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# Founder's District Program Quality Report

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## **Division/Area Director Mid-Year Training**

Mid-year training was conducted on January 21 at the National University. About 80% of the area directors were in attendance. The rooms at National University were too small for all the attendees so we split the training into two rooms and divided the group between north and south district. We concentrated on strategies to achieve distinguished area and division status for the next 6 months. There was no makeup training for those not in attendance.

## **Club Officer Training**

We completed club officer training in February with 1090 total officers trained or 66.44% of the district officers. This is in line with the rising trend of trained officers for the January training period. All clubs that had 4 or more officers trained in June-Aug also met the training requirements for Dec-Feb achieving DCP goal #9, with the exception of Leaders in Action which is a club that is no longer in good standing with Toastmasters. The efforts of Area and Division Directors should be commended for achieving this important milestone.

LACE chairs, Susan De La Portilla and Betsy Willis, are resigning for the next LACE period so we are looking for new LACE chairs for June.

## **Member Achievements**

So far this year, we have 14 new DTMs, 25 Triple Crown Awards, 223 Competent Communicators, 104 Advanced Communicators, and 202 leadership awards.

## **Club Achievements**

65 clubs currently have 5 or more DCP goals and qualifying membership levels for distinguished status, and 77 more clubs are within 4 members and 2 DCP points for distinguished status. Combined, we could possibly have 142 clubs to finish distinguished or better.

## **Club Renewals**

Currently 16 clubs will be suspended at the end of March 2017. We may have a few more surprise resignations in April.

## **Conference**

The Spring Conference is planned for April 21 and 22 with Table Topics contest on Friday and International Speech contest on Saturday. 3 Educational workshops will be offered with featured speakers Naomi Takeuchi, Sheryl Roush, and Charley Patton. International Director, Michael Osur, is our keynote speaker. Lunch and Dinner will be scheduled for Saturday with entertainment to include group ballroom dance instruction, live vocals by Melissa Wong and guitar by Mike O'Neil, and ballroom dancing after dinner.