



**District 8 Toastmasters  
District Executive Committee Meeting  
Saturday January 11, 2014  
12:30 PM -2:00 PM**

**The Purpose of the District**

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

**Agenda**

- 12:30 p- light lunch
- 12:32 p Call to Order Rosemary Wilson, SAA
- Invocation by Rosemary about volunteers
- 12:31 p District Governor Welcome and Adoption of Agenda Lora Mather, DTM, DG
- Debra is not able to make it today, suggesting a change in agenda to give more info about the club visits during the division reports
- 12:32 p District Secretary Report Rachel Francis, ACB, ALB
- Farzana Chohan, ACG- provided minutes for October meeting,
  - Adam Kutell, Area 13-motion to approve Barry Hammond, Area 9 second
- 12:38 p Division B Team Report Ralph Morrissey, DTM
- Moving along well
  - Gail Vaucher, Area 16-exciting year so far, invited a club to luncheon with Allan Shaner, went very well; has one club almost distinguished, other doing well. Had a chance to visit at least once. Challenge with developing membership in all visits. Other issue with contacting some clubs, has been talking that up. Everyone has been very open and friendly, establishing great best practice
  - Carol Steinbach, Area 3-first set of visits went really well, have 5 clubs. Had a challenge getting to one club that is downtown. One public club that is struggling, looking for a coach. Has 2 visits set
  - Alan Ayers, Area 20-six clubs, one new. Attended their charter meeting. One extremely struggling club with six members. Others are starting to take off. One was able to get Dan Darnell as member that has helped club already. Suggest plan visits and visit to your plan, stick to your plan.
  - Adam Kutell, Area 13-five good clubs, one not doing so well. The struggling club meets during corporate hours and having issues getting membership. They need a coach, meet 12-1pm weekly in West County. Other club visits show the clubs are doing really well, getting good turnout. Has taken on roles at each visit which has been fun. Able to introduce new practices to other clubs.
  - Ralph Morrissey, Division B Governor-Some areas have not gotten Nov visits yet, pushing along. On track
- 12:45 p Division F Team Report Richard Porter, ACB, ALB
- Nancy Suelflow, Area 8-new club, plans to visit in next couple of weeks. Jacobs engineering club incorporates into performance reviews which encourages participation. They have meetings at noon in area that others can see. MeKee Mitchel has no interest in distinguished program so they going along on their own . Open line (ATT) is having challenges due to upcoming move. Talked about possibility of getting a coach but they are not interested. Federal Reserve club-they encourage interns to participate in club

- Elaine Laura, Area 12-took a lot of time filling out area governor reports, noticed club president and officers actually read the report and implemented the suggestions, this was very encouraging for her to do a good job. Two clubs struggling, Free Speakers meets on Sunday night and need members. New club CBPC, need one additional member, meet on Wed night at a church and would be happy to have you. Trying to encourage clubs to finish club success plan, gave them a goal to work towards and made it easier for her as well.
- Angie Davis, Area 15-six clubs, lots of corporate club. One club really hurting with membership and participation, Toast of the town. They are not really receptive to feedback, not interested in a coach at this time but she is trying to encourage them. Other clubs are really receptive and doing great. One thing she needs to do is send something to officers before the meeting, the numbers section in particular, that would have helped with visit.
- Jerry Chapman, Area 19-six clubs, 3 are robust and growing going to be distinguished and 3 struggling. One was down to 16 but back to 21 members and may make distinguished. County Communicators lost meeting spot and they are coming back, membership at 12. Corp Club Rubin Brown struggling with membership. Everything on track to have 3 distinguished and 2 on par.
- Richard Porter for Michael Shaw, Area 17- Michael couldn't make it. 5 clubs, 2 struggling and one may not continue. Trying to help Michael get visits in and contests on time.

12:30 p Division C Team Report

Howard Price, DTM

- Dan Filla, Area 1-five clubs in area one, visits going well. Highlight is probably the lowlight. The club that asked for coach last year, found coach. All 5 clubs participating in speech craft. This should help all clubs. Learned to send the forms out early.
- Tom Gillard, Area 6-7 clubs, found it to be humbling experience. Greeted everywhere with red carpet treatment. Do different going forward-when he would receive club success plan, going to require everyone give fractionally update of status so he has clear idea of what is happening. Glen Carbon library interested in starting in club, possibly in April, hoping library friends will cover fee.
- Howard Price for Sarah Petty, Area 10- Sarah couldn't make it, one club going into hiatus. Ice road TM they are piloting. Club/Area competition, trying to get CC completed. Have a point system in place try help encourage each other. Top club in division going to get podium, top club in area gets ribbon and top person gets trophy. Hopefully will be successful.

12:55 p Division A Team Report

Stuart Welter, ACS, ALB

- Conference-Division A provided winners for both contests, both from Area 2, and from same club.
- Carrie Radnov, Area 2-five clubs, one new and they have a charter party coming up for them ROI. They really started themselves. Challenge is officer training, 3 clubs were no shows today.
- Darlene Suter, Area 5-Area contest March 29<sup>th</sup> at Marion II VA hospital, going to Skype for afternoon meeting of DEC. Challenged with distance in area, need to find something creative. Poplar Bluff has member that is radio show host, has gained 7 new members due to this! IL side also challenged, one club is very new and other not so new. Teamed up to hold one club contest between the two of them. Proud of clubs, all struggling to be distinguished and they are doing everything they can. Invite everyone to area contest on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Need functionaries.
- Barry Hammond, Area 9-six clubs, 2 corporate. 2 community are struggling, one has less than 10 members. They only have 1 meeting a month which is an issue. Encouraged them to have 2 meetings a month at 2 diff locations, have had membership advancement with that. Another club still struggling with membership. First visits went well, got through them and everyone was happy. Thinks second time will go much better.
- Stuart Welter- they are in the process of setting up contests

1:05 p Division E Team Report

Kenneth Freeman, AGC, ALS

- Don Martindale, Area 21-six clubs, several struggling. 2 clubs should be distinguished, one possible presidents distinguished. Challenge with Truman club in suspension. Also challenge with prison club and advanced club. Demo meeting that Kenny will be helping VA hospital form a club, Shelter Ins will be hosting. Was able to complete all visits but wasn't able to get to prison club in time, using delegation. Want to get better data on reports in advance.



- Changes are coming. District governor for 2014-15 will be last, changing title. Announcing April 20<sup>th</sup>, go into effect next year. This year is 90<sup>th</sup> year, lots coming from international. Challenge clubs to do something special for 2014. TMI is on track for strategic plan, planning to revitalize education track. Appt learning masters. Only 1% achieve DTM status, we are not typical because we are much higher. We are doing a good job of explaining the program but others not so much.
- Bob-people see you get a DTM then others want to join.
  - More people in club with DTM
  - Retention-after 6 speeches start talking about advanced manuals for next level. Make suggestions (suggest storytelling and humorous speaking, speak to inform, entertaining speaker). Get them in right mindset. This will get them to ACS. Get them away from the more technical manuals because they need more experience first. Retention will go up. Trying to make TM more related to X,Y,Z Repacking education, trying to keep older members but bring in newer members. People learn from comparison, you shouldn't hold back to "allow" others to compete. Everyone should have division council meeting, should execute on what is out there. TM is trying to jumps start everyone. Need ambassadors, will learn about the new stuff and will then go out and share with 8-10 clubs. Should be very exciting, we will make it right.
    - Nancy-pointed out people need help with speaking with microphone, something not in the manuals. Bob stated he is not sure if they are in there at this time. Content is still working.
  - Bob will be ready to make presentation at spring conference.
  - Adam Kutell-question on grandfathering will they do it, answer yes you will most likely have another year to complete. Think they are not changing education awards just make more of a matric.
- Spring Conference-Elect dist. officers and vote on realignment in spring. Concerned with getting proxy votes to Jefferson City. Going to try to get proxy on website as quickly as possible, need everyone's vote. Hoping that all DEC is there and can carry a vote if needed. 3 max proxies. Entice others to come. Moving council meeting to afternoon. Looking for way to possibly pay for people carrying votes, not sure if all ideas will work. Looking for possible transportation. Curtis in charge of nominating committee. Elected office is top 3 plus five divisions. If we realign it may be appointment. Don't want candidates to take active roles in contests or presentations. Also can't compete in contest
  - Gail Vaucher-Question on proxy answered by Tom Coscia-You have to be a member of the club and can carry two proxies for that club. Need room in bookstore for election materials. Candidates need to have a 2 min speech prepared.
  - Adam Kutell asked for clarified on appointed office vs. elected office. Only division and top 3 are elected.
  - Doesn't affect division TLI, just district conference or district level training

2:00 p Unfinished Business

- None

2:05 p New Business

- Curtis Scroggins- Div. E, prison club asked if they could participate in contest, if not they will possibly be changed to gavel club. Will need some considered. Issue is that area contest would be held there. Conflict because there is another club in area that has all students with foreign. They couldn't go to division.
- Bob-possibly do a showcase which you run like a contest instead at the club. They want an official TM sanctioned event.
- Tom Coscia – moving club to another area is a possibility
- Time restriction-don't have the 30 day issue.
- Lora explained her decision before with under 21 and some uncomfortable with going into the environment. Email Lora ideas on this.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is canceled, next is March 29th

1:55 p DEC Meeting Wrap up and Closing Announcements

Lora Mather, DTM, DG

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2:00-2:20 p Establish and Support New Clubs (District Leader Training Session) Debra Morrissey, DTM, LGM

*Next DEC Meeting: March 29, 2014 11:00- 2:00*