

Report of the Lieutenant Governor Education and Training

It is with much pleasure that I submit the LGET report for 2012-13. Currently, as of 6 April we have:
4 x clubs with 9 DCP goals, one of whom needs 2 more members to be Presidents Distinguished
4 x clubs with 8 DCP goals, one club needing one more member to be Select Distinguished
16 x clubs with 7 DCP goals, 4 of whom need more members to qualify
21 x clubs with 6 DCP goals, 9 of whom need more members to qualify
21 x clubs with 5 DCP goals, 9 of whom need more members to qualify

Effectively, we have 41 Distinguished Clubs, and are well on our way to achieve our distinguished district goals.

With the newly introduced Distinguished Status goals for Area, Division and District levels, it is significant that our focus is on clubs being distinguished. The Distinguished Club Program is the best indicator of a healthy club, achieving new members, meeting the educational goals of members, executives performing their roles and accomplishing the mission of a club. Well done to so many clubs who have realised the value of the DCP and are working diligently towards their club being distinguished.

The single best indicator that clubs will achieve their distinguished status is to have their executives trained at both rounds of training. This year, TLI Coordinators, Division and Area Governors have worked together splendidly to provide interesting, stimulating and relevant training. Goal 9, at least 4 officers being trained at both rounds of training was achieved by 54% of clubs this year. 80% of clubs attended Round 1, while only 55% of clubs attended Round 2.

Helping to raise the awareness of the value of the training will bring higher attendance each year. Buderim Mountain and Mercury's Motivators, from Central Division, were the only clubs that had all 7 executives trained at both rounds of training- well done! Other clubs that had 6 or 7 officers trained at both rounds of training were: Glasshouse Country, TT (new Western Division club), Southport Endeavour, Caboolture, Talk of the South, Summerland, Pines, Leaders by Design, Willows, Tropic City, Fraser Coast, Business Focus, Darling Downs, Speak N Jest and Daisy Hill. Congratulations to these clubs who have achieved the Sixes and Sevens Award, ten pack of CC and CL ribbons for their club.

Approx one quarter of clubs have achieved 2CC awards, Goal 1. Nearly half of clubs have achieved one CL award, Goal 5, or 4 new members, Goal 7. Approx one third of clubs have achieved an AC award, Goal 3, and only a small number of clubs have not achieved submitting dues and club officer lists on time, Goal 10.

When clubs focus on achieving the odd numbered goals ie Goals 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, then achieving Distinguished Club status becomes manageable. Achieving any five goals satisfies the DCP program when membership qualification of being at charter strength ie 20 members or a net growth of 5 members is also met. It is significant to note that the current Secretary influences next year's DCP goals by submitting the club officer list by June 30. This is the only DCP goal that has influence over the two Toastmasters year terms.

It has been a year of rewards and challenges, from which I've learnt so much. Thank you for your support during my leave.

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