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My Fellow Toastmasters:

As Cupid's month draws to a close, I hope you were able to spend as much time as possible with your loved ones, and that you took the opportunity to tell them how much they mean to you.

I want to acknowledge and congratulate all of you who have completed your Toastmaster Educational Goals thusfar this year. As self-satisfying as it is to achieve these goals, you should also know that each of these completions, when recorded with and acknowledged by Toastmasters International, moves your home club one step closer to being Distinguished, Select Distinguished or Presidents Distinguished for this year. So, to each of you who've moved your club closer to that accolade - congratulations and thank you for a job well done.

The measurement of how well the Toastmasters program is being administered in your club is the Distinguished Club Plan (DCP). Each club has a set of 10 goals they can accomplish during the Toastmaster year. Some of the goals are easy goals: have four of your club officers attend the 2 training sessions offered each year; send your officer lists to Toastmasters International on time; send your club membership report to Toastmasters International on time. Some of the goals may not be so easy to achieve: have 2 members complete their CTM; have 1 member complete an ATM; have 2 additional members complete CTMs; complete one more ATM; have one member accomplish either a CL, AL or DTM; have one more member accomplish either a CL, AL or DTM. And then there are the membership goals: have 4 new members join your club; sign up 4 more new members. Each club participating must have at least 20 members or show a net growth of 5 new members by June 30th.

When a club accomplishes 5 of the 10 overall goals - the club is accorded the designation of Distinguished Club. Achieve 7 of the 10 goals and the club becomes Select Distinguished. Achieve 9 of the 10 and the club moves into the realm of President's Distinguished. The clubs are awarded ribbons to display on their banners for their annual accomplishments for all club members and visitors to observe.

As of the 12th of February three of our clubs - Rochester High Noon 7620, Corning Toastmasters 5267, and Wine Country 5473- have reached the 5 goal mark and are Distinguished. Four clubs - Communicators 1990, Bristol Speakers 5776, Morning Knights 2875, and Grand Pioneer 506 - have achieved 6 goals and are 1 goal away from being Select Distinguished. One of our clubs, Postprandial 3259 in the Central Division has accomplished 7 goals and has all ready achieved the Select Distinguished mark.

So, every time a member completes an educational goal, and records it with Toastmasters International - his or her club moves one step closer to being recognized as a Distinguished Toastmer Club.

Also as of the 12th of the month, 7 more of us became CTMs; 2 registered as ATM-Bs; and 1 CL was recorded in the District. When added to the accomplishments the members of District 65 have been adding up a total of 67 of us have completed CTMs this year. There are 29 ATMs that have been recorded; along with 5 DTMs. 18 Cls and 5

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ALs. Each of these individuals knows the satisfaction of personal accomplishment and that of helping their club to achieve the goals the club has set for itself. I congratulate each and every one of you and encourage you to continue to use the Toastmaster educational process to improve not only your own communication and leadership skills, but your home club environment as well.

I also challenge each of us to set a new goal for ourselves, and to begin to work the toward achieveing it. If we believe it, then we can see it. And if we can see it then we can move toward it and accomplish the goal.

I look forward to continuing to serve your needs as Toastmasters in District 65 through the remainder of this year.

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