

FOUNDER'S DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 23, 2011

The DELP meeting was held in Norwalk, CA hosted by Founder's District Governor, Ede Ferrari D'Angelo, DTM. The meeting was called to order by District Governor, Ede Ferrari D'Angelo at 7:05 PM. She welcomed all attendees.

List of Attendees: Ede Ferrari D'Angelo, Wes Hoover, Richard Elliott, Cynthia Trinidad, Bryce Robbins, Bob Hudack, Harry Yan (Div A), Linda Ulrich (Div B), John Muse (Div C), Ben Bolisay (Div D), and Pan Kao (Div E).

The Meeting Theme was **"Gauge Our Success"**.

District Governor, Ede introduced Candidates for 2011-2012 District Leadership Team in attendance as follows:

- LGM - Harry Yan
  - John Muse
  
- LGET - Richard Elliott
  
- DG - Wes Hoover  
Linda Ulrich

She urged officers to start looking for Area Governors for the coming year to have a good start on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

She reported the following updates on personnel:

- District Secretary was out on personal leave, unexpected death of her brother in Trinidad.
- Linda Ulrich will take meeting minutes for this meeting.
- Chris Gregory is in Hoag Hospital.

### **Division Highlight Reports**

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

- They have 6 new clubs chartered and more on the way.
- There are 17 clubs at charter strength.
- 26 Area Goals have been completed.
- 2 clubs with 9 DCP goals, 2 clubs with 7-8 DCP goals, 8 clubs with 5-6 DCP goals, 3 clubs with 4 DCP goals and 4 clubs with 3 DCP goals giving a total of 112 DCP goals achieved.
- 17 clubs with 20 or more members.
- Successful Area and Division contests.

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

- She talked about the success of the Youth Leadership Program in Division B.
- The clubs continue to move forward to meet Area/Division success plans.
- Officer Makeup Training was the highest in the District.
- Several of the clubs will be planning spring membership drives and open houses.
- Trying to get club coaches for the 3 struggling clubs.
- At least 2 clubs will be having Spring Speech-a-Thons.
- Division B Contest was highly successful with dinner, entertainment and opportunity prizes!

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

- 100% of club officers turned in on time in June and December.
- 100% club officers trained on time in August, leading all of TI.
- Held awesome Area and Division Speech contests, positive financially.
- Obtained 119 members.
- Club members obtained 24 CCs, 11 ACs, 28 CLs, ALs or DTMs.
- Division Council meetings are held with great enthusiasm.
- 1 new Club chartered, Quiksilver Toastmasters Club in Huntington Beach

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

- Division D now has 27 clubs from a base of 24.
- 2 clubs have been restored to Charter strength and making regular meetings.
- District Goals accomplishments are as follows:
  - Area D4 is 1 CC away
  - Area D1 and D2 are 3 CCs each away
  - Area D5 is 4 CCs away
  - Area D3 has not posted much but is working towards being distinguished.
- Division D has officially launched its website.
- 2 Area Governors have submitted club visit reports.

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

- Division E Council Meetings were held on February 14 and March 14.
- Division E Club officer make-up training was held on February 26 and 98 officers were trained which set the Division at 51.85% trained.
- Spring speech contests for all 5 areas finished with strong financial results.
- They have not lost any clubs this year.
- However, the clubs are not turning in their awards in a timely manner.
- DCP Status: 167 new members, 20 CCs, 10 ACs, 12 CLs/ALs/DTMs.

**The following Division Governors were absent:**

- Division F Governor, Mani Chinniah, DTM
- Division G Governor, Steve Chandler, ACB
- Division H Governor, Efrain Gonzalez, DTM

### **District Officer Reports**

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

- The PRO office has been very busy since January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Launched the Community Relations Department – this is now a detached entity from Community Judging and is being co-chaired by Laura Scott. Laura has now defined what Community Relations is all about – resource for information on non-Toastmasters community events which opportunity to enhance public speaking and leadership skills.
- Distributed via email Spring Founder Newsletter that featured:
  - Community Relations story
  - Spotlight articles on 2 outstanding district members; 2<sup>nd</sup> club who achieved President’s distinguished and District sponsored Social media Presentation on 02/12.
- Reinstated the Public relations contests – the deadline for submission is midnight 03/25. The winner will be announced at the Spring Conference.
- Promoting the Spring Conference at Kazoo.
- Will be covering the Division Contests. Dan Cossack, District Journalist Chair has already published on FD website Division C’s Contest. All of the rest will be covered.
- She encouraged all to “Be cheerleaders and make the members happy”!
- The PR office has inspired Leaders and Communicators!

**Lt. Governor of Marketing, Richard Elliott, DTM reported:**

- The District can start new clubs but only the club can: “Put on a good show so that they will join” and together we can: “Meet their needs so that they will stay”.
- Founder’s District will be distinguished! 13 new clubs with 4 more to charter before Spring Conference; 17 more working on membership for charter!
- Member retention is Achilles for District; new flyer for “sponsors, mentors, and coaches” developed by Alanda Dyer, DTM, PDG!
- The biggest challenge is to help struggling clubs to reach charter strength and to become distinguished. We need to educate members on the difference between a ‘club mentor’ and a “club coach” and to get experienced Toastmasters to step up and take on these challenges.
- To achieve distinguished status or better, May 15 must become the new June 30<sup>th</sup>!

**Lt. Governor Education & Training, Wes Hoover, DTM reported:**

- Met goal for ACs; close on leadership awards

- We are falling behind on CCs, we need 90+ CCs
- “1 + 2 = Free” (manuals) until end of March; looking to extend – great success!
- Area/Division Governor training – Wes trained six AGs since February. He was disappointed at the turnout. It is important to communicate to our club and district officers that they need to attend training. We are doing our members a disservice, if we fail to give our leaders the tools to succeed.
- As a District, we are well on our way as we move forward inspiring leaders and communicators and to become President’s distinguished!

**District Governor, Ede Ferrari D’Angelo reported:**

- Provided most current District statistics – how Founder’s District rank amongst the World and Region 10.
- The numbers are very good but we cannot lose focus. We need to stay focused on our goals until June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Club dues – contact corporate clubs; take 30d to get checks cut.
- Club visits – let clubs know how close they are to meeting goals for Distinguished
- Encouraged Open Houses.
- She reminded everyone about her vision for the District when she became DG – **“The vision of Founder’s District is to achieve the status of President’s Distinguished through club and membership growth, and by inspiring leaders and communicators through excellence in education, training and programming. We will honor the past, while welcoming a future of innovation that will make Toastmasters appealing to the next generation”.**
- If you are a happy TM, you will be excited, if the District leaders are meeting your needs, you will want to give speeches, pay dues on time and help the club to grow. If all this happens, FD will be President’s distinguished and it will be a credit to you the MEMBER, the most important part of Toastmasters.

**District Treasurer Bryce Robbins, CC reported:**

- Division Treasurers doing great job; cleaning up mid-year audit
- Division Treasurers need to submit “complete” contest documentation
- State Taxes e-file due in May; contact Division/District Treasurer for instructions; TI to contact clubs for state instructions
- If anticipating big end-of-year celebration, submit written notice prior to the event to get District Governor and District Treasurer approval for expenses, if necessary

**Bob Hudack – Proposed Realignment**

- Presented proposed realignment for Founder’s District
- Division A - primary concern is new clubs; either 5 Areas with 6 clubs each or 6 Areas with 5 clubs each
- Division B – Linda indicated ITT/DSN club to be realigned from Area B4 to Area B5
- Division C – Discussion about changing boundaries for some of the Areas for accommodation purposes; rebalance
- Division D – No proposed changes

- Division E – Pick up #1543079 from Division H to Area E4
- Division F – Move Moss-Adams #1531744 to Area F2 from Division A
- Division G – Have lost 2 clubs; suggest moving Unimasters to G4
- Division H – Move #1543079 to Area E4
- Goal is to always try to balance out strong/participatory clubs with weaker ones to avoid Areas that have little or no participation

**Adjournment**

The DEC Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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