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Fellow Toastmasters,

We all have heard and many of us know well, that there is a direct link between club officers training and in becoming a distinguished club. Over a period of years we have seen that when majority of the club officers get trained twice a year, the club in general benefits and majority of these clubs become distinguished or better. Therefore there is a definite and proven correlation between club officers training and becoming distinguished. To put it differently, there is a definite correlation between commitment to training and achieving excellence in club performance.

Below is the list of District 65 Clubs that had **High**, **Low** and **No** attendance at the winter/spring 2009 club officers training. The list also shows number of club officers attending the training (number shown in parenthesis) from each of the clubs, as well as clubs becoming distinguished during 2007-2008. During the winter/spring 2009 training, a total of 315 club officers were trained from approximately 101 'eligible' clubs in the district or approximately 44% of the club officers were trained. Overall, about 40% of the clubs (41 clubs and a record under DG Bob Logan's administration) became distinguished in 2007-2008.

The central division had the best club officer training attendance (107 officers trained); the most distinguished clubs in the district (over 55% of the clubs distinguished) and every club in the central division (27 clubs) had at least one or more club officer trained. An very impressive record and congratulations. The eastern division had 88 club officers trained, followed by western division with 61 officers and southern division with 59 officers trained. The eastern, southern and western divisions had only about a 1/3 of their clubs become distinguished.

**1. High Attendance Clubs with 4 or more Club Officers Trained:
(56 clubs and 250 officers trained - 27 clubs distinguished or 48%)**

Central Division: (21 Clubs and 92 officers trained - 12 clubs distinguished or 57% of the clubs)

1. **Lilac City Club (6)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
2. The Communicators (4)
3. **Life Learners Club (4)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
4. Simon Toastmasters Club (4)
5. **Speechcrafters Club (6)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
6. TNT Toastmasters Club (4)
7. **P.O.W.E.R. Toastmasters Club (4)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
8. **Mercury West Club (4)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
9. **Toasted Sage Club (4)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
10. Westside Club (4)
11. **Daybreakers Club (4)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
12. Impressionist's Club (4)
13. Speak Up Club (4)
14. **Postprandial Toastmasters (5)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
15. **Toastitarians Club (4)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
16. Advanced Club (5)
17. **B&L Visionary Club (5)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
18. **PAETEC Communicators Club (5)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
19. **Rochester Club (4)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
20. Lyceum Club (4)
21. Frederick Douglass Toastmasters Club (4)

Eastern Division: (15 Clubs and 69 officers trained - 5 clubs distinguished or 33% of the clubs)

1. **Empire Statesmen Club (4)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
2. **Talk-Eaze Club (6)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
3. Greenfield Toastmasters (5)
4. Utica National Toastmasters Club (5)
5. Syracuse Club (4)
6. Owahgena Toastmasters Club (4)
7. Crown City Club (4)
8. **Stearns & Wheler Toastmasters Club (4)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
9. **Bristol Speaker Toastmasters Club (4)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
10. **Talk the Talk Club (5)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
11. UCF Toastmasters Club (5)
12. GSAR Toastmasters (4)
13. SU Toast (6)
14. North Star Club (5)
15. Liverpool Linguists (4)

Southern Division: (9 clubs and 39 officers trained - 4 clubs distinguished or 44% of the clubs)

1. **Endicott Club (4)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
2. Morning Knights Toastmasters Club (4)
3. River City Toastmasters Club (4)
4. **Cayuga Club (5)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
5. YAK E D YAK (4)
6. **Susquehanna Toastmasters Club (4)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
7. Twin Tiers Toastmasters (4)
8. **Barrier Breakers Club (6)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
9. Lockheed Martin Oswego Toastmasters (4)

Western Division: (11 clubs and 50 officers trained - 6 clubs distinguished or 54% of the clubs)

1. **AM Lockport Club (4)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
2. University at Buffalo Toastmasters Club (6)
3. Cataract Communicators (4)
4. Grand Pioneer Toastmasters Club (5) - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
5. E S B Club (4)
6. **Westwinds Toastmasters Club (5)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
7. **Speakeasy Club (4)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
8. Concord Spellbinders Club (6)
9. Olean Toastmasters (4)
10. **Moog Club (4)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
11. **Praxair Toastmasters Club (4)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008

**2. Low Attendance Clubs with 1 to 3 Club Officers Trained:
(30 clubs and 65 officers trained - 13 clubs distinguished or 43%)**

Central Division: (6 clubs and 15 officers trained - 3 clubs distinguished or 50% of the clubs)

1. Wayne Articulators Club (3)
2. **MCC Toastmasters Club (1)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
3. Kodak Park Toastmasters Club (2)
4. ITT Spacetalkers (3)
5. **Rochester High Noon Club (3)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
6. **Blues Expression Club (3)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008

Eastern Division: (9 clubs and 19 officers trained - 5 clubs distinguished or 55% of the clubs)

1. **Mohawk Valley Club (2)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
2. **Roman Orators Toastmasters Club (1)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
3. CARING Communicators (1)
4. CNY BizTalkers (2)
5. Energetics Club (2)
6. Southside Speakers Club (3)
7. **Savvy Speakers Toastmasters Club (3)** - Presidents Distinguished Club 2007-2008
8. **Select Club (2)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
9. **Tech Talkers (3)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008

Southern Division: (10 clubs and 20 officers trained - 3 distinguished clubs - 33% of the clubs)

1. Leaders And Learners Club (1)
2. Thrill Speakers Toastmasters Club (1)
3. Johnson Toastmasters (2)
4. **Ithaca Area Club (3)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
5. **Ithaca College Club (3)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
6. Listen to the Blues Club (2)
7. Preferred Club (2)
8. Oneonta Toastmasters Club (2)
9. **Raymond Toastmasters Club (1)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
10. Wine Country Toastmasters Club (3)

Western Division: (5 clubs and 11 officers trained - 2 distinguished clubs or 40% of the clubs)

1. **Northpointe Toastmasters (3)** - Select Distinguished Club 2007-2008
2. Buffalo Flyers (3)
3. **Downtown Toastmasters (1)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
4. Greenhouse Gases Toastmasters (3)
5. Talk It Up Tuesdays (1)

**3. No or zero Attendance and no Club Officers Trained:
(15 clubs and zero officers trained - 1 distinguished club or 0.6%)**

Central Division: (0 clubs)

Eastern Division: (8 clubs and no officers trained - 1 club distinguished or 12% of the clubs)

1. Port City Club (0)
2. Orange Orators (0)
3. **Spirited Speakers Club (0)** - Distinguished Club 2007-2008
4. Toastmasters of The Hartford New Hartford (0)
5. iTalk (0)
6. Verbal Spartans Club (0)
7. Jabberwocky Club (0)
8. Toasting the Blues (0)

Southern Division: (2 clubs and no officers trained)

1. Speech Patrol (0)
2. High Noon Club (0)

Western Division: (5 clubs and no officers trained)

1. **Getz Speaking Club (0)**
2. **McIntalk Masters Club (0)**
3. **Actively Speaking (0)**
4. **Toy Town Talkers Club (0)**
5. **Speak For Success Club (0)**

So what is the point in sharing the above information with fellow Toastmasters in the district? The incoming district leadership will soon announce and publish the summer club officers training program information and a comprehensive agenda. Be ready and stay tuned to make yourself available to participate in the club officers training in large numbers. Remember, one in three Toastmaster in D-65 is a club officer! Clubs that send all their seven officers to the training, should be specially and individually recognized. In order for the club officers to lead and excel, they need to know and learn the tools and techniques provided at the training. By taking this knowledge back to their clubs, they are in a better position to lead their clubs to greater successes in becoming distinguished clubs. The proof is indeed in the pudding!

Best regards,

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