**Lt Governor Education and Training Report**

My responsibility as LGET is for all aspects of education and training within the district. This includes supporting quality club programming efforts, promoting the Distinguished Club Program and planning and executing the district conference. (District Leadership Handbook 2012)

First round Club leader training must be delivered between 1 June and 31 August. Northern, Metro and Western Division have made superb efforts in the last week of August to train as many club executives as possible by running extra training sessions. Well done! Both Eastern and Metro Divisions trained many club executives from outside of their division boundaries. Again well done! Alison Cleaver has done a tremendous job following up clubs that had only 3 executives trained, just in case one more officer had been trained at another training session.

Division and Area Governor training commenced on 30 June/ 1 July weekend, along with TLI Coordinators and Division Treasurers. District training continues on 15/ 16 September, with TLI Coordinators invited to a Train the Trainer session held concurrently.

The Semi-Annual Conference planning is well underway, with an interesting array of educational presenters in beautiful Townsville on Saturday 10th November. Each club has two votes at the district council meeting, held at the day conference, to decide business that effects clubs, areas, divisions and our entire district.

Plan to be there, to carry votes for your club, learn more about your speaking potential and meet other fabulous Toastmasters friends. As I travel to various Toastmasters functions around the world, I am amazed at the wonderful friendships engendered by our speaking and leadership experiences.

Club speech contests have commenced. Changes in terminology and role descriptions have been warmly embraced and working well. Having just returned home from the International Convention, I am delighted to note that our procedures at speech contests comply well with the *Speech Contest Rulebook*, and we provide resources and conduct speech contests at a good standard.

What education goals do you have this year? How will you extend your speaking and leadership skills this year? Keep improving your speaking skills, listening and leadership skills at every opportunity. Help the mission of a club- to be a mutually supportive, positive learning environment- be a reality for yourself and your fellow Toastmasters club members.

How long is it since you’ve felt the rush of satisfaction for completing a speech, a meeting assignment or leadership role? I encourage you to set yourself goals and achieve them with regular practice.

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