

District Newsletter



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Award Recipients May Experience Delays

MEMBERS WHO APPLY FOR CC, ACB, ACS, ACG, CL, ALB, ALS or DTM awards during June and July should expect delays in receiving their certificates.

More than 25 percent of the 28,000 award applications WHQ receives each year arrive in June. Because of the high volume, processing takes longer.

Members applying for awards in July will also experience delays because the Distinguished District, Division, Area and Club programs end on June 30. It takes three or more weeks to tabulate final program results. No awards for July can be issued until final results have been determined and year-end reports are produced.

To reduce delays, submit CC, ACB, ACS, ACG and CL awards online using the **Club Business** section of the TI Web site.

District Conference Debriefing

NOW THAT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES HAVE ENDED, we recommend that the district leadership get together and reflect on the successes and challenges of the event. What went right? What could have gone better? How can we make the next district conference even more successful than this one?

At the debriefing meeting, you might want to organize the discussion along committee lines.

- ▶ The **Finance Committee** can report on the financial success of the event. If the event lost money, why? If it was a financial success, how can we be sure to repeat this success at future conferences?
- ▶ The **Marketing and Publicity Committee** can discuss how well the event was marketed, attendance issues, etc.
- ▶ The **Education Committee** can evaluate the success of the training sessions that took place at the conference, etc.

Remember, too, that the purpose of the debriefing meeting is to focus on what went right as well as what went wrong. Take time to offer thanks to those who deserve them and try to keep the advice and criticism on the constructive side.

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Reminders:

- Quarterly Treasurer's Report due to WHQ May 15 – Please submit if you have not yet done so
- Register for the International Convention online
- Check your District Performance at www.toastmasters.org > **District Performance**
- Don't forget to plan for your regional conference. The schedule is available at www.toastmasters.org > **Regional Conferences (in Member Quicklinks) > 2007 Regional Conferences**
- Confirm your club-officer training to ensure all of your clubs receive proper credit
- Check your speech contestants' eligibility before heading for the next level

"We think too small, like the frog at the bottom of the well. He thinks the sky is only as big as the top of the well. If he surfaced, he would have an entirely different view."

Mao Tse-Tung

District Orders – HELP US HELP YOU!

DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR, WHQ RECEIVES ORDERS from all districts with their year-end needs. **Please make a special note that the last day TI will process district orders for the 2006-2007 program year is Friday, June 22, 2007.** In an effort to process these orders in a timely manner, we offer the following information:

- ❑ Submit your orders as early as possible as they are processed as received. Orders with future delivery times are not held.
- ❑ Most orders contain requests for engraving (badges and plaques/trophies). There is no priority service for engraved items, so if you are ordering engraved items along with other materials, we suggest you place two separate orders.
- ❑ WHQ receives hundreds of engraving requests. To ensure your district receives its order on time and with correct information, please:
 - Type engraved copy exactly as you want it to appear (including educational designations and dates). Information will be engraved exactly as received.
 - Following is the normal turnaround time for processing of engraved orders. Note: this does not include shipping/delivery time:

1-9 items	Eight working days
10-15 items	Nine working days
16-20 items	11 working days
21+ items	13+ working days (customers will be advised of the turnaround time when the order is being processed)
- ❑ All district orders require the approval of the district governor. Be sure the approval is made prior to placing your order with WHQ or it will result in delays.

Featured Product

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO ACHIEVE A GOAL when you were unsure of the objectives, what tools were available to you, or how to get there? When it comes to being a club coach, mentor, or sponsor, it is essential for success to have objectives, tools, and proper training. The First Class Club Coach, New Club Mentoring Matters, and Starting From Scratch – How to Sponsor New Clubs are invaluable guides to not only train a coach, mentor, or sponsor, but also illustrates helpful tools, tips, and techniques in which they can successfully complete their goal. In addition, there is a script, as well as tips and techniques for the individual presenting the training.

Each of these training materials is available for download, free of charge, on the TI Web site at www.toastmasters.org > **Get forms & docs > District Forms and Documents > Club Sponsor, Mentor and Coach Training Programs.**

Send New Club Forms In Early

MORE CLUBS CHARTER DURING THE FINAL MONTHS of the Distinguished District Program than at any other time of the year. Be sure to send all required forms and funds to WHQ early; the sooner these items arrive at WHQ, the better.

As the district year draws to a close, it's difficult to correct problems by the June 30 deadline. If there's a discrepancy in the charter documents, you'll need ample time to resolve it. Please double-check your calculations and make sure you have included all required forms. And don't forget to make photocopies of all forms and checks for the club's records.

Call the New Clubs Department at 949-858-8255, or e-mail newclubs@toastmasters.org if you're uncertain about what is required to charter a club.



You Talked – We Listened!

You asked for a new Web site and it's underway! To make sure your experience is stellar, the premiere of the new site has been delayed to

August 2007

CORPORATE CLUBS CORNER

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF CORPORATE VISITS, both which have the potential end result of chartering a Toastmasters club. The first type is the traditional corporate visit, which has a purpose of finding out how the company will benefit from sponsoring an onsite Toastmasters group. Generally, the company does not implement the Toastmasters program yet. In this case, the role of the visiting Toastmaster is to help the organization get a group started.

The second type is the corporate relationship building visit, which is to acknowledge the company's existing support of Toastmasters and to show that we appreciate their sponsorship. The goal of the visit is to recognize the organization's support and to reinforce the relationship with the company. This is also a good time to find out if there are other local branches of the company who could benefit from Toastmasters, as well.

Next month's District Newsletter will offer some ideas for achieving the most effective corporate relationship-building visits!

E-MAIL DIRECTORY

New clubs:

newclubs@toastmasters.org

Orders:

supplyorders@toastmasters.org

District questions:

districts@toastmasters.org

District reserve statements:

statements@toastmasters.org

District budget, audit or treasurer's reports:

districtfinancialquestions@toastmasters.org

Speech contests:

speechcontests@toastmasters.org

Disciplinary matters:

districts@toastmasters.org

Duplicate proxies or other proxy questions:

duplicateproxies@toastmasters.org

Other questions:

See the Contact Us section of www.toastmasters.org or e-mail: tminfo@toastmasters.org

Congratulations to the 38 New Corporate Clubs Chartered in April 2007!

AIZA Corporation, Vacaville, CA
Alfred Benesch and Company, Chicago, IL
British American Investment, Port Louis, Mauritius
Cal Poly Pomona, Pomona, CA
Cardinal Healthcare, San Diego, CA
Deloitte Consulting, Santa Ana, CA
Design Forum, Dayton, OH
DPR Construction Co., Sacramento, CA
Electronic Arts, Orlando, FL
Faculte des Sciences, Port-Au-Prince, Haiti
General Electric, Stamford, CT
Great Eastern Life Assurance, Singapore
Group Health Cooperative, Seattle, WA
HCA, Nashville, TN
Hedcor Inc., La Trinidad, Philippines
Hewlett Packard Co., Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
IBM, Somers, NY
IRS, El Monte, CA
Kimley Horn & Assoc., Vero Beach, FL
Knight Capital Group, Jersey City, NJ
Master Builders II, Minneapolis, MN
Nationwide Ins, Harrisburg, PA
Pacific Scientific, Duarte, CA
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, Washington, DC
Prudential, Hartford, CT
Prudential, Chatsworth, CA
Raytheon, Woburn, MA
Rolls-Royce Corp., Indianapolis, IN
SABIC, Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia
Saudi Arabian Oil Co., Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
State Farm, Saint Louis, MO
Sun Trust Svc Corp, Richmond, VA
Sunrise Community, Miami, FL
Synopsis, Taipei, Taiwan
Tech Data, Mississauga, ON, Canada
The Hartford, San Antonio, TX
US Steel, Pittsburgh, PA
Yokogawa Middle East B.S.C., Manama, Bahrain

Crunch Time!

AS THE YEAR CLOSES, IT'S TIME TO PUSH AND REACH THOSE GOALS. As district leaders, current and incoming, we need to find a way to work as a team and help our members achieve their goals. Current officers, working with your incoming officers will help them in the next term as well as help you with new ideas. A way to grease up your team's mechanics is to collaborate ideas to get the motors running. Take some of the obstacles you face and have each come up with at least one idea for each. Talk about each of them and how they would benefit best.

Do You Want District Success? Try This To-Do List:

AS DISTRICT LEADERS, you know that success is achieved by working together; that district success is achieved only through successful clubs, areas and divisions. The following To-Do list will help ensure that this will happen:

JUNE

Checklist:

- Start training club, area and division officers (Ensure a minimum of 85% of area and division governors are trained to qualify for credit towards the Distinguished District Program)
- Start planning district calendar
- Prepare and distribute a district directory (to request a district list to help do this, email: districts@toastmasters.org)
- Start working on the year-end audit from previous administration

Deadlines/Important Dates:

June 30:

- Club officer lists due to WHQ
- Last day of the Toastmasters year

Tips:

- Build and support your team of leaders
- Work on club building efforts
- Stay on track; check your DPR reports regularly
- Confirm submissions with WHQ
- Stay focused on goals
- Stay in communication with the previous year's leaders

- Ask questions
- Ensure a minimum of 85% of area and division governors are trained to qualify for credit towards the Distinguished District Program

JULY

Checklist:

- Complete Year End Audit
- Train club, area and division officers
- Area governors - first-round club visits begin
- Work with leaders to focus on chartering as many clubs as possible for Distinguished District points

Deadlines/Important Dates:

July 1:

- The start of the Toastmasters year
- The Distinguished District, Division, Area and Club Programs begin

July 15: Reporting

- District officer list due to WHQ
- District calendar due to WHQ
- Area and division alignment changes due to WHQ
- District signature form due to WHQ

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June 30 Deadline is Fast Approaching!

JUNE 30 MARKS THE END OF THE TOASTMASTERS YEAR and the 2006-2007 Distinguished District, Division, Area and Club Programs.

Following are some important dates to remember:

Club charters, dues renewals, membership applications and education awards must be received at WHQ on the following dates and times:

- ▶ Online or by e-mail must be received at WHQ on JUNE 30, 2007, by midnight, PT.
- ▶ Postmarked on or before JUNE 30, 2007, and received at WHQ no later than JULY 7, 2007.
- ▶ Faxed documents must be received at WHQ by June 30, 2007, by 5:00 p.m. PT.

Although WHQ accepts fax and e-mail submissions, it is the responsibility of the sender to ensure the submission was successfully received by WHQ. Please choose only one method of submission to prevent duplicates. WHQ accepts dues renewals, new member applications and educational award applications online through www.toastmasters.org.

Meet Barbara De Angelis, Ph.D: TI's 2007 Golden Gavel Award Recipient

"The main reason many people have a difficult time communicating with others is that they are not communicating with themselves! They are disconnected from their own truths, emotions, needs and dreams, and spend a lot of their energy attempting to not feel, not see, not know."

– Dr. Barbara De Angelis

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR

Dr. Barbara De Angelis speak at this year's International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona!

Dr. De Angelis, author of 14 best-selling books and also a popular television personality, will accept the Golden Gavel award on **Thursday, August 16.**

Toastmasters is recognizing her influence as a teacher in the field of personal transformation.

For 25 years, Dr. De Angelis has reached millions of people through her books, television and radio programs as a motivational speaker. Her books, *Secrets About Men Every Woman Should Know* and *Are You the One For Me?* topped the New York Times bestseller list for months. In 1994, she wrote and produced the infomercial "Making Love Work," which won many awards. A former radio and television talk show host in Los Angeles, Dr. De Angelis also appeared on CNN for two years as its Relationship Expert. Dr. De Angelis is in high demand with her positive message about love, happiness and the search for meaning in life. You'll enjoy hearing this charismatic speaker!

Your Vote Is Needed!

THIS YEAR, DELEGATES AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING will be voting on a proposal to simplify the process of setting membership dues. Information on the proposal was sent to all club presidents of record along with proxy forms on March 31. Information, including FAQs, also appears on the Toastmasters Web site.

This proposal was brought forward as a result of overwhelming feedback from members at the time of the last dues increase (in 2005). It was clear members want a dues process that will allow for small, incremental changes rather than larger changes after a period of years. There were 13 years between the dues increase passed in 2005 and the previous dues increase. This new procedure will allow the Board to review the dues and fees structure every three years. Dues and fees will not be automatically raised. In fact, it doesn't appear that there will be a need for an increase in dues and fees for years to come. However, in the future, should there be a need for more funds to support the goals and objectives of the organization, dues and fees can be increased in small amounts rather than large increases, as in the past.

Currently, the Board of Directors has the authority to set the new member fee, charter fee, reinstatement fee and membership dues for undistricted clubs. History shows that these fees and dues have remained stable. The proposed change will put the setting of all fees under one procedure. The Board of Directors, who are members just like you, are committed to keeping dues and fees as low as possible so that more people can benefit from our program. The Board asked for your support by voting "FOR" this proposal.