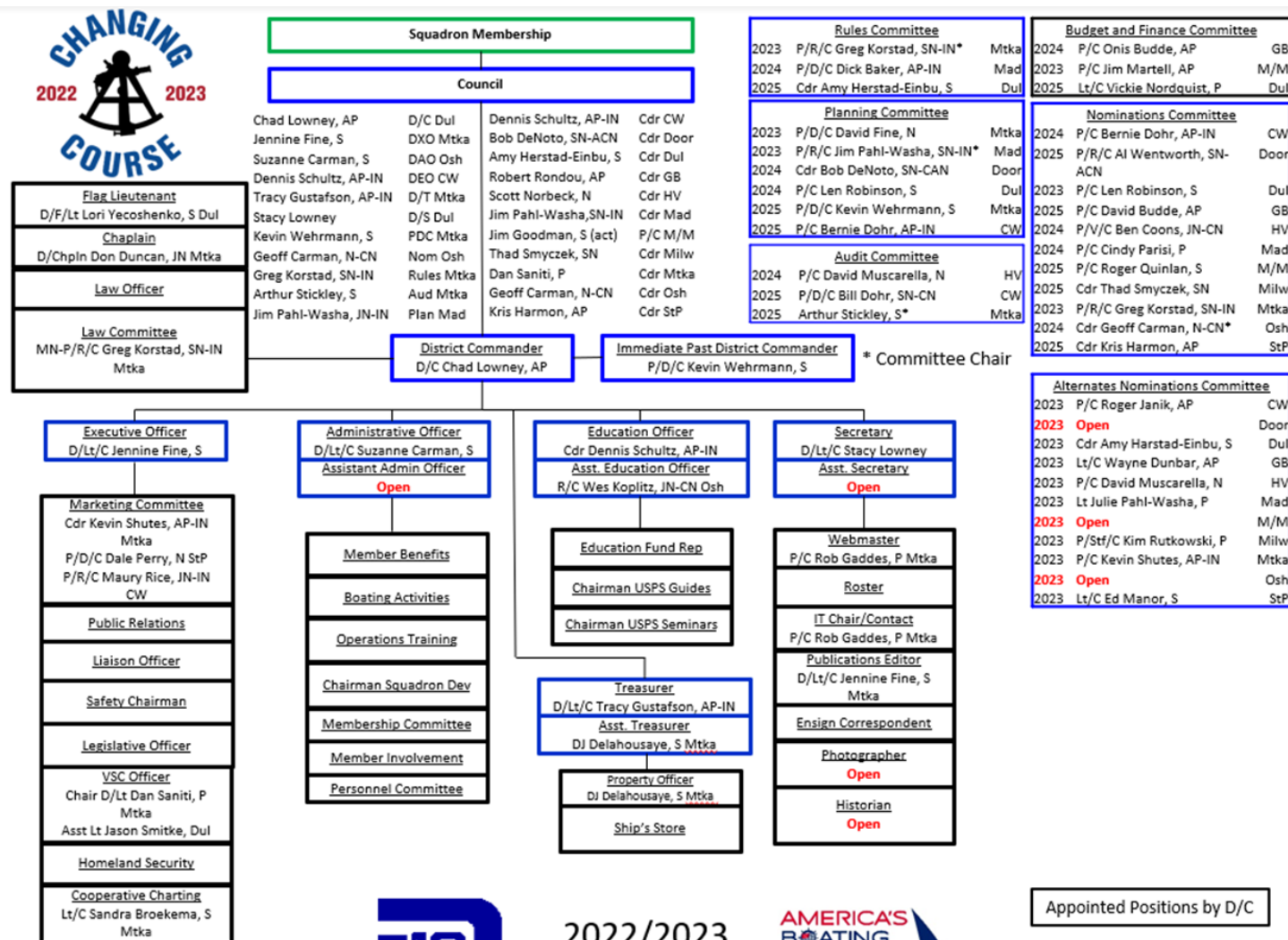
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D10 2022/23 Watch Year Organization Chart



Updated 21 December 2022 (jf)



2022/2023
Watch Year





Help Wanted !!! – District 10 is looking for people interested in taking on a current role at the District level. Key needs are:

- ⇒ Assistant Administrative Officer
- ⇒ Assistant Secretary
- ⇒ Publications Editor
- ⇒ Alternate Nominations Committee Member: Door, Marinette Menominee, & Oshkosh
- ⇒ Photographer
- ⇒ Historian

Feel free to reach out to any member of the Bridge if you want more info. Taking on one of these roles is a great way to see what goes on at the District level and we could really use your help!

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