



District 69 District Director Report for 31 March 2019

Finishing strong

I want to acknowledge the hard work done by all the members of the district. As I have been traveling around the district I have witnessed members developing their communication and leadership skills. It is important that clubs remain strong and provide the supportive environment required for our members to develop. As at the 18th March 2019 the district has 186 clubs and will require to charter at least six new clubs to be eligible to be distinguished. There have been 4205 membership payments made and a further 3273 will need to be made in order for the district to be distinguished. I would encourage all members to make sure their membership payments are submitted to the club as soon as possible so that the club executives can make the payments to Toastmasters International.

Membership

Membership retention still remains the number one focus in the district. By providing quality clubs based on strong leadership and on point training opportunities for the members the district will continue to grow in strength. Over thirty club coaches are now working to help struggling clubs to grow stronger. There are still clubs needing coaches and I would hope that experienced members within the district will take the opportunity to support the members and give assistance to these clubs where possible.

Club Officer Training

This year the PQD reviewed the training conducted in the district and aligned it to Toastmasters International training principles. The level of attendance at Club Officers at the training across the district is still not as high as expected but the standard of training continues to improve.

Contests

All the division contests would have been completed by the 24th March 2019 and where possible at least two of the senior executive team would have attended each of the contests. The standard of the speeches presented by the competitors at these contests will ensure the competitions at the district contests on May 4th and 5th will be of a high standard. The one change to the rules is the requirement to video all the International Speech Contestants at district level and submit the video of the winner to world headquarters. The district has secured the services of a competent person to video the members competing.

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