

Fellow Toastmasters, Club and District Officers:

Greetings:

The District Officers remain busy with planning of their Area/Division contests, making their second official visit to the Area Clubs, and the Division Governors are arranging for their final make-up sessions, in training of the remaining club officers.

The club members continue to pursue their respective educational goals and club officers prepare and hold their club's Tall Tales and International Speech contests. The months of February, March, and April are high-activity months for all club and district officers.

Among *many goals* in District 65, two of them pertain to educational goals. The district is almost there in meeting TI's goal for number of ATM awards. However, the district is far behind its CTM goals set by TI. With only 4-1/2 months to the year-end, the district is less than 50% of its year-to-date goal for CTM awards.

Eight clubs have already achieved 5 goals or more towards their distinguished club program. All of the 18 Areas and 4 Divisions have confirmed their speech contest dates and locations. Three of the eighteen Area Governors have already completed ALL of their respective club visits. The month of February witnessed the creation of a new community club, 'Talk the Talk' located in Fayetteville, New York. It is the first truly 'community club' formed in many years in district-65 and the first toastmasters club in the eastern suburbs of Syracuse. District 65 welcomes 'Talk the Talk' into the District 65 family of clubs.

Please make sure and attend your respective area and division speech contests and support the members of your clubs representing in the Tall Tales and International speech contests. The contestants have been known to do well when they see familiar faces in the audience, especially members of their own clubs!

With clubs already on their way in becoming distinguished, the respective Areas and Divisions will soon follow in achieving their distinguished Area and Division status. With clubs, areas, divisions achieving their *many goals*, the *one vision* of the district remain intact – to become a distinguished district for 2005-06.

STATUS OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION AWARDS:

As of February 15, 2006, the following are the status of District 65 educational accomplishments, comparing with the TI and District goals.

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	TI	D-65	% TI	% D-65
		<u>Goal</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Goal</u>
CTM	59	134	150	44%	39%
ATM	37	38	50	97%	74%
CL	19				
AL	3				
LDREXC*	3				
DTM	2				

* Leadership Excellence

Since last LGET bulletin in January 22, 2006, thirteen additional Toastmasters have completed their CTMs, five their CLs, and seven their ATMs. Their names and the club they represent are as follows:

CTM:

4998	Noroseheno Ralisoa	Cayuga	Ithaca
4998	Sabi Yao Sourou	Cayuga	Ithaca
4998	Gangyan Zhou	Cayuga	Ithaca
6740	Salvatore Giangreco	Jabberwocky	Skaneateles
4350	Gregory Regis	Downtown	Buffalo
7385	Dan Snyder	P.O.W.E.R.	West Henrietta
7549	Ann Adams	Select	Liverpool
608344	Katherine Hodges	Mercury West	Rochester
715396	Ann Hartman	Roman Orators	Rome
3259	Ian Campbell	Postprandial	Rochester
4524	Elisa Serfass	River City	Binghamton
5460	Duane Snyder	AM Lockport	Lockport

CL:

5460	Deborah Coder	AM Lockport	Lockport
5659	Elaine Labrizzi	Savvy Speakers	Syracuse
7385	Dan Snyder	P.O.W. E. R.	West Henrietta
4840	Samson Olaode	MCC	Rochester
2365	Dennis O'Rourke	Energetics	Syracuse

ATM-B:

7549	Phyllis Coombs	Select	Liverpool
8830	Cindy Thomsen	Preferred	New Berlin
2365	Lynn Hidy	Energetic	Syracuse
7385	Jayne Tassi	P.O.W.E.R.	West Henrietta
6740	Lois Cole [DTM-PDG]	Jabberwocky	Skaneateles

ATM- S:

2365	Patricia Janecek	Energetics	Syracuse
	(Completed on December 1, 2005)		
1271	Gil B. Gould	Mohawk Valley	Utica

Congratulations to all Toastmasters in successfully completing their educational goals. When you other Toastmasters get an opportunity to meet the above mentioned Toastmasters, make sure to congratulate them for their accomplishments. Any level of educational achievement requires discipline and hard work. Whether it is a first time CTM or a repeat ATM, the recipients of these awards are dedicated toastmasters and deserve our appreciation and acknowledgment.

MID-YEAR CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING

All the Divisions have completed their respective mid-year club officers training program, and some are in process of completing their make-up training sessions.

TI requires that the mid-year club officer's training program to be completed by **February 28, 2006**.

Division Governors need to provide TI, on-line, the pertinent information by individual clubs and individual officer positions trained.

AREA GOVERNORS CLUB VISITS

The following Area Governors have completed **ALL** of their club visits and submitted the appropriate information to Toastmasters International.

AREA	GOVERNOR	CLUB VISIT STATUS
Area 16	Kay Whipple	Completed 5 out of 5 club visits
Area 4	Rita McKeon	Completed 5 out of 5 club visits
Area 15	DeWitt Henricks	Completed 4 out of 4 club visits

Congratulations to Area Governors Kay, Rita, and DeWitt who have taken the initiative in completion of their required club visits, early on.

CLUB GOALS

The following clubs have completed 5 or more goals towards their distinguished club status, as of February 15, 2006. These clubs (and others) will be formally recognized as distinguished clubs, when TI receives their membership dues in April 2006, and the clubs continue to maintain their charter strength membership or net gain of five new members during the year.

CLUB NAME	CLUB #	AREA	DIVISION
AM Lockport	5460	Area 2	Western
Kodak Park	1491	Area 5	Central
Postprandial	3259	Area 6	Central
GSAR	3361	Area 7	Eastern
Mohawk Valley	1271	Area 8	Eastern
Morning Knights	2875	Area 9	Southern
Listen to the Blues	7775	Area 11	Southern
Verbal Spartans	2703	Area 18	Eastern

Congratulations to all club members, club officers and Area and Division Governors in achieving five or more goals and on way to become distinguished clubs.

CLUB TALL TALES AND INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTESTS

Many clubs have already completed their Tall Tales and International Speech contests and the remaining clubs are in process of completion. All club contest needs to be completed by Thursday, **March 2, 2006**

THE AREA & DIVISION TALL TALES AND INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTESTS

The following are the spring 2006 Area and Division Contests dates and starting times.

AREA	GOVERNOR	DAY/DATE	TIME
Area 1C	Kurt Uetz	Friday 3/10	6:00 PM
Area 2W	Marian Gurowicz	Saturday 3/11	11:00 AM
Area 3W	Melinda Schmidt	Saturday 3/25	Morning
Area 4C	Rita McKeon	Saturday 3/11	11:00 AM
Area 5C	Patrick Olson	Saturday 3/18	6:00 PM
Area 6C	Tim Gribben	Saturday 3/18	11:00 AM
Area 7E	Amy Burnell	Monday 3/27	6:00 PM
Area 8E	Greg Karl	Wednesday 3/22	6:30 PM
Area 9S	Ashok Subramanian	Saturday 3/4	11:00 AM
Area 10S	Deborah Emmett	Thursday 3/16	7:15 PM
Area 11S	Claudia Kachmarik	Saturday 3/11	10:00 AM
Area 12E	Pat Janecek	Saturday 3/18	6:00 PM
Area 13E	Bill Spizuoco	Thursday 3/23	6:45 PM
Area 14W	John Antosh	Saturday 3/18	8:30 AM
Area 15S	DeWitt Henricks	Monday 3/13	6:15 PM
Area 16C	Kay Whipple	Friday 3/17	7:15 PM
Area 17W	J. Dajour Ashwood	Saturday 3/25	8:00 AM
Area 18E	Joe Cole	Saturday 3/18	8:30 AM
Central Div.	Mary Bell	Saturday 4/1	5:30 PM
Eastern Div.	Bruce Gilbert	Saturday 4/1	6:30 PM
Southern Div.	DeWitt Henricks	Saturday 4/8	10:00 AM
Western Div.	Mike Berta	Saturday 4/1	12:30 PM

Per the above schedule, all Area Speech Contests will be completed by Wednesday, **March 29** and the Division Contests by Saturday, **April 8, 2006**.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS AT THE SPRING 2006 CONFERENCE

The educational sessions at the Spring District Conference will be held on Saturday morning, **April 22, 2006**.

The sessions will include Leadership, Personal Development, Speech Contests, and Toastmasters Clubs.

The details of the sessions and presenters are being finalized and the information will be placed on District web-site.

DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE:

A reminder that **March 15, 2006** is the last day to get the best all inclusive conference rate of \$70 for the two-day event. The District 65 Conference in Owego, NY begins on Friday, 4/21 at 6:00 PM and runs all through Saturday, concluding around 10:00 PM. The conference location is 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.

NEW EDUCATION MANUAL (Catalog No. 265)

As many of you know, Toastmaster International has begun to issue out a new manual starting January, 2006 called **Competent Leadership** manual.

The manual features 10 projects, which enables a new member joining a club to immediately begin working on development of his or her leadership skills, while serving in various meetings and club roles.

The new manual will guide a new Toastmaster through the learning process by giving you practical leadership experience. The manual focuses on leadership skills you can learn by serving in various Toastmaster meeting roles.

The manual guides you in (a) how to listen; (b) think critically; (c) plan; (d) organize; (e) manage time; (f) facilitate; (g) motivate; (h) mentor; and (I) build a team.

The Competent Leadership manual's 10 projects are as follows:

1. Listening and Leadership
2. Critical Thinking
3. Giving Feedback
4. Time Management
5. Planning and Implementation
6. Organizing and Delegating
7. Developing Your Facilitation Skills
8. Motivating People
9. Mentoring
10. Team Building

The various regular "meeting" roles include (a) Evaluator; (b) Timer; (c) Toastmaster; (d) Ah-Counter; and (e) General Evaluator. Other "club" roles include (1) Contest Chair; (2) Special Event Chair; (3) Chair, Public Relation Campaign; (4) Chair, Membership Campaign; (5) Club Newsletter Editor; (6) Mentor of a New Member, etc.

A "project matrix" is displayed in the manual that indicates what "meeting" or "club" roles fulfill the 10 project requirements of the Competent Leadership manual. Effective July 1, 2006, members completing the 10 project manual will be awarded the title of "Competent Leader" (CL). Under the current system, a CL award is given only after first completing the 10-speeches basic C&L manual and the CTM award.

For detail information on the new manual and award system, please visit the TI web-site
<http://www.toastmasters.org/artisan/member.asp?CategoryID=1&SubCategoryID=&ArticleID=364&SearchText=>

More details on the new Education Award System will appear in the spring 2006 issue of the Focal Point newsletter, due to be distributed in March.

I request all Area and Division Governors as well as Club Presidents and especially the club Vice- President of Education to inform, educate, and make their respective club members aware of the availability of the new manual, as well as the new educational award system, which goes into effect, July 1, 2006.

Best Regards,

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Many Goals, One Vision