



**District 8 Toastmasters**  
**District Council Meeting**  
**May 18, 2013**

**The Mission of the District**

The mission of the District is to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

**Agenda**

- 10:12 am Meeting Called to Order by the Sergeant at Arms Curtis Scroggins, DTM**  
Curtis stated what papers everyone should have at their places  
Announced only those with voting slips will be able to vote  
Jeanette Lynch, Division F Governor, asks if Division Governors should have one  
Tom Coscia, Immediate Past DG, confirms all Div. Gov's. and trio should get a slip
- 10:02 am District Governor Welcome and Adoption of Agenda Curtis Scroggins, DTM**  
Called for a motion to accept the agenda  
Yolanda Wood, Scott Toastmasters, 9793, made the motion  
Jason Finks, MOCO Torchmasters, 1588057, seconded the motion  
Ayes had it; agenda was adopted
- 10:16 am District Secretary Report Wendy Clothier**  
Called for a motion to accept the minutes  
Frank Yates, Division E Governor, seconded the motion  
Stuart Welter Area 2 Governor, adopted the motion
- 10:25 am Credentials Committee Report Tom Coscia, DTM, IPDG**  
Announced we needed 77 for a quorum and had 88
- 10:26 am District Audit Report 2011-2012 John Barry, DTM**  
John commended DEC members for submitting expense reports in 60 day time frame  
and Gert for releasing the checks  
No questions entertained
- 10:21 am Division Caucus for 5 minutes with their Areas**  
Curtis called for a 5-minute recess (shortened from 10 to 5)  
Asked John Barry, Timer, to time the break  
John announced the green, yellow, and red signals



- 10:33 am**      **Division A Report**      **Mike Kotur, DTM**  
Area 2 has six clubs, three distinguished  
Area 4 has six clubs, added a new club, one Presidents Distinguished and three clubs within reach of distinguished  
Area 5 has a club base of six, a select and presidents, and two with all points but need a new member  
Area 9 has several distinguished clubs  
68% will be distinguished
- 10:37 am**      **Division B Report**      **Farzana Chohan for Cynthia Warren**  
14 clubs achieved Presidents  
13 clubs have achieved Select  
12 have achieved Distinguished
- Area 16, Gail Vaucher for Howard Price**  
Proud of clubs, thanks them for work, and wished success
- Area 20, Casetta Stevens**  
A few visits remain  
Has one Presidents Distinguished, Cave Springs Toastmasters
- 10:40 am**      **Division C Report**      **Jef Williams**  
Said TLIs and contests went well  
Expressed appreciation for his  
3 select, 3 distinguished  
Focused on maintaining membership base  
St. Elizabeth club, introduced attendees to Joe, its president
- 10:42 am**      **Division E Report**      **Frank Yates**  
**Area 7, Cynthia Scroggins for Kurt Minton**  
Six clubs, 2 slow paying, 4 prone to be distinguished  
Prison club, currently a gavel club, submitted paperwork to be a full club
- Area 14, Jean Craft**  
Reported all is well  
MO University of Science on way to be distinguished
- Area 21, Leigh Britt**  
2 of six are better or distinguished  
TULU is a prison club with 10 points to distinguished, need members  
Encouraged all present to support the conference fund-raisers for this club
- Congratulated his team and their attendance all year



**10:47 am      Division F Report      Jeanette Lynch, DTM**

Working hard on 27 visits, renewals, and dues  
Proud of contests  
Area 19, visits complete  
Area 15, visits completed, 1 more report  
Mackey Mitchell, new club, will get one more visit

**Area 8, Taffy Cobb**

Doing well, began with six, now have seven  
Taffy will visit new club  
Four visits completed, three more next week, will submit reports end of the month

**Area 12, Mary Sanders**

Recognized Missouri College for hosting contest, recognizes Suzanna Lee and Jason  
Visits complete  
Appreciated the opportunity to serve clubs

Thanked area governors, several of which will be distinguished  
Curtis thanked all area and division governors for their service

**10:51 am      District Treasurer Report, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fiscal Quarter 2012-13      Gert Baldwin**

At end of March, we had \$5,380 income  
\$8,415 set aside next term  
Membership dues still being posted, more funds arriving  
Total cash reserve, \$17,531 (dues flow into this account and we draw from it to pay expenses, HQ sets aside appx. \$8,000 to prepare for following year as a security  
Good position for next year, July 1  
Turn in expense vouchers to reflect current year's operation  
Thanked everyone for their contributions and for making her job easier

**10:51 am      District Public Relations Officer Report      Eileen Roth, DTM**

Not present; no delegate

**10:55 am      Club Extension Report      John Barry, DTM**

**New Clubs Chartered**

Mackey Mitchell  
DSAGSTL (Down's Syndrome)  
Mallinckrodt plant  
St. Elizabeth's Hosp, Belleville  
Star Masters (Macy's)  
CBPC (Lawson Calhoun)  
Mercy Tech Services  
Fluent Hearts (Heartland Dental)

**Chartered**

08/2012  
12/2012  
12/14/2012  
02/07/2013  
03/25/2013  
04/01/2013  
04/25/2013  
04/26/2013

**Location**

St. Louis, MO  
Clayton, MO  
St. Louis, MO  
Belleville, IL  
Earth City, MO  
St. Louis, MO  
St. Louis, MO  
Effingham, IL



**Prospective Clubs in Progress**

Tarlton Corp.  
 Redeemer of Columbia  
 Messenger Worship Centre  
 St. Louis Community College  
 Research Park, Weldon Springs  
 Memorial Hospital, Belleville  
 America, St. Charles  
 Sacred Heart, Florissant  
 Prison club  
 UMSL (staff & instructors)  
 Magellan  
 Church in E. STL (Neva)  
 ADM, Decatur, IL

**Initial Contact**

02/2013  
 11/2012  
 01/2013  
 01/2013  
 11/2011  
 05/2012  
 11/2012  
 04/2013

**Status**

Charter paperwork sent in  
 Application submitted to TI  
 Application submitted to TI  
 Sample meetings held  
 Application submitted to TI  
 Merging into St. Clair club Bank  
 Sample meeting 11/2012  
 Still meeting  
 Columbia, MO  
 Sample meeting on 05/23/13  
 Sample meeting on 05/29/13  
 Sample meeting on 06/10/13  
 Almost ready to charter

**Other Prominent Leads from 2012-2013**

Wabash College 08/2012  
 Toyota, Troy, MO 09/2012  
 Metropolis, IL 09/2012

Expressed interest

**10:59 am**

**L.G. Marketing Report**

**Sandra Kardis, DTM**

Stated her report is all about stats related to club-building and member and club retention.

Paid Clubs: 104

Suspended Clubs (as of March 31): 6

Clubs with low membership payments (less than 6): 2

Clubs that are ineligible with minimum requirement not yet met (2 members): 1

Clubs that have not submitted dues: 7

Membership payments: 4,249

Total number of new members: 832

Division A – 184, Division B – 237, Division C – 107, Division E- 137, Division F – 167

**A shout out to the following areas with the most new members:**

Division A Area 2 with 61

Division B Area 16 and Area 18 with 59

Division C Area 6 with 48

Division E Area 7 with 52

Division F Area 19 with 68



**A shout out to the following divisions with April Renewals > October Renewals or renewals remained the same:**

Division A: 59% out of 24 clubs

Division B: 33% out of 30 clubs

Division C: 27% out of 22 clubs

Division E: 33% out of 18 clubs

Division F: 28% out of 29 clubs

**A shout out to John Barry who has sponsored 13 new members** from January 1 – April 30! If you sponsored a new member, be sure to pick up your Membership and Marketing award in the bookstore.

**New Clubs - 8**

Newest clubs Mercy chartered April 25 and Fluent Hearts chartered April 26. Believe or not I checked the TI website while on a river cruise vacation to check on their status. Of the 8 new clubs, 4 have been chartered with the help of District 8 Toastmasters. My compliments to all of you!

**Prospective Clubs - 4**

4 are listed on the TI website.

UMSL is planning to submit the \$125 charter fee; expect it to show up soon.

Tarlton Corp. has submitted all its paperwork; waiting for it to show up on TI.

Alpha Club, Magellan Health and an ADM City Center look promising before June 30.

**Total New Club Leads: 41** (following up with 17)

**New Club Leads since April 27: 0**

**College Leads: 8** (Logan Chiropractic, St. Louis Community Colleges, Wabash Valley, Washington University, Western Illinois University, Lindenwood, McKendree and UMSL)

**Sample Meetings**

Scheduled for Tarlton Corp – May 21, UMSL – May 23, Magellan Health – May 29, and New Life Community Church – June 10.

**Coaches**

Need volunteers for Fairview Heights and Franklin County who have requested a coach. With the MAXPLAN, we can help the 30+ clubs needing coaches with virtual coaches. Check out the MAXPLAN documentation on the district website. I'm still working with Richard Porter on a date and venue for an educational session on it.

Thanks to all who are working on membership for District 8.



**11:05 am**      **L.G. Education and Training Report**      **Lora Mather, DTM**  
Thanked Education Eagles for building our social capital, the people connection  
Fall Conference, Taffy Cobb and Yolanda Wood  
The more we spend socially, the more it builds and grows club and district, providing a learning environment  
  
Awards incentive program takes time to track, but is worth it and is already making a difference  
  
Invite those you know to attend a meeting. It makes us all better people.

**11:08 am**      **District Governor Report**      **Curtis Scroggins, DTM**  
“My job is to give you an update of where we stand in the district”  
Showed a snapshot of our page on the report site  
4,249 total membership payments (221 payments short)  
9 clubs behind in total clubs paid, further behind if clubs close

**Goals to Distinguished**

356 more membership payments  
13 more paid clubs  
17 more Distinguished clubs

**Goals to Select Distinguished**

445 more membership payments  
15 more paid clubs  
22 more Distinguished clubs

**Goals to President’s Distinguished**

579 more membership payments  
19 more paid clubs  
28 more Distinguished clubs

We are in the largest region in the world in number of districts. Of all districts in the region, comparing our growth, everyone is behind. None have reached their base and total payments.

Numbers will change during dues-paid period.

We are in the middle of our region. In terms of distinguished, we’re behind.

Anyone can log in and see these numbers.

We’re doing fine. I believe we will be distinguished.



11:16 am

**Officer Elections**

**Curtis Scroggins, DTM**

Began with highest levels and worked down  
Has report from nominating committee of those slated to go forward  
Will ask for floor nominations; contested offices will be voted at once  
Non-contested offices will go first  
Each will get 2 minutes to speak

**District Governor (DG)**

Stated all nominees slated to move forward have accepted  
Asked for nominees from the floor three times  
Joe Passanise, Voices in Unity, 1291, moved we close nominations for DG  
Stan Veyhl, Free Speakers, 970718, seconded motion  
No opposed

Adam Kutell, South County Toastmasters, 1957, VP of Education, moved that Lora Mather be elected District Governor

Carole Breckner, Cuba Communicators, 2347584, seconded the motion  
No opposed

**Lt. Governor of Education and Training (LGET)**

Asked for nominees from the floor three times  
John Barry, Grace Church Toastmasters, 7866, moved we close nominations for LGET  
Farzana Chohan, Area 13 Governor, seconds  
No opposed

Jeanette Lynch, Division F Governor, Wells Fargo Advisors Toastmasters, 8974, moved we elect Sandy Kardis as LGET  
Jerry Chapman, Voices in Unity, 1291, seconded the motion  
No opposed

**Lt. Governor of Marketing (LGM), Debra Morrissey**

Asked for nominees from the floor three times  
Jerry Chapman, Voices in Unity, 1291, moved we close nominations  
Suzanne Lee, MOCO Torchmasters, 1588057, seconded the motion  
No opposed

Cassetta Stevens, Area 20 Governor, moved we elect Debra Morrissey as LGM  
Frank Yates, Division E, seconded the motion  
No opposed





### **Division Governors, Uncontested**

#### **Division B**

Taffy Cobb, Area 8 Governor, announced her nomination of Ralph Morrissey for Division B governor

Casetta Stevens, Area 20 (Division B) Governor, seconded the motion

Ralph accepted the nomination

No opposed

#### **Division A, C, F**

Asked for nominees from the floor three times

David Mallory, Shelter Insurance, 7349, moved to close nominations for uncontested

Jeanette Lynch, Division F Governor, seconded the motion

No opposed

#### **Division A Governor, Stuart Welter**

Adam Kutell, South County Toastmasters, 1957, moved Secretary cast one vote

Suresh Gopalakrishnan, Mastertoasters, 4431, seconded the motion

No opposed

#### **Division C Governor, Howard Price**

Sandra Swearingen, O'Fallon Toastmasters Club, 994 moved Howard Price be elected

Jerry Chapman, Voices in Unity, 1291, seconded the motion

No opposed

#### **Division F, Richard Porter**

Jeanette Lynch, Division F Governor, moved Richard Porter be elected by

acclamation and instructed the Secretary to cast one vote for Richard Porter

Farzana Chohan, Area 13 Governor, seconded the motion

No opposed

#### **Division B Contested Election, Ralph Morrissey and Gail Vaucher**

Gail announced her withdrawal

Floor entertained motion

Jeanette Lynch, Division F Governor, moved Ralph Morrissey be elected by acclamation and instructed the Secretary to cast one vote for Ralph Morrissey

Taffy Cobb, Area 8 Governor, seconded the motion

No opposed





### **Division E, Kenny Freeman and Gert Baldwin**

John Barry announced no-grace, 2-minute timing; applause to begin at two minutes  
Alphabetical order

#### **Speech #1 Gert Baldwin**

Will manage, mentor and govern; improve weak areas, using strong areas as a platform to strengthen all; mentor groups so they feel confident to accomplish goals; managed 8 clubs as area governor in a previous position out of state; served as president, increasing membership and moving it to be distinguished

#### **Speech #2 Kenny Freeman**

Reason selected as Toastmaster of Year; not a manager; a leader; right information; born to reach from the womb; why I love Toastmasters: reach forward to improve, backward to help others, in to pull out all we have, out to share experience with others; 25 years experience because love it; one thing I will do if elected: share and encourage fellow TMs to *reach*; see how high we can fly

### **11:43 am      Realignment Committee      Tom Coscia, DTM, IPDG**

Pointed out realignments in red; explained movement by division  
Division F (city of St. Louis) needed a new area, 17, to accommodate growth and number of clubs  
Entertained questions from floor; no questions  
Curtis called for vote; acceptance of realignment

No opposed; realignment was accepted

### **11:48 am      Procedures Committee      Carole Breckner, DTM**

Stated the committee reviewed the manual and made 28 corrections and changes  
Thanked committee Tom Coscia, Dan Darnall, and all Division Governors  
Outlined all changes

A report coming from committee, no motion required, but questions will be entertained

Adam Kutell, South County Toastmasters, 1957, VP of Education, requested chairmen be changed to chairs

Art Stanze, Crossroads, 1337939, asked if anyone can receive both a nomination and an appointment

Carole: Happened once; someone nominated as a governor but appointed as district treasurer



Joe Passanise, Voices in Unity, 1291: Standard document for each district; why can't district have one set of procedures; why go through this when TI has normal procedures for each district?

Carole: TI suggested we do it because of all the inquiries regarding the new section on discipline

Curtis called for a vote to accept the updated procedures manual

Ayes had it; no opposed

Changes will be forwarded to TI

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| <b>12:01 pm</b> | <b>Long-Range Planning Committee</b><br>40 votes for Gert Baldwin<br>63 votes for Kenneth Freeman<br>Kenneth is the Division E Governor   | <b>Cindy Larm, DTM</b>       |
| <b>12:02 pm</b> | <b>Unfinished Business</b><br>None  | <b>Curtis Scroggins, DTM</b> |
| <b>12:03 pm</b> | <b>New Business</b><br>International Director Candidate has sent the district his statement<br>Mary Kerwin, PDG, will read his statement<br>Timing will begin when she begins to read<br><br>Alan Shayner, DTM, PDG, Candidate for Region 5 International Director<br>Retired fire battalion chief and fire arson investigator<br>TM since July 2001 and has served in all club offices included 2 years as Division Governor, District 11 Governor, TI brand ambassador, etc. Asked all present to vote for him.<br><br>Conference Committee Chair, Carol Warner<br>Next Council Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 23<br><br>Jeanette Lynch, Division F governor, announced plans to find group transportation to TI Cincinnati; received \$5,000 for first bid (bus); will continue searching for a better rate (e.g., van) | <b>Curtis Scroggins, DTM</b> |
| <b>12:06 pm</b> | <b>Council Meeting Wrap up and Announcements</b>  | <b>Curtis Scroggins, DTM</b> |

***Next Council Meeting***  
*Saturday, Nov 23, St. Louis Union Station Hotel*