

District 8 Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting  
October 3, 2009 • 1:30 p.m.  
Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library  
2750 Highway K  
O'Fallon, MO 63368-7859

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dori Drummond at 1:36 p.m.

**Reading of District Mission**

Bill Levins, Area 3 Governor, read the Mission of the District.

**Certification of Quorum**

IPDG Tony Gartner reported that a quorum was present.

Executive Committee Members Present:

District Elected Officers:

District 8 Governor – Dori Drummond  
Lt. Governor Education & Training – Tim Spezia  
Lt. Governor Marketing – John Barry  
Division B Governor – Kathryn Mokriakow  
Division F Governor – Thomas Ahillen

District Appointed Officers:

Treasurer – Tom Coscia  
Secretary – Frank Yates  
Public Relations Officer – Jacquie Vick

Area 1 Governor, Communic-8 – Joann York  
Area 3 Governor – William Levins  
Area 5 Governor – Karen Cupp  
Area 7 Governor – Margie Anglen  
Area 8 Governor – Dossie (D. J.) Randle  
Area 9 Governor – Eric Heng  
Area 12 Governor – Jane Clark  
Area 13 Governor – Nadia LaFlam  
Area 15 Governor – –Raymond Allen  
Area 19 Governor – Robin Anderson  
Area 20 Governor – Brenda English  
Area 21 Governor – Tom Houston

Committee Chairs:

Club Extension Chair, Competent Leadership Committee Chair – Bob Blattman  
Immediate Past District Governor, Credentials Chair, Nominating, Realignment –  
Tony Gartner

Executive Committee Members Excused/Absent:

Division A Governor – Carole Breckner

Division C Governor – Randy Lanning  
Division E Governor, Awards & Recognition Chair – Curtis Scroggins  
Area 2 Governor – Sherri Rogers  
Area 4 Governor – Paul Cook  
Area 6 Governor – Samantha Schaefer  
Area 10 Governor – Aprill Edwards  
Area 14 Governor – Tishia Tsipsis  
Area 16 Governor – Lydia Pochedly  
Area 18 Governor – Kristi Holsinger  
Sergeant-at-Arms, Resource Manual – David Mallory

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Robin Anderson, Area 19 Governor, moved that the agenda of the day be adopted. The motion was seconded by Ray Allen, Area 15 Governor. Motion carried.

### **Secretary Minutes**

The minutes of the April 4, 2009 DEC Meeting were distributed by email. Dori Drummond asked for several changes. Jacquie Vick, PRO, moved that the minutes be accepted as revised. The motion was seconded by IPDG Tony Gartner. Motion carried. The minutes of the August 29, 2009 DEC Meeting were distributed by email. Thomas Ahillen, Division F Governor, moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Karen Cupp, Area 5 Governor, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed for Division caucuses.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Division A Governor – Carole Breckner**

Karen Cupp, Area 5 Governor, reported. Three of the four area contests have been held. High Noon Toastmasters in Cape Girardeau is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Toastmasters were invited to Area 5 in Carbondale on October 8 to hear Ed Hearn, the 2006 International Speech Contest winner. Jeffco Challengers is holding an open house in October. Twin Rivers Word Masters is having a High Performance Leadership goal of gaining ten members in September. Division A Contest on October 24, at Jefferson College in Arnold.

#### **Division B Governor – Kathryn Mokriakow**

All area contests have been held. Division B will be held on Oct 17 at McClay Library. There are five areas in Division B. In Area 3 all area club visits have been made. Six of seven clubs have submitted dues on time. Scriptmasters trained all seven of their officers. In Area 13, all area club visits have been made. Club success plans are not finished. There is a potential for a new club at Nadia LaFlam's workplace. In Area 18, Reuters Speak Now has stopped meetings due to low participation. Money Talks held an open house on September 15, with over 20 attending. Just Us Toastmasters is converting to a community club. Mastertoasters will be holding an open house in December or January, and a second open house in the spring. Alton is planning an anniversary celebration. WelDon Toast, St. Charles County Toastmasters, and Cave

Springs Toastmasters are all planning membership drives in October. A challenge for WelDon Toast is that some departments are no longer paying dues for new members.

### **Division C Governor — Randy Lanning**

Joann York, Area 1 Governor, reported. Area 6 contest was held this morning. Areas 1 and 10 will hold their contests as a joint event in Springfield at UIS on October 11. The Division C contest will be held on October 24 at Carlinville. Noontime Toastmasters has achieved three DCP goals so far. All Area 1 clubs submitted dues renewals on time. Three area club visits have been done, and the remaining three will be done next week. The UIS club is getting closer to chartering. There will be a demonstration meeting on October 28 with Ed Hearn giving his award-winning speech to the group. Another club opportunity in Springfield is Hope Church. Smedley Hometown Memorial has opened their membership, celebrating 30 years. Gem City Toastmasters is changing its meeting time to Monday nights. The Toastmasters Business Professionals club in Swansea has 19 members and needs one more to charter.

### **Division E Governor — Curtis Scroggins**

Margie Anglen, Area 7 Governor, reported. Area club visits continue to be completed and we are now in the midst of area contests. For various reasons, the potential club leads that were promising in the beginning have not panned out and we will continue to work with the District leadership to pursue those leads. For Area 7, several clubs have planned open houses in conjunction with the restart of school and the 85th Anniversary of Toastmasters. Capital Toastmasters is also participating in the Multi-Cultural Festival in Jefferson City in the month of October and they will follow up on leads that they receive at that event. Curtis held an Area 14 officers training on August 29. The area contest was scheduled for October 1. The Ozark Orators hosted. MS&T held an open house that went really well. In Area 21, The Good Neighbor Toastmasters has agreed to host the Division E Contest on October 17 at the State Farm corporate office in Columbia. The Area 21 governor will complete his round of club visits next week. The Area 7 governor has completed her official visits, and will post them soon. Areas 7 and 21 held joint contests on September 19 at Shelter Insurance Sunrise. All clubs in Area 21 participated, except Talu Toastmasters.

### **Division F Governor — Thomas Ahillen**

All area contests are complete as of this morning. Division F contest will be rescheduled to October 22. In Area 12, SLU Masters membership is down to 12 and losing two more. Free Speakers membership is low, probably 10 now. They are giving a demo meeting at the International Institute. Two clubs need coaches. In Area 8, the Open Line club has serious membership problems. F.R.B. has low membership. In Area 15, Uptick Talkers is off to a good start with 9 new members and will earn a Smedley award. BJC Toastmasters has some issues. They have been visited by their area governor seven weeks in a row. Their problem is officers in multiple locations. Anheuser-Busch is down to two members at their second site in Sunset Hills. They will be moving back downtown and meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Area 19 reports no problems. The Rent-a-Toast club is going to get the Smedley award. MidTown Clayton Toastmasters club is having its 65th Anniversary celebration tonight. All area club visits are complete. Primary

Conversations reported educational awards. SquareTalkers also reported educational awards.

**Marketing Report — John Barry, LGM**

*Communic8* hit the mailbox on Monday. It contains pictures of the Spring conference and TLI. Clubs that qualified in Beat the Clock are recognized. The members who recruited and sponsored the most new members during the year are recognized. Eileen Roth won with 23 new members. New clubs--Montgomery County sent their paperwork in on October 1. That makes three new clubs for the year. Swansea needs one more new member to charter. There are fourteen other clubs in various stages of development. City of St. Peters--15 members, H&R Block--15 members, MoDot--10 members, Grace Community Chapel is trying to start a club with only 250 members in the congregation. A postal carrier is promoting the club by posting flyers. Ascension Health wants to get started again. KB Pharmaceuticals is interested in starting a club. Ameren is interested in starting a club. They have 10,000 employees, John Barry and Tony Gartner attended Vision Leadership, representing all of the Chambers of Commerce in St. Charles County. A leadership group in West Plains is interested in starting a club. Boone County Hospital and Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia are both interested in starting clubs. An area governor from Kansas City moved to Highland, IL, and is interested in starting a club there. The Marion VA in Area 5 is planning a speechcraft and is hoping to start a new club. Poplar Bluff will hold its demo meeting on November 9.

**Education and Training Report — Tim Spezia, LGET**

He has attended a lot of the area contests and they have been going very well, with good speakers and presentations. He would like to see more judges trained and working at the contests. He complimented the area and division governors for the work they have done so far and he is proud of what they have achieved. The Fall Conference will be held on November 20--21, and promised good entertainment, good publicity, and good educational sessions. The Spring Conference will be held at the Route 66 Hotel on May 7--8, 2010. The January 30, 2010 TLI needs a location. There have been 41 CCs submitted, which is 27 percent of the goal. There have been 15 ACs submitted, which is 35 percent of the goal. There is an overall goal of 200 CCs. Division contest trophies now available. The final schedule for the Fall Conference is being finalized.

**District Governor's Report — Dori Drummond**

Dori challenged the District to bring 3 new members per day in September, excluding Labor Day weekend. The District brought in 73 new members, which was close to the goal. Dori led the DEC in a round of applause to celebrate this accomplishment. So far, only areas 4, 19, and 20 have posted all of their area club visits online. Dori requests that the other Area Governors let Dori know when they will have their reports posted online. Michael Smith, PID, and his wife will be at Fall Conference. Dori would like to recognize him for helping to start 10 clubs in District 8. The District Directory was sent to all DEC members. According to the TI website, most clubs have renewed their dues, with 19 clubs still needing to pay. More-Than-More ribbons will be given to clubs that exceed DCP goals. They will be first handed out at the Fall Conference.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tom Coscia presented the Treasurer's Reports for July, 2009 and August, 2009. In the July report, he directed attention to page 6, which showed expenses for new club banners, the answering service, supplies for the area and division governor training session on July 11, and for contest training, reimbursements to PRO, Treasurer, and LGET for regional training expenses, and Division E TLI expenses, Tom also reported Store income of \$305.30. Funds available were \$32,603. Tom Coscia, District Treasurer, moved, and Karen Cupp, Area 5 Governor, seconded the motion to receive the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

In the August report, he directed attention to page 6, which showed expenses for building new club brochures, postage for the TALU Award, AT&T and Answer St. Louis expenses, a new club banner, contest training reimbursements, fall speech contest forms, administration expenses, travel expenses for district, division, and area governors, and Treasurer travel expenses for mid-year training. He also reported Division C expenses for refreshments. Tom Coscia, District Treasurer, moved, and D. J. Randle, Area 8 Governor, seconded the motion to receive the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Tom Coscia reported that the Beginning Balance as shown in the 2009–2010 District 8 Budget needed to be increased by about \$3,000. The corrected number will be reported on the financial reports to be presented at the Fall Conference in November.

### **Other Committee Reports**

Tony Gartner, Long Range Planning: no report.

Kevin Desrosiers, Speakers Bureau: no communication from Kevin Desrosiers.

Jacquie Vick, Public Relations: Jacquie has been reaching out to the club VPPRs regarding the 85th Anniversary of Toastmasters International, sharing information, ideas, and holding open houses. Three ads to commemorate the 85th Anniversary have been placed in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Springfield State Journal-Register, and Columbia Daily Tribune newspapers. Jacquie also did a recording for PR Talk. She will retape parts of the video message to improve her responses to questions from the audience.

Wayne Allen, Club Coaching: Several clubs do need coaches. If paid membership drops below 13, the club is automatically on the list. SLU does not qualify for list. Good news is that Southern Illinois Toastmasters, Wry Toastmasters, Plus Factor, Thursday Noon in Decatur, and Ozark Orators are now off the list. Some clubs will be lost, including Talk of the Town, AMD, and SLAR.

### **Unfinished Business**

none

**New Business**

none

**Announcements**

break for educational session.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Yates, District Secretary