



District 47 Toastmasters District Governor's Newsletter May 2003



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Late Dues Payments?

We have Clubs that have not sent in their dues yet to Toastmasters International. Check to see if your Club is among those missing at the following link:
www.toastmasters.org/dreports/tar040/TAR40047.txt

If you have not already paid your dues to your Club, now is the time to do it. To remain a member in good standing, you must pay dues each April and October to your Club and your Club must send in the dues to Toastmasters International.

It seems that every year, we encounter a person who is not getting credit for serving as an officer because they paid their dues late and the Club never sent them to Toastmasters International. We also encounter problems with members' eligibility to compete in the speech contests because they were not a member in good standing of a Club in good standing at all levels of the contest. Don't let this happen to your members – send in the dues ASAP!

Club Treasurers and Vice Presidents of Membership – you should be contacting members who did not pay their dues to find out why and collect late dues payments. If your Club has members who paid their dues after the Club dues were submitted to Toastmasters International, send them in with either a new member application noting reinstatement or a letter asking for the member to be reinstated.

Region 8 Conference – June 20-21
Charlotte, NC
International Convention – August 20-23
Atlanta, GA

Beat The Clock!



All too often, we see Clubs meet 5 or more of the Distinguished Club Goals and not receive credit for being Distinguished. How can this happen? To qualify for Distinguished Club recognition, a Club must end the year with 20 or more members, or a net increase of five members from July 1, 2002.

Toastmasters International recognizes the fact that many Clubs need to boost their membership to meet the membership requirement of the Distinguished Club Program. To encourage Clubs to build membership, Toastmasters International will recognize Clubs that enroll 5 or more new members between May 1 and June 30 with one module of the Club's choice from the Successful Club, Better Speaker or Leadership Excellence Series sets.

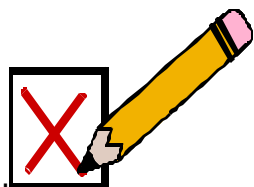
Don't be disappointed when June 30 arrives – plan now to be Distinguished!

District 47 Spring Conference

If you have not already registered for the District 47 Spring Conference, you can download the registration flyer from the following link on our District website:
www.toastmastersd47.org/conference/sprg03reg.pdf

The Conference will be held at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs May 16 – 18, 2003

This is THE place to be – Don't miss it!



Make Your Club's Votes Count!

Every Club should strive to have a representative at the District 47 Spring Conference in Altamonte Springs on May 16th through the 18th. In addition to the District level International Speech Contest and the Table Topics Contest, many excellent educational workshops, and opportunities to meet and share ideas with other Toastmasters from all over Florida and the Bahamas, we also will hold our Spring District Council meeting.

All Club Presidents and Vice-Presidents Education are members of the District Council, giving each Club has 2 votes. If your Club's President and VP Education cannot attend the District Council meeting on May 17 at 2:15, they should sign a proxy form and have a Club member represent the Club at the District Council meeting. Several very important issues will be decided upon at the Council meeting including:

- ?? Election of the District Governor, Lt. Governor Education and Training, Lt. Governor Marketing and Division Governors for 2003-2004.
- ?? Determination of Club and Area alignment for 2003-2004.

District 47 Toastmasters - Spring District Council Meeting Proxy May 17, 2003

This form must be presented to the Credentials Committee if the Club President or Vice President Education designates another Club member as voting delegate for the District Council Meeting.

Club Name _____ Club # _____

I, _____, Club President ____ or Club VP Education _____,

hereby designate _____, an active member in good standing of the Club, as the Club's voting delegate for the Spring District Council Meeting.

Signed _____ Date _____
Club President

Signed _____ Date _____
Club Vice President Education

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS

All Clubs are required to elect officers in May for the annual or semi-annual term to begin July 1, 2003.

It is crucial that the Club Officer list be submitted to Toastmasters International as soon as the elections take place. If the

Officer list is not received by June 30, 2003, the Club will not receive credit towards the Distinguished Club Program goal #10 for the 2003-2004.

A copy of the list can be mailed or faxed to Toastmasters International or completed online at the following link: www.toastmasters.org under member quicklinks – Club Officer Report Form. Be sure to check the box that it is a new list and not a change.