

FOUNDER'S DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
August, 25, 2010

The DEC meeting was held at the Crystal Cathedral, Arboretum, Garden Grove, CA, hosted by Division H.

- The meeting was called to order by District Governor, Ede Ferrari D'Angelo, DTM at 7:00 P.M.
- The Pledge was led Cathy Wang, Division H Treasurer.
- The Inspiration was given by Aries Mladinov, CC, ALB Area H-4 Governor
- The District Mission was read by Millie Paul, ATM, CL Division H Assistant Governor.
- District Governor, Ede Ferrari D'Angelo, DTM:
  - Welcomed the attendees
  - Introduced Founder's District Team for 2010-2011
  - Announced that this is a special meeting to celebrate our stars for 2009-2010
  - Reviewed the August 2010 which was adopted without objection.

#### District Secretary's Report

District Secretary, Chandra Persad, DTM announced that the minutes of the May 2010 DEC meeting were on the tables for review. There were no objections to the minutes as presented. Therefore, the District Secretary reported that the minutes would be approved. She reported that at that moment a quorum was not present, so decisions made would have to be confirmed by the DEC via e-mail to ratify decisions and other activities.

#### Other

Bob Hudack, DTM and Nominating Committee and Realignment Chairperson installed District Officers who were not present at the official Installation Dinner/Meeting held on June 24' 2010.

#### Division Highlights and Reports

##### **Division A Governor, Harry Yan, DTM reported:**

- Division A has started out with a bang with 23 Clubs to date.
- In August, they had a net gain of 1 Club. He quoted that if "you take care) of the people, the numbers will take care of themselves". He iterated that it is important to give sympathy and understanding and to give credit where due.

##### **Division B Governor, Linda Ulrich, DTM reported:**

- Division B is on a great roll already with 25 clubs. She voiced that we are not perfect, we all need help and 3 clubs need help and direction. It is a long road ahead but the Area Governors will work with them.
- Planning ahead - 4 prospective clubs
  - Wine and Dine – working to meet in September

- Pasadena Debate Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month
- 2 leads – Pankow Builders and Arcadia Methodist Hospital
- Working on Leadership and SpeechCraft programs

**Division C Governor, John Muse, ACS, ALB** reported:

- Division C is growing in an awesome way
  - 100% Area Governors completed training
  - 100% clubs turned in Officer Listing
  - 70% officers trained as of 08/15
- Working on Speech Contest
- Area Governors are concentrating on Club visits and helping clubs to submit their DCP plans

**Division D Governor, Ben Bolisay, ACS, CL:**

- **Started with a quote: “Never let the truth get in the way of a good story”.**
- Reported that Division D started with 23 clubs and has gained 2 new Clubs.
- Officers trained – 52%
- Already have accomplished 10 CCs
- The goal is to be President Distinguished
- He reported that they are in the process of moving their weakest club to a new location to boost membership and get it going again. They are getting good results. They will not lose Tri-Cities Achievers Clubs. They will try to do SpeechCraft for this.
- Kudos to his Area Governors and Division D staff for all their hard work in planning and executing Division activities. He gave special thanks to his advisors, Kelly Teenor, Celly Adamo and Lou Ann Frederick for their vast knowledge.
- Division D is in a good position to attain Presidents Distinguish status by the end of the Toastmaster year.

**Division E Governor, Pan Kao, ACB, CL** reported:

- This Division is off to a great start. Joke – Area Governors on how to Dress – they need to Dress UP!
- They held their kick off meeting on July 6 and have prepared both the Division and Area Success Plans
- They have 4 clubs with 10 or less members
- They are working on YLP at Kaiser
- It is a challenge but will focus on DCP goals

**Division F Governor, Mani Chinnaiah, DTM** reported:

- Division F is off to a fantastic start, he gave recognition and praise to his predecessors, Ryan Durkin, Dr. Neel Sirosh and Victoria Bakker.
- All clubs are active and they are on target with their Area Performance Plans

- They are working with Lou Ann Frederick for new club leads
- They need to continuously conduct the Youth Leadership Program – another round of the program has started making it their 7<sup>th</sup> round of YLP.

**Division G Governor, Steve Chandler, ACB reported:**

- Division G has a very dynamic team
- He reported that his goal is to have 8 new clubs
- He paid recognition to predecessor with every Area being Distinguished or better. Division G ended the term as a President's Distinguished Division.
- Their main objective is to have all Area Distinguished or better

**Division H Governor, Efrain Gonzalez, DTM:**

- Started with humor, Rule 1 – Never turn down a speaking opportunity; this is why he is here!
- Their goal is to achieve 1 club per Area
- Training – 64% officers trained
- All Area Governors have been trained
- H1 has 74% officers trained – Congratulations!

**District Officer Reports**

**District Governor, Ede Ferrari D'Angelo, DTM**

- Expressed her gratitude to Past District Governor for Area Governor Leads
- Reported that there are 62% Officers trained to date
- Encouraged to do better than that – encourage our members and officers to attend LACE training sessions held in January and July
- Proxy – Out of 193 clubs, 153 either sent in a proxy or a delegate to the International Convention placing Founder's District in the top 9% of districts carrying proxies.
- Complimented and thanked John Angiolillo for the improved method of submitting proxies electronically and for all his heroic efforts in getting the Presidents to assign their proxies.
- She was privileged to accept the award for Excellence in Education and Training for the 2009-2010 term for Founder's District and acknowledged that the credit goes towards all the members of Founder's District who worked towards their educational and leadership goals.

**Lt. Governor Education and Training, Wes Hoover, DTM**

- Challenged everyone work towards the goal to be a President's Distinguished District
- He recognized members who have earned Triple Crown Awards in a year
- He reported that to date, we only have 57% of officers trained and that has been the lowest in a long time.

- He emphasized that we need to focus on Officers Training and he appreciated all the efforts. He reiterated – “don’t let up....”

**Lt. Governor Marketing, Richard Elliott, DTM**

- He iterated that his goals for 2010-2011 are to have zero Club loss and adding 40 new clubs
- He promoted marketing Toastmasters by supporting the marketing efforts of our clubs and its members in meeting their goals.
- He proposed to do this by marketing the clubs and “they will come, put on a good show and they will join, meet their needs and they will stay” by starting now!
- He is searching for several Toastmasters that have a passion for TM and want to help meet the goal of becoming President’s Distinguished District.

**Public Relations Officer, Cynthia Trinidad, DTM:**

- She began her report with a quote used by her new friend, a semi-finalist, Kwong Yue Yang from China at the TI International Convention: “Life was like a box of fortune cookies. You never know what you’re gonna get.” She enunciated that “Toastmasters is larger than Founder’s District yard, celebrate life since you don’t’ know what you are going to get – but you know you’re going to get chocolates and you can’t go wrong with that!”
- She stressed to strive to “celebrate each member’s success and achievement – personal or professional.”
- Introduced the PRO Team with recognition to Technical Team with Norm Cook as the Web Master and Jack Schmidt as Editor. Special recognition to previous year’s PR team, Michael Varma and Dan Cossack
- Other PRO Team include: Email Coordinator, Ed Smith, Social Media Coordinator, Anjana Khana, and the Field Team which comprises members for each of the 8 Division PR Chairs: Cynthia Shen, Svetlana Kushnareva, Sylvia Gutierrez, Silvia Swigert, Alex Ruiz, Sushma Rajput, Barbara Giordano and Glenn Yasukochi.

**Audit Committee Report, Linda Ulrich, DTM**

- Audit Committee Chair reported that when it comes to money, there is no gentle way to report areas of concern.
- Linda directed everyone to the report on the tables and noted she would talk only to the bolded points, but not individually. These were explained as expenses that didn’t meet the requirements of “acceptable” expenses as outlined in the Toastmasters and Founders District Policies for reimbursable expenses and the Committee was requesting action to be taken to reimburse the District account.
- Linda pointed out that during the review of the Division books, the Committee noted several areas where additional documentation was needed. She reminded the Division Governors

and Treasurers that the Division reports should be as accurate as possible, since they are part of the formal District records that are audited.

- Linda submitted the report on behalf of the 2009-2010 Founders District Audit Committee.

#### **Treasurer's Report, Bryce Robbins, ACB, ALB**

- All financial information is outlined in the Treasurer's Report
- All reports have been submitted
- August report statements will be mailed to the incoming Division Governors and Division Treasurers
- Statements now include images of cancelled checks
- Fall Conference – the deposit was made on July 1st
- District Top 4 – The Quattro are currently working on the 2010-11 Budget due by September 30th

#### **New Business/Special Recognition**

- District Governor, Ede Ferrari D'Angelo, DTM reported on Club Realignment which had to be made because of several factors including meeting locations. The Division Governors and their Assistants made compromises and the New Club Alignment was placed before the committee for confirmation.
- The DEC Team confirmed the alignment.

#### **Special Recognition and Awards:**

- Area Governors for Clubs with 100% Officers Trained
- Area Governors who have completed enough Club Visits to fulfill goal 6 on the Distinguished Area Plan.
- Meline Talarian for being the 1<sup>st</sup> AG to complete all club visits
- John Angiolillo - Special recognition to Proxy Chair and District Directory, and for being the epitome of patience and his role as Proxy Chair; also for creating the District Directory and Calendar Booklet.
- Maira Pineda - Great Leaders come with a passion, convincing someone to do their very best, achieving our goals and doing the job. Special recognition to Immediate Past District Governor, Maira Pineda for all her encouragement and support.
- Expressed her gratitude and "Thank You" to Maira for her service and excellence in leadership.

#### **Special Challenges:**

**Lt. Governor of Education and Training, Wes Hoover, DTM** gave details on a special challenge and award, called **“WOODY, the Wandering Gavel”**. What does it take to get this?

- The Gavel will start at our District Governor, Ede Ferrari D’Angelo’s home club.
- Two members from a club must visit the club that holds Woody, and must participate in that club’s meeting in order to capture Woody.
- The Clubs that Capture Woody will get the \$10.00 Certificate, and be entered into a drawing to win one of 3 Swag Bags worth \$150.00...

**DCP Chair, Norm Stein, DTM reported on Distinguished Club Plan** which entails completing 10 goals.

- A Gold ribbon will be awarded to every club that have completed and submitted the 2 sided DCP form by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 14 Clubs have already submitted their DCP
- He congratulated 3 Area Governors who have completed enough visits to earn Goal 6 in the Distinguished Area Program
  - AG, C2, Harriett Kohorn
  - AG, B2, Meline Talarian
  - AG, F1, Teresita Del Sol

### **2009-2010 Special Recognition and Awards**

Immediate Past District Governor, Maira Pineda presented special awards for 2009-2010 with recognition at all levels and praising the Divisions and Areas for their extraordinary talent. She reiterated her vision for 2009-2010, to be eXtraordinary, to be District Service Leaders, to celebrate professional development, sharing in word and in spirit. She iterated to take care of your people and everything will take care of itself. Several awards were presented:

- Ribbons for Distinguished, Select or President’s Distinguished Clubs
- Parliamentarian, Norm Cook, DTM
- District Governor Advisor, Ray Brooks, DTM, PID
- Past District Governor, Bob Hudack, DTM
- District Service Leaders for serving in lonely and tough positions:
  - Inaugural Citation Award given to Michael Varma for his extraordinary service, doing it without a complaint
  - Victoria Bakker, eXtraordinary service to District members
  - Leadership and Success as LGET – Ede Ferrari D’Angelo
- All Division Governors were awarded the book titled “ “ and \$25.00 TI gift certificate
- Distinguished and better Areas and Area Governors of the Year
- Division Toastmaster of the Year, Kris Krishna, DTM
- District Toastmaster of the Year, Siri Patayakpan
- She concluded with a quote from Abraham Lincoln.

### Announcements

District Governor, Ede Ferrari d’Angelo, DTM made the following announcements:

- Announced that we do have a quorum.
- Iterated that the Convention was an amazing experience!
- John Lau, First Vice President will visit in November at the Fall District Conference 2010.
- Founder's District is now in Region 10 represented by International Director, Roberta Perry
- The next DEC meeting will be held at Sizzler, Norwalk on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- District Team and Division Governors to remain after meeting for KODAK moments.
- Expressed her gratitude for everyone's service and for taking the time to attend the meeting and special awards/recognition meeting.

#### Adjournment

The DEC Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

## Chandra Persad

Chandra Persad, DTM  
District Secretary