

# District Newsletter



T O A S T M A S T E R S I N T E R N A T I O N A L ®

## Update on District Fund Requisition & Financial Minimum Requirements

As of July 1, 2006, when a district is deficient in its minimum requirements, the district will be unable to either access the district reserve account or place a district supply order against the account. Only districts that are current in their reporting requirements can place a supply order against their district account. This does not affect individual or district orders that are accompanied by a payment.

*Please make a note of this, as deficiencies could slow down district supply orders.* The district can contact the Volunteer Support Services Department prior to placing an order to verify the district reporting requirements. Districts can contact us at [districts@toastmasters.org](mailto:districts@toastmasters.org) for this information. If a district places a supply order and the district is deficient in a minimum requirement the district will be contacted via e-mail with an explanation of the deficiency and the opportunity to resolve it so that the order may be processed. It may be most effective for the district to contact the Volunteer Support Services Department prior to placing a supply order in order to streamline any order processing delays that may arise due to a deficiency.

### PRESIDENT'S 20+ AWARDS

This award is presented for successfully motivating clubs to achieve and maintain charter strength.

**District 71** – Lynda Molloy, DTM, Governor

**District 79** – Vijay Bolor, DTM, Governor

**District 67** – Dick Fu, ATMG, Governor

### PRESIDENT'S EXTENSION AWARDS

This award is presented for outstanding achievement in club extension and retention.

**District 60** – John Rich, DTM, Governor

**District 76** – Vijay Bolor, DTM, Governor

**District 59** – Elizabeth Nostedt, DTM, Governor

## QUICK DIRECTORY

*Need help chartering a new club?*

[newclubs@toastmasters.org](mailto:newclubs@toastmasters.org)

*Have questions about your district reserve statement?*

[statements@toastmasters.org](mailto:statements@toastmasters.org)

*Have questions about your district budget, audit or treasurer's reports?*

[jmcperson@toastmasters.org](mailto:jmcperson@toastmasters.org)

*Questions about area visit report forms?*

[kvangunst@toastmasters.org](mailto:kvangunst@toastmasters.org)

*Reporting a change in district officers?*

[kvangunst@toastmasters.org](mailto:kvangunst@toastmasters.org)

*General questions about district administration?* [sdemiris@toastmasters.org](mailto:sdemiris@toastmasters.org)  
or [kvangunst@toastmasters.org](mailto:kvangunst@toastmasters.org)

*Questions about disciplinary matters?*

[jturpie@toastmasters.org](mailto:jturpie@toastmasters.org)

or [nlangton@toastmasters.org](mailto:nlangton@toastmasters.org)

*To verify eligibility of your area/division/district speech contestants:*

[dyosha@toastmasters.org](mailto:dyosha@toastmasters.org)

*Questions about speech contest rules and situations?*

[dyosha@toastmasters.org](mailto:dyosha@toastmasters.org)

*Questions about the District Newsletter?*

[sdemiris@toastmasters.org](mailto:sdemiris@toastmasters.org)

*Want to place a supply order?*

[supplyorders@toastmasters.org](mailto:supplyorders@toastmasters.org)

*Still not sure? Visit the Contact Us section of [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org) or e-mail:*

[tminfo@toastmasters.org](mailto:tminfo@toastmasters.org)

## Contacting the Board of Directors or Executive Committee

Anytime you want to get a message to a Board or Executive Committee member, you need only to contact WHQ.

Send an e-mail to [rlamb@toastmasters.org](mailto:rlamb@toastmasters.org)

Or

Send a letter, addressed like this:

Attn: Name of the person you wish to contact  
c/o Executive Director

PO Box 9052, Mission Viejo, CA 92690

# District Success Measures to Do List:

**A**s district leaders you know that success is achieved by working together. You intimately understand that in order for districts to be successful, that clubs, areas and divisions must also be successful. As leaders you have the unique opportunity to mentor the clubs, areas and divisions in your district on their journey to success. Following is a District Success Measures To Do List that will help you ensure Toastmasters in your area are on their way to success.

## SEPTEMBER:

### Clubs:

- Be sure club officer training reports are submitted via the TI Web site no later than September 30th, 2006 or postmarked on or before September 30th, 2006 if submitted through regular mail.
- Work with club leaders to ensure as many clubs as possible are chartered before September 30th, 2006.
- Promote Toastmaster's International annual membership program and Smedley Award to local clubs. There are great recognition incentives for membership growth.
- Follow-up with clubs that have not yet submitted their club officer lists and encourage them to do so online.
- Encourage clubs to start submitting their dues renewals online.

### Areas:

- Ensure that at least 85% of division and area governors are trained and reports submitted to TI no later than September 30th, 2006.
- Remember, this is a prerequisite for districts to qualify for the Distinguished District Program.
- Remind area governors that they should be well under way with visiting their clubs. The Area Report of Club Visit form is due to the district governor no later than October 31st, 2006 and due to TI by November 30th in order to qualify for credit in the Distinguished Area Program.

### Divisions:

- Ensure that at least 85% of division and area governors are trained and reports submitted to TI no later than September 30th, 2006. Remember, this is a prerequisite for districts to qualify for the Distinguished District Program.

### Districts:

- Distinguished District Program prerequisites due to TI no later than September 30th, 2006 to qualify for program, (1) District Success Plan Matrix – available on the District Resource CD, districts can e-mail the plan to [districts@toastmasters.org](mailto:districts@toastmasters.org) provided the leadership trio is copied on the e-mail (e.g., district governor and lt. governors), (2) Minimum of 85% of area and division governors trained and report submitted to TI no later than September 30th, 2006.
- The district budget is due to TI no later than September 30th, 2006.

## OCTOBER:

### Clubs:

- Remind clubs that club membership dues renewals are due October 1st, 2006 in order to receive credit in the Distinguished Club Program.
- Start planning for club officer training.

### Areas:

- Remind area governors that they should be well under way with visiting their clubs. The Area Report of Club Visit form is due to the district governor no later than October 31st, 2006 and due to TI by November 30th in order to qualify for credit in the Distinguished Area Program.

### Divisions:

- Connect with Division Governors and determine if there are ways that district leaders can better support each other.

### Districts:

- District Treasurer submits treasurer's report for July 1 – August 31 period to district trio by October 15th, 2006.
- District governors must appoint an audit committee by November 1st. If you have not done this, your district will need to start thinking about it.
- Start working with the prior year's district administration to ensure that TI receives the previous year's district financial records by November 30th, 2006.

## Corporate Leads

**T**hinking of starting a corporate club? Here are some companies that already have: Ritz-Carlton, Dana Point, CA; Greenpoint Technologies, Kirkland, WA; Jamco America, Everett, WA; Universal Technical Institute, Phoenix, AZ; Circle K, Phoenix, AZ; Coe & Van Lou Consultants, Phoenix, AZ; Harb Levy & Weiland LLP, San Francisco, CA; Deloitte, San Jose, CA; Applied Industrial Technologies, Cleveland, OH; Medical Center Hospital, Columbus, GA; NCC, Dallas, TX; Wyoming Medical Center, Casper, WY; Comcast, Denver, CO; US Postal Service, Providence, RI; Direct Supply, Milwaukee, WI; Bank Atlantic, Boca Raton, FL; Goldstein Schechter Price & Taz, Coral Gables, FL; Tektronix, Richardson, TX; Ratheon Company, Garland, TX; CBIZ, Cleveland, OH; Batelco, Manama, Bahrain; AIA Co. LTD., Singapore; Banco di Laribe, Cucacao, Netherlands; Dell Worldwide, Shanghai, China; Goodwill Ind. of Middle TN, Nashville, TN; Accenture, Bloomington, IL; Washington Mutual, Pleasanton, CA; Biovail Corp, Steinbach, MB, Canada; Clientlogic Philippines, Pasig City, Philippines; Great Eastern Life Assurance (Malaysia) Berhad, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; LG Academy, Icheon, Republic of Korea; PriceWaterHouse Coopers, San Jose, CA; Encana Oil & Gas, Denver, CO; Bank of America, Yarmouth, MA; Ethicon Inc., Somerville, NJ; State Farm Ins., Orlando, FL; Jones Edmunds & Assoc. Inc., Titusville, FL; GE Global Research Center, Niskayuna, NY; Philips Semiconductor, Calamba, Philippines.

## Area Club Visits

**P**art of the district's mission is to ensure that each club effectively fulfills responsibilities to its members. In order to achieve this, the district must establish and maintain positive and supporting relations with each club. Area governors play a critical role in preserving this relationship via the area club visits, which are required twice a year. Area governors should complete their first round visit between July 1 and September 30 with a formal report due to TI no later than November 30th. The second visit should take place between January 1 and March 31 with a formal report due to TI no later than May 31st. For more details and to access the online report, please visit us at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org) > District Business Section > Area Report of Club Visit.

# Are Your Contestants Eligible?

Speech contest season is here. If your club is participating in your district's speech contests in September, October, and November, make sure contestants are eligible.

One eligibility requirement that causes confusion for clubs and districts is whether a contestant and club are in good standing. The following are considered to be in good standing:

- ▶ A continuing member whose dues for the April-September 2006 period was received at World Headquarters before the club contest was held
- ▶ A new, dual or reinstated member who joined the club since the April-September dues period began and whose membership application and dues were received at World Headquarters before the club contest was held.
- ▶ A club whose dues for the April-September 2006 period were received at World Headquarters before the club contest was held.

Payment of October 2006-March 2007 dues is not required for participation in contests held in September, October, and November. We encourage clubs and members to submit dues on or before October 1, but allow them to pay dues as late as November 30 before they lose their good standing.

For assistance in determining if your club's contestants are members in good standing, contact [dyosha@toastmasters.org](mailto:dyosha@toastmasters.org). Membership in good standing of a club in good standing is just one eligibility requirement. Please check Toastmasters International's Speech Contest Rulebook for the additional eligibility requirements for a specific contest.

## THINGS HAPPENING ON THE TI WEB SITE

Are you familiar with all the district-related business you can conduct online at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)?

- ✓ Find a club
- ✓ Submit club-officer training
- ✓ Access the DPR
- ✓ Pay dues renewals
- ✓ Order supplies and gifts through the online store
- ✓ Access district forms and resources
- ✓ Read District Newsletter and TIPS
- ✓ Review TI policies & procedures
- ✓ Find information on trademarks and copyrights
- ✓ Submit member name and address changes
- ✓ Enter officer training
- ✓ Review prospective clubs

## Toastmasters Is For Everyone

Just a reminder that Toastmasters International has a policy against discrimination:

*"No person shall be excluded from membership in a Toastmasters club, and no member shall be deliberately discriminated against in the conduct of official Toastmasters programs because of age (except those persons under the age of 18), race, color, creed, gender, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability so long as the individual, through his or her own efforts, is able to participate in the program."*

Policy violation by an individual member, club, area, division, district or other official groups will subject the offending person or entity to disciplinary action, in accordance with the Bylaws of Toastmasters International, unless the offending party ends its own violations.

## District Web Sites

Ever wonder what other districts around the world are doing to serve their members? You can find out by visiting district Web sites at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org) > Information for Members > District Web Sites. Remember, the more information we are able to share with each other, the better we can serve our members and the closer we are to achieving our mission.

## Eyes on the Prizes: Contest Awards

Speech contests are right around the corner once again. Attractive, high quality, trophies and certificates are available from Toastmasters International. Consult the supply catalog for photos, descriptions and prices or better yet, log on to the TI online store.

Discounts are available for significant orders placed. District governors and their designees should contact Christine Loizos at (949) 858-8255 or by email at [cloizos@toastmasters.org](mailto:cloizos@toastmasters.org) for more details.

To ensure adequate time for engraving and delivery be sure to place your order at least three weeks before the contest date. Trophies and certificates sold by Toastmasters International bear the Toastmasters emblem, or the names "Toastmasters International" or "Toastmasters." These three trademarks are the property of Toastmasters International and may not be reproduced on locally obtained gift or prize items, including trophies and certificates.