



# Founder's District Division A

## **Division A Status Report for District Executive Council (DEC)**

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### **Club Visits**

Area Governors Linda Brown (A-2), Coleen Coolidge (A-3), Rhonda Childs (A-4) and David Kline (A-5) have completed their club visits and submitted their reports. Lee Lance (A-1) has scheduled his last club visit and will have all visits and reports completed by the end of October. Great job by all.

### **DCP and Educational Award Status**

Two clubs have achieved at least 5 Distinguished Club Program goals: #231 Newport Center (with 6) and #921159 Tools 2 Lead (with 5). #984242 Inner Strength is close at 4 goals. Kudos to these clubs for a strong showing so early in the year!

Club members in the Division have earned 38 Communication and Leadership Awards so far, including three of my Division A Dream Team: Karen Rodriguez (Contest Chair), David Kline (Area A-5 Governor) and Dan Cossack (Web Master). Congratulations to all!

### **Fall Member Dues Renewals**

21 of 24 active clubs have at least six member dues paid. #6724 Toxic Toast had less than six. #1537909 IMA Design and #1580285 Heart Talk did not submit on time. The Area Governors are in contact with these clubs and will report back at our next Division Council meeting.

### **Division Council Meetings**

Our Council meets in person every other month with a conference call in between. Meetings are well-attended, fun and productive. Our next council meeting is Wednesday, November 14. Norm Stein will be presenting an educational session on the Distinguished Club Plan.

### **Fall Speech Contests**

Done, and a resounding success! The Area and Division contest teams did an outstanding job with organizing and running the four contests. In total, we had almost 200 paid attendees and very good participation by our clubs, some of the best many have seen for the Fall contest in a long time. Kudos to David Kline, A-5 Governor, for encouraging contestants and members from all five of his clubs to attend the A-4/A-5 contest. As our Division motto says, "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work."

### **New Club Leads**

- First American Title – Very interested in starting a club. Becky Smith will conduct an employee Speechcraft after January 1<sup>st</sup> (the first one was only for summer interns).
- Darnell Technical Services (District 1 Referral) – Not interested in a club but they want a Speechcraft for their employees. Volunteer needed to do this ASAP.



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- At least one other active lead – awaiting status from Sushma Rajput.

## **Division Team Open Positions**

- Public Relations/Marketing Chair
- APP Chair
- New Club Sponsors/Mentors/Coaches

## **Financial Status**

After all income and expenses are booked, our account balance should exceed \$1,700. Great job by the Area and Division teams to prudently manage their income and expenses for contests and other events, and thanks to Division Treasurer Becky Smith for handling all the paperwork and reports!

## **Membership**

We are awaiting the final renewal figures from T.I. to determine attrition rate and status of our club membership.

## **Next Steps**

- Work with struggling clubs to help them get back on track.
- Encourage all clubs to implement the Distinguished Member Plan, develop an effective Mentoring program, and conduct at least one educational module (especially Moments of Truth).
- Prepare for the next round of LACE/Officer training, club visits and speech contests.
- Develop a plan for community outreach to promote the benefits of Toastmasters and bring more members into our clubs and raise awareness of Toastmasters.
- Encourage clubs to recognize member educational and leadership award achievement, both internally and in their community.
- Educate members about the High Performance Leadership (HPL), Successful Club Series, and other Toastmasters programs that may be under-utilized but very exciting and beneficial to our clubs and their members.