

Fellow Toastmasters, Club and District Officers:

Greetings:

The first six months of the district year is coming to an end and we have behind us an impressive and successful track-record of achievements. Starting with training of over 350 club officers; to club visits to 78 clubs by area governors; to holding of eighteen area speech contests and four division speech contests; to successful completion of the district conference in Cheektowaga. The diversified educational sessions, coupled with excellent speech contestants, to the announcements "of-the-year" award winners made the district conference a success.

Congratulations to all Toastmasters, district officers, conference committee members and chairs for your participation, commitment, and dedication. Thank you. I especially want to thank the district governor, **Gordon Penniston, DTM** for his leadership in already achieving *many goals* and directing the district towards that *one vision* of success.

STATUS OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION AWARDS:

As of December 15, 2005, there are 34 Toastmasters (25% of TI goal) who have completed their CTMs, 26 their ATMs (68% of TI goal), 3 AL's, 10 CL's, and 2 DTMs.

Based on the information in the Area Governors Club Visit Report, the remaining six months will be important in realizing the educational goals of 150 CTM and 50 ATM.

My congratulations to all Toastmasters who have completed their educational goals and to all other Toastmasters who are planning to complete their educational goals before the end of the district year in June 2006.

Since last LGET bulletin in November, eight additional Toastmasters have completed their CTM, one his CL, and seven their ATM-B. Their names and the club they represent are as follows:

CTM:

1271	Daniel Ferens	Mohawk Valley	Utica
4167	Victoria Menzel	Talk-Ease	Syracuse
1427	Miao Yang	Empire Statesmen	Syracuse
5473	Alan Herrnecker	Wine Country	Bath
7363	Michael Collura	Money Talks	Buffalo
7385	Erika McBride	P.O.W.E.R.	West Henrietta
7382	Rance Roberts	What To say Wednesday	Buffalo
7382	Denise Heffron	What To Say Wednesday	Buffalo

CL:

656	Bud Kolich	Toy Town Talkers	East Aurora
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ATM-B:

3259	Diane M. Paradise	Postprandial Toastmasters	Rochester
8265	Mary Koszelak	Speak for Success	Buffalo
3361	Andrew Watkins	GSAR	Syracuse

1993	Catherine Shannon	Lyceum	Rochester
1491	Margaret Ecklund	Kodak Park	Rochester
5659	Donald Reed	Savvy Speakers	Syracuse
1271	Lucio Poccia	Mohawk Valley	Utica

Congratulations to all in successful completion of your educational goals. When you get an opportunity to meet the above Toastmasters, make sure and congratulate them personally.

MID-YEAR CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING

The club officer's mid-year training period begins on **December 1, 2005** and TI requires the training to be completed by **February 28, 2006**.

The Central Division is the only division to-date that has completed their first round of mid-year training session on December 10, 2005. About 35 club officers participated.

The other three divisions plan to hold their mid-year training sessions during early part of January 2006, with make-up sessions planned in later-part of January and during the month of February, 2006.

A minimum of four club officers are required from each of the clubs to attend the mid-year training program. However, since the mid-year training program is especially geared towards membership growth and retention, maintaining strong clubs, creating the best climate, and in becoming a distinguished club, I suggest that all seven club officers attend the training program for maximum benefit of all club officers as well as the club's membership.

CLUB TALL TALES AND INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTESTS

The club officers need to start planning for the Tall Tales and International Speech Contests. Generally these contests are held during the later part of January and the month of February. Remember the club contests need to be completed by March 2, 2006

THE AREA & DIVISION TALL TALES AND INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTESTS

The **Area Tall Tales and International Speech** contests can be held anytime after **March 2, 2006** and need to be completed by **March 29, 2006**. This gives the 18 Area Governors in District 65 an opportunity to plan their contest dates during the available 27 days in March including four weekends.

I request the Area Governors to announce their area contest dates as early as possible. As we planned it during the fall contests, I would like area governors cooperation in not holding more than three Area Contests on a single given day. This is done in order to have at least one district representation, at each of the 18 Area Contests.

The contest dates will be on first-come, first-served basis! The earlier an Area Governor confirms the date with me (generally after meeting & confirmations with their respective area council members), the better the chance of having the date available and confirmed. I will be frequently announcing the dates as and when received and informing all area governors of the status on contest dates.

All the four **Division Tall Tales and International Speech Contests** must be completed by **April 8, 2006**. Depending on the completion of the Area Contests in your respective divisions, some divisions may have few additional days in planning for their division contest. I would like the four division contests held on different days as well or where unavoidable, at different times of the day – i.e., when southern division is having it in the morning, the central can have the contest in the evening of the same day.

DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE:

The District 65 Spring Conference will be held on Friday April 21 and Saturday April 22, at the Owego Treadway Inn & Conference Center, 1100 State Route 17C, Owego, New York 13827. The details on conference registration and hotel reservations are available on the district web site.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS AT THE SPRING 2006 CONFERENCE

On Saturday morning, April 22, we plan to have the educational sessions at the conference. Each session can be approximately 30 to 40 minutes long. The broad categories of the education sessions include:

- Leadership
- Personal Development
- Speeches & Contest
- Clubs

Those toastmasters interested in presenting the educational sessions, please e-mail me the following information by January 31, 2006, or earlier. (For those who do not have e-mail, please send information to me at 107 Rosewell Meadow, Syracuse, NY 13214-2347).

1. A brief description (the purpose, objectives, and benefits) of the education session.
2. (a) Your brief biography (at Toastmasters, personal and professional), and
(b) Why you believe you are qualified to present this session.

Please note that in order to present at the conference, a Toastmaster must be registered at the conference. The registration fee for all Toastmasters is \$15. The cost of attending the entire two-day event including registration fee, three meals on Saturday, entry to the International Speech and Tall Tales contests, and attendance at the educational sessions, etc., are only \$70, when paid before March 15, 2006.

According to section 4-B of the International Speech Contest rules, education session presenters are not eligible to compete at the district event, at which the contest is being held.

Many toastmasters have shown interest in presenting at the spring 2006 conference. The selection of the presenters will be based on subject matter of materials, credentials of the presenters vis-à-vis the materials, as well as representation from all the four divisions, where possible. You will be informed, if you are selected to present the educational session by February 15, 2006.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN THE FIRST-HALF OF 2006

1. Mid-Year Club Officers Training Completed by **February 28**.

2. Area Governor's visit form is due at TI on **March 31.**
3. Semi-annual dues to TI by (or before) **April 1.**
4. Club Officer's elections' completed by the **first meeting in May.**

I wish each and every Toastmaster and their family members, season's greetings and happy holidays.

Best Regards,

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Many Goals, One Vision
