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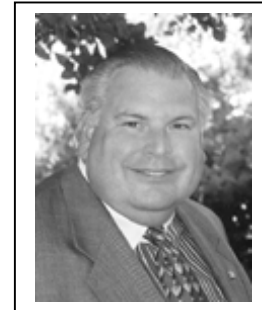
1 DOWN 7 TO GO

*Frank P. Connelly, DTM,
International Director 2001-2003*

Alfred Herzing, IPIP, sent me a note recently that I believe needs to be taken to heart by each District team. He writes "I know when I was Governor, it took ALL of June to make Distinguished. Every year we have a few Districts that miss by a very narrow margin. Encourage your teams to work right through the deadline. (In the Regional Training, I point out that the best way to have a strong start to next year, is to have a strong finish to this year.)

It is not over until it is over. I call June the month of miracles. All the work the teams have been putting in

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Top 10 Reasons To Be A Distinguished DG

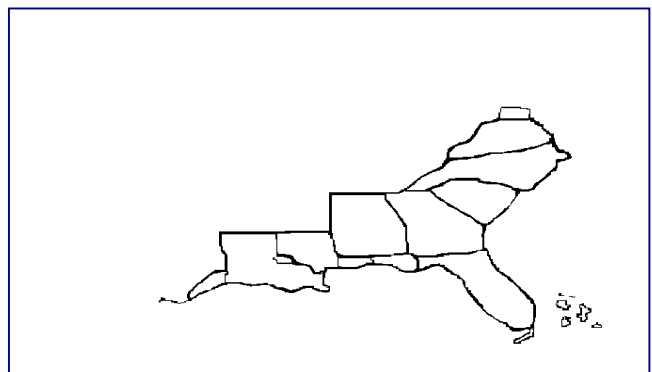
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International Director 2002-2004*

10. You can adopt a smug air at the PDG committee meetings
9. You get to be called Distinguished District Governor FOR LIFE
8. You get to sit on the "wedding cake" at the Golden Gavel Luncheon.
7. You get "congratulations" from total strangers at the International Convention.

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all year comes through. But they must keep working to have this payoff. Don't stop watering the plant just as it is about to bloom.”

Please take Alfred's words to heart. Each District team needs to continue to work and strive for a distinguished or better year through June 30.

Congratulations to District 58 for being the first District to be Distinguished within Region 8. Reports through May 20 indicate that they have completed all 4 critical success factors. In a phone call to Bill May, I asked Bill what the secret of their success is in achieving distinguished district status early. He answered that it was simple – **NEW CLUBS, NEW CLUBS and more NEW CLUBS.** I could not agree with Bill May more with his reply.

Congratulations to all Districts within Region 8 for completing their CTM goals.

All Districts except for District 29 have completed their ATM goals. District 29 only needs one more ATM to reach its goal.

Congratulations to Districts 29, 37, 47, 58 and 66 for chartering new clubs last month. District 29 chartered one club, district 37 chartered 3 clubs, district 47 chartered 4 clubs, district 58 chartered 2 clubs and district 66 chartered 2 clubs.

Now that the elections for each district have been completed, I hope that each district team can regain its focus on the critical success factors. Several districts that had competition at each district office. At the District 66 Conference, I witnessed exemplary conduct by a Toastmaster. After the elections, Doug Small rose to thank all those who choose to volunteer their time and talents to run for district office. I hope that each of you can do the same.

Let us all learn how to be good team members and Toastmasters as we strive to make Ralph Smedley's vision a reality.

Each District in Region 8 pledges to be Distinguished by May 31, 2003.

6. Stan Stills will say something nice about you.
 5. You force your Lieutenants to live up to a high standard next year.
 4. You make Frank Connelly look good. (OK, move on to the next one.)
 3. You get to see if Gavin Blakey can maintain his smile while you squeeze his hand in a vice lock.
 2. You get a plaque for your wall!
 1. You get a nice picture to use in your ID campaign.
- Fun is not the opposite of serious. We're all having fun at doing something very serious – building our record as Toastmasters leaders.

THREE THINGS TO DO N-O-W!

First, divide the Unpaid Clubs among the Top 3. Each take responsibility for collecting 1/3rd of these recalcitrants. Any club that is meeting must be paid before June 30 with 5 or 8 members depending on the status of the October renewal. You should no longer rely on Area or Division Governors to accomplish this task unless you are absolutely confident that the collection will be made on a timely basis.

Second, divide the New Clubs in Process among the Top 3. The LGM may no longer hoard these initiatives. Clubs that are progressing nicely should not be hurried just to meet the June 30 deadline. **HOWEVER, CLUBS THAT ARE IN A PLATEAU ARE IN SERIOUS DANGER OF FALLING BACKWARDS. DO NOT REGARD THEM AS NEXT YEAR'S OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THEY LIKELY WILL NOT MAKE IT TO JULY.** Clubs that have plateaued at 12, 16 or 18 should be pushed to finish the process. **THIS MUST BE DONE IN PERSON BY SOMEONE WHO CAN SPARK THE MEMBERS TO IMMEDIATE ACTION.**

Third, put a list together of Clubs who need one to four new members to make Distinguished or the next level of Distinguished. Tie this in with Areas that need a few more members to make Distinguished or Select Distinguished. Push these Clubs and Areas by telephone calls and e-

NEVER GIVE UP!

Chicken Soup for the Surviving Soul, 1996

Sir Winston Churchill took three years getting through eighth grade because he had trouble learning English. It seems ironic that years later Oxford University asked him to address its commencement exercises.

He arrived with his usual props. A cigar, a cane and a top hat accompanied Churchill wherever he went. As Churchill approached the podium, the crowd rose in appreciative applause. With unmatched dignity, he settled the crowd and stood confident before his admirers. Removing the cigar and carefully placing the top hat on the podium, Churchill gazed at his waiting audience. Authority rang in Churchill's voice as he shouted, "Never give up!"

Several seconds passed before he rose to his toes and repeated: "Never give up!" His words thundered in their ears. There was a deafening silence as Churchill reached for his hat and cigar, steadied himself with his cane and left the platform. His commencement address was finished.

JUST DO IT

By Neil Eskelin

Author Elbert Hubbard told the story of an incident during the Spanish-American War. It was imperative that the president get a message to the leader of the insurgents. His name was Garcia and he was known to fighting somewhere in the mountains of Cuba, but no mail or telegraph could reach him. Someone said, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan who will find Garcia for you if anybody can."

Rowan took the letter without hesitation. He sealed it in a leather pouch strapped over his heart. He landed in the dark of night off the coast of Cuba and made his way to the mountains, and after much difficulty, found Garcia. He handed him the letter, turned around and headed home.

mails. Per caps is all about onesies and twosies in June!

For those Districts vying for Select or President's Distinguished, do not forget to push for over-the-top CTMs, ATMs, Distinguished Clubs and Distinguished Areas. These are the points that separate the tiers of the wedding cake!

June should be our best month in every category. Although the race is nearly over, now is the time for our most sustained push. The key to success now is focus and fun. Enthusiasm will win every time.

The poet says: "The moving finger writes; and, having writ, moves on." Soon, the handwriting will be on the wall and it will be time to move on. History will not be rewritten. What will it say about your District, your team, this year?

Very soon, you will be joining the pantheon on outstanding Region VIII leaders. We will all taste the sweetness of shared victory. Everyone must be on the cake.

Did I ever tell you you're my heroes?

Hubbard tells this story in "A Letter to Garcia." Rowan didn't ask, "Exactly where is he?" or "I doubt if I can do it." There was a job to be done and he did it.

Instead of making a dozen excuses why you can't complete the task, think about Rowan. Deliver the goods!

June Calendar

Training

Division and Area Governor Training should be held in June, but no later than August 31. Report of Division and Area Governor Training (with at least 85 percent of Division and Area Governors trained) must be submitted to World Headquarters by September 30 to qualify for the Distinguished District Program.

District conducts Club Officer Training. Training must be conducted in June, July, or August for Clubs to receive Distinguished Club Program credit. Officer training reports must be submitted to World Headquarters postmarked on or before September 30 in order for Clubs to receive credit in the Distinguished Club Program.

Newly elected District Governor, Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, and Lieutenant Governor Marketing attend District Officers Training at Regional Conference.

Distinguished District Program

Set District goals and begin planning process using the District High Performance Plan.

Distinguished Club Program Deadline

Clubs must submit Club Officer lists and these lists must be received on or before June 30 for Distinguished Club Program Credit.

Financial Deadlines

Prepare "minimum requirements" due at World Headquarters on July 15:

List of all elected and appointed District Officers
Signature Card with list of District bank accounts
List of Clubs in the District by Division and Area
Calendar of District events for the year

Mission-Focused Meetings

Plan first Executive Committee meeting. (Executive Committee meetings are shown on alternate months. The District has the option of scheduling these meetings each month, if feasible.)

Administrative

Appoint District officers.

Select and order stationery and other supplies for the District year.

May 20 2003 - Region 8 Accomplishments

What percentage to Expect for Per Capitas Each Month, based on past history:

Month	Semi	Non-Semi	Total for Month	Total to Date
July		2.083	2.083	2.083
August		2.083	2.083	4.166
September		2.083	2.083	6.249
October	25	2.083	27.083	33.332
November	12.5	2.083	14.583	47.915
December		2.083	2.083	49.998
January		2.083	2.083	52.081
February		2.083	2.083	54.164
March		2.083	2.083	56.247
April	25	2.083	27.083	83.33
May	12.5	2.083	14.583	97.913
June		2.083	2.083	100

District	Per Capita Goal	Actual	Percentage	Variance
14	9081	9362	103.09	19.76
29	1250	1209	96.72	13.39
37	5127	4883	95.24	11.91
47	13187	1290	97.86	14.53
48	2007	1959	97.61	14.28
58	3453	3565	103.24	19.91
66	3922	3892	99.24	15.91
68	2967	2552	86.01	2.68

What Percentage to Expect for CTM/ATM, Each Month,
based on past history:

Month	Semi	Total
July	6.36	6.36
August	6.36	12.72
September	6.36	19.08
October	6.36	25.44
November	6.36	31.8
December	6.36	38.16
January	6.36	44.52
February	6.36	50.88
March	6.36	57.24
April	6.36	63.6
May	6.36	69.96
June	30	100

District	CTM Goal	Actual	Percentage	Variance From Target
14	311	419	134.73	71.13
29	42	61	145.24	81.64
37	175	203	116.00	52.40
47	452	573	126.77	63.17
48	68	81	119.12	55.52
58	118	170	144.07	80.47
66	134	146	108.96	45.36
68	101	117	115.84	52.24

District	ATM Goal	Actual	Percentage	Variance From Target
14	89	131	147.19	83.59
29	12	11	91.67	28.07
37	50	71	142.00	78.40
47	129	248	192.25	128.65
48	19	36	189.47	125.87
58	33	88	266.67	203.07
66	38	42	110.53	46.93
68	29	42	144.83	81.23

District	Total Clubs July 1	Clubs Chartered	Paid Clubs to Date	Club Goal
14	191	20	189	196
29	35	3	32	36
37	123	11	112	126
47	276	19	265	284
48	54	2	50	55
58	91	8	93	93
66	96	10	97	98
68	76	3	65	78

Region 8 Leaders

DISTRICT 14

GOVERNOR GEORGE KAN, DTM
LGET JOHN LEWALLEN, DTM
LGM STEVE WILLIAMS, DTM

DISTRICT 29

GOVERNOR NORM CYR, ATM-G
LGET JOAN WELDY, DTM
LGM FRANK KENNEDY, CTM

DISTRICT 37

GOVERNOR SARARUTH BARGER, DTM
LGET HAROLD BARGER, DTM
LGM BOB MICK, ATM-B

DISTRICT 47

GOVERNOR EILEEN SARRIS, DTM
LGET MARGARET WAN, DTM
LGM JIM OCQUE, DTM

DISTRICT 48

GOVERNOR PENNY PIERCE, DTM
LGET KRISTIE PICKELL, ATM-B
LGM LINDA HILL, CTM-CL

DISTRICT 58

GOVERNOR WILL MAY, DTM
LGET BILL MAY, DTM
LGM FRED MALONE, DTM

DISTRICT 66

GOVERNOR MARLON HASKELL, DTM
LGET JANET GEISLER, DTM
LGM JOHN HARMAN, DTM

DISTRICT 68

GOVERNOR JIM CHANDLER, DTM
LGET BOBBY DONLON, DTM
LGM RANDY CONLEY, DTM