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Mission of the District

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

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Inspire! Transform! Achieve President's Distinguished Status!

Members come First – One of the mainsprings driving our district to success!

My Dear District 33 Toastmasters:

At the beginning of this Toastmasters year, I said:

"My vision is that every member has an equal opportunity to pursue his or her personal dreams, and to bring unity in diversity. It is my utmost desire to inspire and motivate our members and leaders to work together in a spirit of teamwork toward a common vision—a common purpose—propelled by our core values of integrity, respect, service and excellence."

As District Leaders, we established our **Vision** and set our **Goals** for taking District 33 to new heights by achieving **President's Distinguished** for the first time in 40 years to leave an incredible legacy behind.

As we approach the close of this year, I am: *inviting our members to stay focused, with an unwavering commitment to cross the finish line in **the next 15 days** to achieve President's Distinguished for our District.*

Inspire!

Discipline is the fuel for achievement.

"Review your goals twice or more every day in order to be focused on achieving them." -Les Brown

"The path to success is to take massive, determined action." – Tony Robbins

Each year, in order to become President's Distinguished, all Toastmasters International Districts must achieve 8% in Paid clubs, 8% in membership payments and 50% of our clubs must earn Distinguished or better honors. I urge all members to get involved to help your club and the district. Focus your energy on moving forward; believe in yourself to achieve big! To grace the stage in Vancouver, the District has to achieve our magic numbers in all three categories: paid clubs, paid memberships, and distinguished clubs!

Every member counts, every member contributes, every member owns it! What a sense of achievement!

We came together. We progressed together.

We need to work harder now in the next 2 weeks to achieve that success.

President's Distinguished Goals:	238 Paid Clubs	8636 Memberships	110 Distinguished Clubs
Where are we Now:	230 Paid Clubs Distinguished! (1 club away from Select Distinguished)	8227 9 away from Distinguished! (169 from Select Distinguished)	65 Distinguished Clubs (23 clubs away from Distinguished) (34 clubs from Select Distinguished)
Needed for President's Distinguished:	8 Paid Clubs	409 Memberships	45 Distinguished Clubs

**Envision crossing the finish line in the next 15 days
as a President's Distinguished District**

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Countdown to PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED!

Action Plans: What can we all do?

- A. Work towards completing the charter for 9 of our prospective clubs – minimum 180 members
- B. Renew the (3) three clubs that have unpaid April dues to bring them active -- minimum total 8 members
- C. Contact your fellow members who have been absent and did not renew their membership. You will be amazed that they are waiting for that one phone call to let them know we are here and we want them to come back.
- D. Invite past members to return and join the fun again. Remind them there is no new member fee!
- E. I'm encouraging every member to strive to sponsor 5 new members to your clubs.
- F. Hold an open house. Invite the employees of an entire company to attend.
- G. Conduct a Speechcraft. This is a proven great membership building program. Call your Division Director for assistance.
- H. Get your clubs distinguished; you're just 1 to 5 members and 2 educational awards away.



The best preparation for tomorrow is doing our best today.—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Members, you are my inspiration and I don't want to give up! My desire is to continue Inspiring all members. I want you to look at me and say: "because of YOU, I didn't give up."

Please take action and do it now! It is IMPORTANT that we get to work with a sense of urgency, making progress every day – so that we can successfully cross that finish line.

Transform!

Transformation literally means going beyond one's form!

From July 2016 until early June 2017, member educational achievements are astounding with 843 educational awards, which indicates that members are working the program and transformation is occurring. Congratulations to our members who earned education awards: 323 Competent Communicators; 171 Competent Leaders; 203 Advanced Communicators; 71 Advanced Leaders; 29 High Performance Leadership projects and 23 Distinguished Toastmasters (DTMs). Over 53 members have earned Triple Crown educational recognition this term. These recognition awards are worth celebrating.

Every one of our district leaders has earned one or more educational awards with many progressing towards achieving the highest distinction of Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). I am positive many of our leaders who served on this year's district team have learned more and strengthened their leadership skills, as much as I have.

Congratulations to our first ever District 33 Table Topics Speech Contest winner Cindy Bean from Division G!

Wow to Melody Barooni from DayBreakers of Westlake Club in Division J. She will represent District 33 at the 2017 Toastmasters International Speech Contest Semifinals during the Toastmasters International Convention in Vancouver in August. Who knows she may come back as World Champion of Public Speaking! That's the power I am talking about, you never know until you try!

Achieve!

We are achieving in real time! There are no shortcuts to earning distinction!

Three divisions are already distinguished or more. **Division C is Select Distinguished, Division E & Division K are Distinguished!** Every division is positioned very well to become President's Distinguished. All we need is every division to have 11 distinguished clubs on an average, that will take us to the new heights.

There are a few clubs missing just one educational award to reach their distinguished status. We have many district promotions and incentives in place to recognize and encourage members and clubs to continually grow and reach specific milestones. Each member, club and leader can contribute in several ways to the success of our District.

Imagine what an incredible difference you can make in the history of District 33 by helping the district to reach a goal it has not earned in 40 years!

At this point, I will say we are unstoppable.

Believe in yourself; you'll be unstoppable!

Think Big. Achieve Big! District 33: Amaze yourself.

Amaze the world with President's Distinguished!





District 33

District 33's Add on **Beat the Clock** Award May 1st – June 30th



DO THIS... and TI will award you...

Beat the Clock **Program Dates: May 1 – June 30**

Clubs adding five new, dual or reinstated members with a join date between May 1 and June 30 **receive a "Beat the Clock" ribbon to display on the club's banner. Qualifying clubs also earn a special discount code for 10-percent off their next club order.**

But District 33 is willing to "One Up" Toastmasters International and offer an "Add On" Beat the Clock Award* to your Club...

During the months of May and June if you add a *minimum* of 5 new, dual or reinstated members to your club, your club will receive a TI Gift Certificate in the amount of \$50.00...**

but wait... there's more!

**Add a 6th member and you earn another \$10.00 TI Certificate...
for a total of \$60.00**

**Add a 7th member and you earn another \$10.00 TI Certificate...
for a total of \$70.00**

And so on... etc...etc...etc. How crazy is that?

**Add 10 members and you earn a
total of \$100.00 in TI Certificates**

**That's RIGHT... add 20 members and your club will receive a
total of \$200.00 in TI Certificates**

It just doesn't get much sweeter than this...



*Award will be disbursed to your club at the 2017 Fall Conference

**Winners are established per the Toastmasters International "Beat the Clock" Report

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**INSPIRE
TRANSFORM
ACHIEVE**



District 33 Program Quality Director - Guy Dawson, DTM

My year as the District 33 Program Quality Director (PQD) has been absolutely eye-opening. It gave me much greater insight into the inner-workings of the Toastmasters educational system. I am proud to be a part of an organization that is bringing so much value to the world by helping people improve their speaking and leadership skills. Toastmasters membership is a gift that keeps on giving.

As PQD, I have the privilege of working with thousands of members and 200+ clubs as a mentor. This role has really broadened my perspective on what the “why” is for people when they join Toastmasters. I have discovered that determining a prospective or existing member’s “why” allows us to serve them more effectively. We position them to grow and take full advantage of the tremendous opportunities that a Toastmasters membership provides.

The introduction of the Pathways Program is imminent and we are gearing up for it to roll out in our Region in September of 2017. We are in the process of appointing Pathway Guides to educate each of the clubs in our District on how it works. This program offers enormous opportunities for our members to choose the path that will serve them best. The Pathway Guides will be reaching out to the clubs they have been assigned to work with very soon.

Every year in Toastmasters is a unique adventure and this one has been no exception. District 33 has some of the most dynamic speakers and leaders in the world. I have thoroughly enjoyed the training that you all have given me. Being involved in District leadership is an amazing study in human nature. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to relate to their fellow man on a deeper level and raise their service consciousness.

District Distinguished Clubs Dashboard

Congratulations to our 65

Distinguished or better clubs.

Goal: 110 clubs — Only 45 more to go.

**There are 100+ “Almost Distinguished Clubs”
that need from 1-5 members
and 1-2 education awards.**

We can do it!



District 33 Club Growth Director—Tim Mullins, DTM

As of this writing we are at the 12 month mark of our Toastmasters year... and what a year it has been so far.

District 33 has added 14 BRAND NEW TOASTMASTER CLUBS to our District this year... and counting.

WOW!!

Division A is leading the way with **4 new clubs** this year and more on the way. Let me just pause and extend a gigantic CONGRATULATIONS!!! to Division A for coming to the Charter party four times this year. I believe they have caught the Charter fever... and that's a great thing.

Division B has **1 new club** and a Kick Off meeting for a second club took place on June 12th

Division D has **2 new clubs**: Sage Leaders, and Library 2.0 and Beyond Toastmasters

Division E has chimed in with **1 club** in City Slickers with another possible club in the near future

Division F Chartered **1 Club** named 1010 Townhall Talking Heads and is working a lead in Los Banos

Division H has added **3 new clubs** and is working hard on more opportunities. Once again thank you from the bottom of my Club Growth Director's heart for coming to the Charter party again and again.

Division J brought us **1 new club** in Civic Center Toastmasters and another in the works

Division K has launched **1 club** called United Voices - another new club for our District

As you can see, we are well on our way to having a FANTASTIC year when it comes to new clubs. We have 14 done, finished, completed and "in the bag" with another 10 that are being pursued with great enthusiasm.

WOW!!

Let's continue our EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT to **build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.**

As a District we have come far during this Toastmasters year:

*We have reached our Distinguished **Paid Clubs Goal** and are 1 club away from Select Distinguished*

WE WILL MAKE THIS

*We are 9 payments away from our Distinguished **Membership Payments Goal***

WE WILL MAKE THIS

*We are at 73.9% of our **Distinguished Clubs Goal***

WE WILL MAKE THIS

*We will be, at the very least, a **Distinguished District** in the next few days... then the sky is the limit. **WOW!!***

I want to thank every one of you, the members of District 33, for your hard work and diligent efforts on behalf of your club, your Area, your Division, your District and Toastmasters. Together we are Inspiring, Transforming and Achieving what some thought to be impossible.

*Let's keep diligently pressing forward until the end of this Toastmasters year because as someone many of us know would say "It ain't [sic] June 30th yet." **WOW!!***

What have we all learned this past year?

My Public Relations Learning Track



Thank You for allowing me to be of service this year. Every moment has been completely enjoyable. And, I have learned a lot! This was my first year serving District 33 Toastmasters. Below are some thoughts about what I have learned. Please think about **YOUR experience and what YOU have learned.**

Warmest,
Roberta

What have I Learned?

Learned: District 33 members are ***an amazing group of people!***

Members work tirelessly throughout the year helping make our organization better – every day.

Learned: Members promote our fabulous organization by ***example.***

Are we kind to people we meet? Helpful? Are we service oriented to better others? Do we lead by example? Do we mentor leaders?

Learned: Our BEST Public Relation efforts is US! Do our friends and Co-Workers see us as we improve ourselves? Do we share the “**How**”

and “**Why**”: **Our story?** Do we invite friends and Co-Workers to events such as contests, Open Houses, Meet and Greets? Ultimately, individual members are *our best ambassadors* for our organization. Next year, we will **expand strategies** to help the general public get to know US even better.

Are we on Track?

Yes, You bet!



A CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS!!



Fun, interactive, engaging. Loved hearing responses from fellow members. She walked into the audience -- that was unique and inspiring. She tied the theme in well,



[Jim Kohli] My personal favorite speaker. Great message. Easy on the eyes.



Division A has enjoyed much success this year. We brought in the first new club of the year for the District. Eagle Eye Club of Bakersfield chartered in Area A-5 on September 30th. We were blessed with two more clubs, one each in Areas A3 (PDC Toastmasters) and A4 (Master Debaters) on April 13th and 28th, respectively. Area A-5 added a Spanish bilingual club, Metamorfosis, on May 2nd. We're expecting to charter at least one more club before June 30th.



My sincere thanks to Area Directors: Indar Singh, Howard Verone, Laquita Dukes, Joann Gardner and Debbie Allmon for their support of our members and clubs and for their dedication to Toastmasters values.

Laquita was elected to serve as your Division Director for the 2017-2018 term. Her team of area directors are:

Area A1– Kristen Hartsell

Area A2– Ali Nawab

Area A3– Clarisse Kresser

Area A4– Gregory Crawley

Area A5—Gloria Francisco

Having been elected as the incoming Club Growth Director for California, I look forward to working with each of you.

Congratulations to all of our members who have achieved educational awards during 2016-2017. To date, our members have received 110 educational awards. Seven (7) of those members have earned a place on the District's Triple Crown list: Laquita Dukes, Heather Froehner, Joann Gardner, Deborah Goadman, L'Tanya James, Ellie Kay, and Joe Montgomery.

In addition, Ellie Kay and Harvey Corbett earned their DTM awards.

With three clubs earning Distinguished or better honors, Area A-5 Director, Debbie Allmon, became the first District 33 Area

Director to become President's Distinguished. Congratulations, Debbie.

Kudos to all of Division A's Distinguished clubs:

President's Distinguished:

Broads & Beaus Toastmasters Club

Shop Talk Toastmasters

Select Distinguished:

Downtown Toastmasters Club

Gift of Gab

Distinguished

Aera Toastmasters

Pro Talk Toastmasters

Serving Division A as its Director has been a tremendous learning foundation that has prepared me to serve our District next term. I learned that Communication is the main key in Leadership. I am proud to have served under the Leadership of Jamuna Ramnath, DTM, District Director. She made communication the most important part of our training. She presented the facts and the reality in her training. From her, I learned to always reach for the highest goals. Then, put action behind your visions and beliefs. When your goals appear unattainable, you must work harder, study and seek the answers. Most importantly, know that you cannot do it all by yourself; it takes teamwork. Communicating your beliefs and strategies to your team will help you to succeed. Be the cheerleader for your team's success. I learned that the only way to be a leader is to learn to follow and be teachable. Jamuna's training and support gave me the confidence to believe all things are possible with hard work and attention.





The Division B team of Area Directors, Patrick Squires (B1), Andrea Palmer (B2), Kirkland Tibbels (B3, B5), and Ann McKillican (B4) have had a busy and successful year of visiting clubs,

meeting with club officers, and hosting area contests. It has been a learning experience for all, and the team worked well together. I want to thank them all for their efforts throughout the past Toastmasters year.

Our members have been working hard toward their educational goals, and we have had some outstanding speeches at recent contests. Contestants in the first-ever Table Topics contests and the ever-popular International Speech contests were outstanding, and exemplary – the highest caliber of Toastmasters in Division B!

Congratulations to Lydia Cruz-Machlitt for recently achieving her Distinguished Toastmaster designation, and to Betsy Elie and Michael Ford in successfully completing their High Performance Leadership projects!

The following clubs and area have achieved Distinguished status or better so far, as measured by the Distinguished Club Program dashboard:

President's Distinguished Clubs:

Sandpiper Toastmaster Club
Camarillo Evening Club
Fair Winds Club
Ventura Toastmasters (Club 24)

Distinguished Club:

Ojai Evening Toastmasters

Distinguished Area: B-5

Eight other clubs have done a lot of things well—meeting all the goals to be Distinguished or better, but do not yet meet the minimum membership requirement. Our focus for the remaining weeks of the Toastmaster year will be to assist clubs in membership growing efforts.

The upcoming Division B Toastmaster Learning Institute (TLI) on June 24th will have a theme of Building Membership and Building Enthusiasm. In addition to club officer training and updates on the Toastmaster Pathways educational program, the TLI will feature lessons on how to work together to build membership and retain members. We are planning to have a star-panel to host a question and answer session on best practices.

The incoming Division and Area Directors have been selected and are eager to work with our clubs to bolster membership. The incoming team is as follows:

Division B Director – Kirkland Tibbels, ACG, ALB
Area B1 Director – Dan Collier, ACS, CL
Area B2 Director – Catrina Paez, ACB, CL
Area B3 Director – Wendee Smith, ACS, ALB
Area B4 Director – Ben Swihart, ACB, CL
Area B5 Director – Jason Kelley

I would like to thank the many Toastmasters across Division B for their assistance, support, and encouragement throughout the year! I look forward to continued growth for all of us in the coming year.



DON ENSCH — THE HEART OF DISTRICT 33



**A Toastmaster
for 60 years.
He joined in
January 1957.**



“It ain’t June 30 yet”

Division E is ending the year in *Excellent* health as a **Select Distinguished division!** And being that 'it ain't June 30 yet', we're confident of achieving President's Distinguished honors. One Area—E2—is already Distinguished while three Areas—E1, E4 and E6—are Select Distinguished. One Area is on track to achieve Select Distinguished status; another Area is on track to achieve Distinguished honors. We're making a concerted effort to invite previous members to rejoin and to invite and encourage our meeting guests to join.

To promote the benefits of Toastmasters, we participated in two business expos this year—one in Santa Barbara and one in San Luis Obispo, generating a lot of welcome publicity for our local clubs. We received an added bonus when keynote speaker, Patricia Fripp, urged the audience at the Santa Barbara Business Expo to "join Toastmasters!"

We held two fun and successful Division Contests in beautiful Los Olivos with over 70 people at each event. For many of the attendees, it was their first experience at a Division Contest, introducing them to opportunities available beyond their clubs and Areas.

Ralph Smedley's quote "We learn best in moments of enjoyment" was evident at the successful TLIs conducted throughout the Division to train club officers for their roles in leading clubs. The club, area and division performances were a testimony to the power of training and learning.



Speaking of learning - leading clubs, areas and the division is also both a journey of discovery and learning. I learned much more than will fit into this paragraph. The most important lessons that I learned is that listening, being trustworthy, trusting others, and moving out of my comfort zone are key.

A big THANK YOU to Area Directors Aileen Loe, David Liu, Karen McRedmond, Marie Azaria, and Michael McGinnis for their dedication and support of our members and clubs through this past year. I thoroughly enjoyed working with and getting to know them. We are committed to working with our successors to ensure a smooth transition to the new Division leadership team.

Division E Spring Conference



Dear Fellow Toastmasters of District 33,

Serving as the Division F Director for the 2016-2017 Toastmaster Year has been an outstanding, once in a life time experience. The theme for Division F, this year, “Strong Teams, Strong Results,” has played an integral role for all members, club officers and area directors. This year, “newer,” Toastmasters have been asked to be responsible for holding active roles in area/division-wide events: speech contests, Toastmaster Leadership Institutes and other workshops. The purpose of getting “newer,” members to work with our experienced members or DTMs is for them to gain experience and to become future club officers, area/division directors and leaders of District 33. This has been a key role for helping our members to: Inspire, Transform and to Achieve speaking and leadership success. As the Division F Director, I am looking forward to “when,” (not if,) our members become area/division and district-wide leaders for our organization.

Regarding the Distinguished Club Program, (DCP,) our work is not over yet. Members are asked to get their family, friends and other contacts to join their clubs. We want our club meetings across the division to be “standing room only,” which makes the club meetings fun, informative and productive. There are 17 clubs in our division that have met the Distinguished Club Program goals; membership is the remaining item for their



success. **In Area F-1, Foster Farms Roasters Club and in Area F-3, Put a Cork In It, have earned President’s Distinguished; Area F-5 Director, Susan Harmon is**

Distinguished, thanks to clubs in her area that are **Distinguished: Toast Breakers Toastmasters Club** and **Speak EZ**. Great job everyone and keep up the good work.

There have been a wide range of accomplishments this year for our division. At the club level, when members earn educational awards, they are recognized for their success by club officers. “We must keep the spotlight and focus on the members at all times,” as per the District 33 Director Jamuna Ramnath. We have lived by this quote for the entire year.

In closing, let us stay united as Toastmasters, learn new communication and leadership skills and embark on new endeavors.

Thank you everyone for an outstanding year.



Chris D. Hempleman, DTM

Congratulations to our Speech Contest Winners



Cindy Bean, Division G, Winner, First Ever District 33 Table Topics Speech Contest



Melody Barooni, Division J, International Speech Contest Winner



Congratulations to Cindy Bean, who placed first in the District 33's first ever Table Topics Speech Contest.

Educational Awards: **Paul Laufer leads the Division with eight (8), followed by Sing K. Wong with three awards, making each of them a Triple Star Winner.** Altogether, Division G members have earned more than 70 awards so far during this Toastmasters year.



Congratulations to Area G2 Director, Irene Salazar, for leading her area to Distinguished. Three Area G2 clubs are distinguished: Wordmasters, Clovis Speechmasters and The Water Spouts.

Congratulations also to our Division's early bird winners: President's Distinguished BREAKAWAY and Distinguished, Fresno City Toastmasters.

After a challenging, but growth year of serving as the Division G Director with some of the finest and most talented people in Toastmasters, I will be moving on. I leave my position with mixed emotions because I have made so many good friends and supporters this past year. My life has been greatly enriched by the kindness and encouragement so many of you have shown to me.

When I look at what I have learned over the past year as a Division Director, I find that I have learned a lot about stepping outside my comfort zone. The important factor of leading this division is for everyone to achieve a collective purpose. I learned the importance of goal setting. One of my goals as the Division leader was to be an effective listener. The majority of the Division's success came from my ability to learn from my predecessors as to what worked and didn't during their terms of service. It wasn't necessary to reinvent the wheel time and time again because previous Division Governors/Directors were willing to share their best practices.

Along with my team of Area Directors, we are leading our Division to Distinguished by looking at opportunities to save all clubs within our Division. We are doing this by encouraging and inspiring others to seek and follow their passion. By authentically sharing knowledge and listening, I have found that it allows others to learn, grow, and dream. I will always be grateful for the wonderful memories I take with me.

It is my goal to make the transition as easy as possible for my successor.

Best wishes to James Comegys, the 2017-2018 newly elected Division G Director.

Always remember to be decisive.



All I ever needed to learn, I learned from Toastmasters ...

Kindergarten was too far back to give it credit for that old saying. Although now I am glad that I learned how to nap those many years ago.

What I learned this year: to *Inspire, Transform and Achieve* in Toastmasters and in life, came as a result of the opportunity to serve as Division H Director for 2016-2017. Being “voluntold” into Division Director was the greatest gift bestowed on me.



Thank you, Stany Larsen, DTM (my predecessor) – that seven-hour ride on the backroads of California has been life changing. You inspired me to reach deep inside and serve others unconditionally to just keep moving forward. You gave us the foundation and let us spread our wings and fly. Little did I know that sponsoring and assisting in the chartering of Hail Caesars on April 14, 2016, would be the start of something big in my life.

When chartering a new club, you attempt to inspire others to transform their lives and achieve more. In doing so, you leave a legacy for generations of Toastmasters to come. However, it is those whom you serve that inspire you, transform you, and help you achieve more in life.

During the past year, I have had the opportunity to observe and learn from each and every one of you. I learned more about who you are as a person by listening to your Ice Breaker speeches, counting lots of ahs, and now none. The members transformed as they have progressed along the communication and speaking tracks. Not only recognized by a few letters after their names, but you can feel their inward change. Above all, we have become family.

Division H has been blessed with the addition

of three clubs to its family. **Vegas Young Professionals (VYP)** has two offsprings. Jocelyn Boes (of VYP), a trainer at Solar City (now Tesla), took the reins in getting 20 employees together to charter Green Gabbers Toastmasters on March 16th. This techy group has employees Zoom in from remote locations and participate in meetings. The grammarian was hard pressed to find a printer in this green company building to print the word of the day – white board it is for them. VYPs second offspring is **Southern Hills Toastmasters** (Southern Hills Baptist Church) chartering on May 9th. James Pfeiffer and Priscilla Trammel Pfeiffer, with Emily Hill and Christina Spaulding round out this team.

Something old became new again. A few of us who were Toastmasters together in 2010 when Lauren Scheer, DTM chartered the former Toastmasters 116, reunited to form Business Gurus Toastmasters. Marketing specialists by day, this group of movers and shakers chartered in one week on April 13th. Look out – we have big plans!

Congratulations to **Vegas Young Professionals - the first club in Division H to earn President's Distinguished honors.**

Hail Caesars attained Distinguished club status in its first year of existence. Amazing!!

Early Risers, currently Select Distinguished, is almost President's Distinguished.

The “little engine that could” club, **Summerlin Sounders (Bank of America), was down to 8 members and needed 20 to be Select Distinguished.** They held two open house events – one on each side of Las Vegas – and in those two meetings **added 16 new members!** “*I think I can, I think I can*” is not in their vocabulary. It is “*we know we can and we will.*”

No excuses from any of you. Let's get it done.

Congratulations to H3 on achieving Distinguished status.

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Sincere Thanks to our District Leaders for Serving!



Word from “over the hump” **Pahrump Toastmasters is that they are now Select Distinguished.**

Several other clubs are so close to Distinguished or better – just pushing for a few new members.

Congratulations to **Emily Hill** (VYP President) – **Division H Toastmaster of the Year**; **Malik Williams** (Early Risers - VP Ed, Spring Contest Chair) **Division H - Spark Plug of the Year**, and **Heather Sobczak** (Hail Caesars President) – **Division H Rising Star.** Heather is also a Triple Crown winner in her first year in Toastmasters – CC, CL, ALB.



Division H was represented at the District Table Topics Contest by new member **Meredith Allan** (Business Masters) who placed in the top 3 and **Bill Brown** (Pro Toastmasters) competed in the International Speech Contest.

Special thanks to an incredible Division H team – Rebecca Bravard – H1, Suesan Walker – H2, Kristin Lawrence – H3, and Irene King – H4. And, to an incredible group of individuals that comprise Division H. You are all special and dear to me.

The 2017-2018 leadership team for Division H is Division H Director – Heather Sobczak (Hail Caesars); Area H-1 – Leonardo Blundo (Pahrump); Area H-2 – Kathy Kingston (Grand Central); Area H-3 – Emily Hill (VYP); and Area H-4 – Jarvis Marlow (Early Risers). Get on the train Leo and Jarvis – there is no stopping these girls!

In reflecting back on the past year, it is all about the individual member. What are that member’s goals in Toastmasters and how are we going to help the mem-

ber achieve excellence in communicating and leadership skills? When the member is successful and is enthusiastic, they advance and friends join. If you build it, they will come. If the member achieves it, so does the club, division, district, region and the world. We are only as strong as our roots. We have all benefited by helping and pushing each other.



In serving as your Division H Director this year, I hope that I have Inspired, Transformed and assisted you in Achieving your goals. I know you have done that for me beyond measure.

You have mentored me on those long trips to meetings in California – Jesse Oakley III and Guy Dawson – unforgettable. Never ride with your Division Director in a car for seven hours, and certainly not a Regional Advisor and incoming District Director – “voluntold” takes on a whole new meaning! A trip to a District conference is not complete without stopping in Tehachapi at the Ostrich Ranch! The conference in May was transforming. **Being selected as District Toastmaster of the Year – overwhelming!** Sheryl Roush, amazing! Jim Key – I found my dream and Thor Challengren is helping me to let it out and make it a reality. Jamuna - thank you for pushing me to go where I never dreamed possible.

But, it’s not June 30th yet – we still have work to do. Let’s do this together and we will Inspire others, be Transformed and Achieve President’s Distinguished as a District. It is only then that we can take a brief nap before our next journey begins.

WE ARE DIVISION H AND WE ARE HAPPY!

Barbara Westhoff, DTM

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED THIS YEAR....

1) I learned that some people are truly amazing. Our District Director has been spending 26 hour days on Toastmasters, while holding down a full time job. Her commitment is more than total—if that is possible.

Her mission is to make every Division, every Area, every Club - President's Distinguished. If anyone can do it, she can.

She is always available to be of assistance when it is needed. She goes out of her way to be wherever she is asked.

When a new idea is required, Jamuna will have it. When lighting fires is called for, Jamuna has the flame.

When pulling strings is required, Jamuna knows how and gets the solution. (Who else could help get a new club chartered in just 4 weeks from inception.)

If you look up the term "**Mover and Shaker**" in any reference volume, you will find a picture of **Jamuna Ramnath**.

2) I learned that when the chips were down, I could count on four of the greatest "Area Directors" anywhere:

Lenin Kancharla set the standard for finding people to fill slots

Anita Garatie put aside problems and was there when needed

Josh King took responsibility when called upon and excelled beyond expectations

And then there is the "Twins" **Vaughan Miller**. Great Club President for two clubs, while filling the role of two Area Directors -maybe he really is a "twin."

3) I have had the wonderful experience of visiting all the clubs in the Division. Yes, I said **WONDERFUL!** It gave me the opportunity to see and visit with friends from the past (notice how I avoided saying "old" friends). It also gave me the opportunity to visit with and meet "new" friends.

I doubt that many Toastmasters really realize just how amazing the members of various clubs are. The vitality. The diverse backgrounds. The multitude of ethnic, age, occupational, and so many other things that comprise the Toastmasters community. The Energy and enthusiasm.

4) There were instances where I was given "mementos" that I will cherish forever.

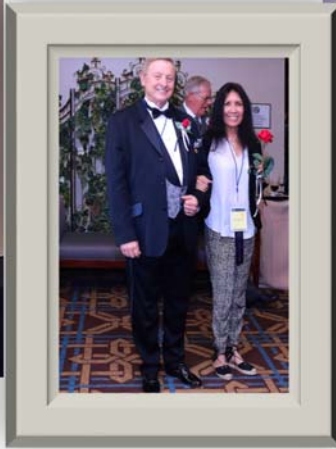
5) There were comments about my newsletters, my assistance at club meetings, and too many things to recount here. All of which were and still are appreciated.

PLEASE be as kind to my successor and friend, Wayne Sebera and all of the new Area Directors. *I wish them all the very best and know that you will find them to be as good as the Team which has supported you during the past year.*



Thank you for your magnificent support and friendship this past year.

Sincere Thanks to our District Leaders for your Service!





What I Have Learned This Year

Division K is the first in District 33 to be

Distinguished. Our goal has always been to be President's Distinguished. Now we have moved it up a notch. We want to have all four of our areas to finish with President's Distinguished honors. We also want to pass on our exuberance to our successors who are taking over in July. The incoming team met with those of us who served this year at our Division Council meeting on June 3rd. Division K will achieve well into next year with its new Director, Robert Avila.

Our new clubs are about to launch. UNITED VOICES has already chartered in K1. OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE is almost there in K3 and AHEAD OF THE CURVE is also close. Special thanks to Barbara Westhoff (the worker bee).

I was nailed at our Southern Nevada Division Directors' Roast, sponsored by Bon Appetit Toastmasters Club. My Area Directors came out dressed in cowboy hats and Hawaiian shirts while opening a giant box full of gags. They mimicked me going crazy over Starbucks coffee and pulled out winter gear to show that I had them freezing outside during a winter meeting at the same coffee place. One was dressed more like a bird, flapping her arms chirping, "EARLY BIRD, EARLY BIRD." All because I was pushing for us to be Early Bird Distinguished. When I took center stage, I admitted that I deserved everything I got.

What have I learned from all this? Duty gives you responsibility. Encouragement not only shows support for others but gives you back support from your staff. This is how you inspire, transform and achieve, not only for others, but for yourself. **We have made extraordinary achievements as a 1st year Division and WE ARE NOT DONE YET.**

When the year is over, I will truly miss the experiences and relationships I have had. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Morrow, DTM





For more photos, including banner parade, please visit <http://d33.toastmastersdistricts.org/conference.html>



It is Official. The Pathways Program will be rolling out in District 33 in September 2017.

I will announce our Pathway Guides in an upcoming email blast.

Let's encourage our fellow members to embrace this amazing growth opportunity.

—Guy Dawson, DTM, Program Quality Director & 2017-2018 District Director

2017 District 33 Spring Conference - Post Event Survey Selected Results

1. Why did you attend the 2017 Spring Conference?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Networking	30	44.7%
Personal Growth and Development	46	68.6%
Content	23	34.3%
Speakers	35	52.2%
Other	17	25.3%
Total	67	100%

2. What is your level of satisfaction with the event?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very satisfied	51	76.1%
Somewhat satisfied	13	19.4%
Somewhat dissatisfied	1	1.4%
Very dissatisfied	2	2.9%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	67	100%

21. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, such as: What did you like best/least? Suggestions for educational topics or other ideas.

Decorations were not over the top intrusive.

Loved all four speakers. Because we are so close to the end of the year, would love to have best practice speakers who can talk about retaining plus finding new members. What are the best methods?

Also, *what are the best methods found to help clubs become distinguished?*

Membership is the major problem for everyone, more workshops for gaining and retaining members.

We need examples of public announcements and articles for social media.

Not many will create this out of blank slates.

Topics: How to create a keynote in 48 hours
(Ed Tate speaks on this topic.)

How to add humor to your speeches. Darren LaCroix is good with that.

How to get paid for speaking.