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District Governor

District 8

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**District 8 Toastmasters
District Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday February 23rd, 2013
1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.**

The Mission of the District

The mission of the District is to enhance the performance and extend the network of Clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by:

- Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the District educational and membership goals
- Insuring that each Club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members
- Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for Club and District officers

Agenda

- 1:42 pm Meeting Called to Order by the District Sergeant at Arms Dennis Roth, DTM**
- 1:43 pm District Governor Welcome and Adoption of Agenda Curtis Scroggins, DTM**
Motion made by Cynthia Warren, Division B Gov., to adopt the agenda as written
Seconded by Jeanette Lynch, Division F Gov.
- 1:44 pm District Secretary Report Wendy Clothier**
Will approve January and February minutes at April meeting
- 1:45 pm District Treasurer's Report Gert Baldwin**
- Reports are in the making; will be distributed when completed
 - \$15,435 cash in reserve
 - Spring dues coming soon which will add to the treasury
 - Bring your vouchers to me and I will sign and give you a check
 - Audit has been completed and Curtis would like to meet with Frank, Gert, and Tom after the meeting to make certain we send everything to Toastmasters International
- 1:47 pm District Public Relations Officer Report Dennis Roth, DTM**
- Dennis welcomes everyone to attend the Working Womens' Survival Show in St. Charles this weekend
 - New Down Syndrome club will be chartered next Saturday with a ceremony in connection with their annual conference at the University of Missouri; contact Eileen for details

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1:50 pm Credentials Committee Report Tom Coscia, DTM, IPDG
Need 17 for quorum and we have 19

1:50 pm Division Caucus for 10 minutes with their Areas

2:02 pm Division A Report Mike Kotur, DTM

- Make or break us month challenging
- Division A contest posted on site
- Make Up training had 20 attendees, including several from outside the division
- Every area on pace to earn a distinguished status

Area 5, Bill Burlison (not present)

One visit completed, two scheduled, last three will occur in March

Area 4, Bob Heaton (not present)

One club off the low-membership list, with three members planning to join

Only one club hasn't yet scheduled their contest

Down Syndrome club open house is in his area

Area 9, Jason Ober

Rolling along, planned five of six clubs to be distinguished

Area contest planned

Rebecca Olson (Webster Groves) spoke to 60 residents re. importance of public speaking

Area 2, Stuart Welter

Two have already had contests

Newest club scheduled first contest March 5

One club has gone AWOL (Maryville), not returning calls or e-mail messages

Another club has no contest, but on track to be distinguished

2:08 pm Division B Report Cynthia Warren, DTM

Area 3, Emily Larson (not present)

Mallinckrodt Speaks doing well

Area 20, Casetta Stevens, DTM (not present)

No report

Area 13, Farzana Chohan

Contest scheduled for March 30

Clubs doing well, four have scheduled contests

Officers training will be complete soon

Area 16, Howard Price

All officers have minimum trained save one, which Howard will train

All clubs except Earth City have scheduled their contests

Area 18, Tony Neal

Three of six clubs have had area contests
Area contest will be March 2, next Saturday
Training in place
Club visits should be complete by April

Curtis presents Howard Price with gifts from December meeting

2:14 pm

Division C Report

Jef Williams

Contest to be held April 6

Area 6, Chris Harris (not present)

Continues to grow
Recently added St. Elizabeth Hospital, a fun group
Contest will be held March 23

Area 11, Rodney Dayson (not present)

Scheduled area contest for March 9

Area 1, Erika Suzuki

5 clubs with 4 clubs trained
Has scheduled one-on-one training
Two contestants registered
Area contest scheduled for March 23

Area 10, Paul Matthews

Two of four completed officers training
Balance should be completed next week, with several one-on-one sessions
One of four clubs have a contest confirmed scheduled
Two of four on their way to Distinguished
Will also have an area contest on March 23, along side Erika's

2:19 pm

Division E Report

Frank Yates

Contest tentatively scheduled for April 13

Area 7, Cynthia Scroggins

Of six clubs, five have met minimum officers trained
Contest season has begun
Area contest scheduled for March 23
Club visits should be completed before April deadline

Area 14, Jean Craft

Invites everyone to the March 16 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rolla, MO
March 30, area contest
Ozark club will host its first contest in 20-25 years
Training completed for all but Waynesville because training cancelled due to bad weather

Area 21, Leigh Britt

Training difficult to complete, struggle, five of six should achieve distinguished pt.

Visited four of six clubs

March 9, contest in Columbia, MO

Not as many clubs have scheduled contests, but clubs will send contestants to the area

2:24 pm**Division F Report****Jeanette Lynch, DTM**

- Make up training already held
- Last-chance training also scheduled for 5pm this Tuesday, details on the District site
- Contest scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 6pm, at Missouri College

Area 15, Richard Porter (not present)

Visits complete

Contest scheduled for Sat., March 30

Area 19, Damon Watson (not present)

No report, but contest will be Saturday, March 19

Area 12, Mary Sanders

All seven have been visited and are participating in area contest March 1, Missouri College

Not all officers have been trained, but all have minimum of four trained

Represented her club at the Working Womens' Survival Show

Area 8, Taffy Cobb

Of six clubs, four visits scheduled

Two will be scheduled

Most of the six clubs have met minimum officer training

Will send the rest to the last-chance training or schedule one-on-ones

Area contest scheduled for Tuesday, March 19 at Blue Cross-Blue Shield building, 6-8pm

Help me and I'll help you

2:30 pm**Club Extension Report****John Barry, DTM**

- New clubs are working us hard
- We have four clubs chartered and six new clubs who submitted charter paperwork
- These six clubs need mentors
- 3-4 sample meetings held
- If everyone needs a place to speak, see me!

2:33 pm**Club Coach Report****Debra Morrissey, DTM**

- Curtis speaks for the absent Debra
- 25 clubs qualify for coaching with only one coach assigned
- Almost every area needs a coach

2:35 pm**L.G. Marketing Report****Sandy Kardis, DTM****Paid Clubs: 111****New Clubs: 4** (St. Elizabeth's Hospital chartered February 7; assigned to Div. C Area 6)**Lost Clubs: 2** (Westport and Westplains)

Danger-zone Clubs: 3

1. Alton (2 members)
2. Cent Louie (not responding to emails or phone calls)
3. Parkland Area (out of 6 members, 2 will not renew)

Membership Payments: 2394 (an increase of 186 since January meeting)

New Members Total: 608 (an increase of 127 since January meeting)

- Division A: 141
- Division B: 157
- Division C: 89
- Division E: 95
- Division F: 126

Division Governor (DG) Communication

Feb. 4: DGs were emailed listing of clubs without a July and January officer list and/or no October renewals

Feb. 12: DGs were emailed an incentive flyer for early April renewals.

Shout Outs

Division A

- Area 5 Marion VA Toastmasters Club # 02016056
- Area 9 Maritz Toastmasters Club #00007953 with 14 new members

Division B: Area 13 – Creve Coeur Toastmasters Club #00001267 with 14 new members

Division C

- Area 6 Scott Toastmasters Club #00009793 with 16 new members
- Special recognition for Area 11 Decatur Commodore club #00000654 has been at 4 members since October and has recently gained 1 new member.

Division E: Area 14 Cuba Communicators Club # 02347584 with 13 new members

Division F – Area 19

- idtown Clayton Club # 00000283
- Voices in Unity Club #00001291 with 13 new members.

Low Membership Clubs Conference Call

A conference call with clubs with membership below 13 is scheduled for March 4. I have also asked a several successful corporate and community clubs to join the call to share best practices.

Total New Club Leads: 35

College Leads: 7

1. Logan Chiropractic
2. St. Louis Community Colleges
3. University of Columbia
4. Wabash Valley
5. Washington University
6. Western Illinois University
7. Lindenwood

Prospective Clubs: 6

- Six clubs submitted an application to organize and the \$125 charter fee.

- Most contacts report they are working to get more members.
- Several are unresponsive or postponing meeting.
- I have mailed brochures to several leads.

Sample Meetings

- February 5, Tuesday 9:00 A.M. - Meramec Community College
- February 6, Wednesday 9:30 A.M. - Mercy Technology Services/February 27 to help with officer structure and start figuring out the logistics of getting the club off the ground
- February 20, Wednesday 2:00 P.M. - Macy's Credit and Customer Services
- February 21, Thursday 12:00 PM - University of Missouri (to be rescheduled)
- February 22, Friday 1:00 P.M. - Forest Park Community College (to be rescheduled)
- March 6, Wednesday 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. - Florissant Valley Community College
- March 8, Friday 11:00 A.M. - Heartland Dental conference call
- March 11, Monday 12:00 P.M. - Tarlton Corp

Mentors: Mercy Technology Services, SLCC, Macy's , and Tarlton Corp need mentors

Coaches: Fairview Heights and Franklin County clubs have requested a coach

MAXPLAN: The plan and PowerPoint presentation will soon be on the district website.

Thank you to everyone working on membership for District 8.

2:45 pm

L.G. Education and Training Report

Lora Mather, DTM

- Set the example for education awards, 36 coming from a group of 16
- See me to receive Smarties for all your efforts
- 500 officers trained first round
- 400 officers trained second round
- Trophies, Division Governors have theirs
- Will attend as many contests as she can and encourages Governors to do likewise
- Spring Conference update by Wendy Clothier who appeals for chair positions and support
- Lora recruited chairs for the 2013-14 TLI, Elaine and Lamont Curry.

2:55 pm

District Governor Report

Curtis Scroggins, DTM

- Area Visits: continue to make them
- Area Contests: get them scheduled
- Division Makeup Training, should be complete by Thursday, February 28
- Division Contests, should be scheduled very soon
- 1+1 Membership Challenge
- 8-Point challenge
- 8-Percent challenge: 8% of district membership attend the Spring conference
- DG visit challenge: double membership from Oct. to April dues will be visited by me
- Calling Club Presidents: Curtis has contacted all who started in January
- Officer Lists: Only have one club who hasn't turned in their officer list, but it's in my area so I will work with them to submit their list
- Club Dues: Six clubs haven't yet paid dues

- 3:00 pm Unfinished Business Curtis Scroggins, DTM**
Team Photographs: See “Our Team” page of the district site; have photos for everyone but area governors
- 3:05 pm New Business Curtis Scroggins, DTM**
- **Reports:** Does everyone know how to check your reports
 - Mike Kotur says it takes forever to check reports at the Silverlight login page.
 - John Barry suggests using the historical version, which does not require Silverlight
Curtis concurs, “You can see almost everything I can without having to log in.”
- 3:10 pm Open Forum Curtis Scroggins, DTM**
Jeanette Lynch
- Suggests Curtis or any member of trio hold a conference call rather than visit far clubs. Sandy Kardis asks Jeanette to send an invitation.
 - States intention to invite Debra Morrissey to come to Wells Fargo Advisors to promote coaching
 - States colleges and churches are growing and asks group where else can we go to recruit, especially since we’re seeing less industry or corporate clubs; suggests an English as Second Language club
 - o Lora replies we have contests in seven different languages. “It’s on the horizon.”
 - o Curtis adds contests can be held in a different language all the way to the District level.
 - Asks how we can get photos to Curtis
 - o Farzana will bring a camera to the April meeting to take photographs of anyone who doesn’t yet have one
- Taffy Cobb**
- Asks about the CRO (Corporate Relations Officer) position
 - Curtis states it is not yet defined, but this role is intended to grow our corporate clubs.
 - Curtis will ask for a CRO report at the next DEC meeting
 - Sandy Kardis says she put club members in contact with members from other closed clubs, but no significant events have occurred
- Howard Price**
- States that during his one-on-one training sessions, he’s hearing training materials are good for an overview, but not specific enough for members who need nuts-and-bolts, day-to-day instructions
 - Curtis said Toastmasters International (TI) combined all manuals into one, which watered it down.
 - TI is not opposed to us expanding and elaborating upon their material.
 - Check other districts who post cheat sheets, timer sheets, and more for public use.
 - Use Bing, Yahoo, or Google and you’ll find ways to enhance your training
- 3:15 pm DEC Meeting Wrap up and Closing Announcements Curtis Scroggins, DTM**
Jeanette Lynch reminds all about officer training at Wells Fargo Advisors next Tuesday
- 3:20 pm Optional Q&A Session on contest procedures facilitated by LGET Lora Mather, DTM**

Next DEC Meeting

Saturday, April 27th @ Mid-County Library, 7821 Maryland Avenue St. Louis, MO 63105

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