

Fellow Toastmasters:

Greetings:

Hope you are enjoying the summer with your family and friends. It's been only two weeks since our new Toastmasters year has begun and I feel confident that under the leadership of our new District Governor, Gordon Penniston – DTM, we will all strive to become a Distinguished District.

Let me begin by emphasizing on some **important dates** for the first three months of the new Toastmasters year.

1. All club officers training needs to be completed by **August 31**. Encourage the clubs within your Area and Division to send all the SEVEN club officers, when possible, and not just the token four! When all the seven officers are trained, the club is making a commitment to becoming distinguished and the club members truly benefit from the trained club officers performing their respective duties. When a training session or the make-up session conflicts with an individual Toastmasters personal schedule, encourage them to go to other training sessions in the Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo, and Binghamton areas. The completed training report needs to be sent to TI, preferably on-line.
2. Start planning for the Evaluation and Humorous Speech Contests now. The following dates are important for the completion of the contests:
  - Club level - **September 29**
  - Area level – **October 22**
  - Division level – **November 5**

A contest is a showcase of Toastmasters talents at different levels of competition. Promoting the contest for larger audience participations and encouraging talents at all levels, require good planning in the form of facilities, volunteers, role assignments, and other logistical needs. Therefore plan ahead and form committees for a successful and worthwhile contest.

3. The “Leadership Breakfast” meeting is on **September 18**, in Waterloo, NY. Communicate with your clubs regarding an excellent opportunity for the club Presidents and Vice President of Education to meet with their counterparts from 87 other clubs. They will also have the opportunity to meet all the District Officers and other fellow Toastmasters.
4. As Area Governors, it is important that you schedule the club visits as early as possible. Establishing a rapport, especially with the club President, VP Education, and other club officers is mutually beneficial. When clubs succeeds in becoming

distinguished, you, as the Area and Division Governors will benefit in becoming a Distinguished Area and Division. Although TI's deadline for completion of club visits and the submission of the report is **October 31**, I urge you to schedule the visit in the August/September timeframe, when possible, and get this important requirement completed soon. As a past president of Empire Statesmen Toastmasters Club (a President's Distinguished Club for the past six consecutive years), I always looked forward to the visits by the Area Governor. You too can make your club visits, something the club president looks forward to!

5. The district conference, where the winners from the respective Division will compete, will be held at the Millennium Hotel on Friday and Saturday, **November 18 and 19** in Cheektowaga (Buffalo) NY. The two day event, which starts on Friday evening, will cost \$75 per person, only when you register and pay before **October 2**. Visit the district web-site ([http://www.tmdistrict65.org/FallConference/.](http://www.tmdistrict65.org/FallConference/)) for further details and information.

I am looking for eight to ten Toastmasters, to present several 40 minute-long high quality educational workshop sessions at the District Conference on Saturday morning and afternoon, November 19. Please contact me with your interest and topics.

I am excited to serve as your Lt. Gov. of Education and Training. As LGET, my responsibilities (*and many goals*) include:

- Supporting and promoting TI's Educational Programs;
- Training of Club and District Officers;
- Coordinating Area and Division Speech Contests;
- Managing the Distinguished Club Program (DCP); and
- Supporting and promoting the District's Fall and Spring Conferences.

Please feel free to contact me on any of the above items.

I too, like you, have *many goals*, especially in the educational excellence of acquiring CTMs, ATMs, CLs, ALs, and DTMs and together we will achieve them with *one vision* – to successfully serve and support ALL Clubs in the District 65 family.

Best Regards,

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Lt. Gov. Education and Training  
*Many Goals, One Vision*