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Officer Name: Craig Carpenter

Division / Area: District Governor

Report for Meeting: 6-20-15

Well, here we are, one year later and another Toastmaster year is drawing to a close. It has been a fantastic year to be District Governor for District 35. So many things to do, so many places to visit, so many wonderful members to meet and greet.

As of this writing, we are still on track to be a Distinguished District. It's always nice to think that a great team of leaders accomplished this feat, but we are wise enough to know that it is you, the members, who did this. You, who completed your Competent Communicator awards, your Competent Leader awards, your advance communicator and leader awards. And a special acknowledgement to the 15 members who completed their Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) award this year. It is you who make District 35 the most exciting District in the world.

Rhonda, Cindy, and Keith are organizing another outstanding leadership team for next year for our District. There are still some slots that need to be filled, but knowing our members the way I do, those slots will be filled with wonderful, qualified people. If you are asked to step forward into a leadership role, jump at the chance. You can't understand how much fun you will have being a District leader until you actually get involved.

As I move from "Who's Who" to "Who's He," I thank you for the opportunity you have afforded me to serve as your District Governor. I will continue to stay actively involved in Toastmasters and District 35. I can't think of a more wonderful group of people with which I can be associated.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig W. Carpenter, DTM
Distinguished District 35 Governor

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Officer Name: Rhonda Williams

Division / Area: Lt. Governor Education & Training

Report for Meeting: 6-20-15

Distinguished Club Report

Last year the district met the Distinguished Club Goal of the District Recognition Program on June 13. This year we have not made the goal yet, and may miss the goal.

Of the clubs that qualified on membership last year, ten were not distinguished, but of the ten, seven had chartered within the previous four months. Three established clubs that qualified on membership did not make the goal: Madison Club #1, Uptowners, and Delivering Toastmasters Excellence. I believe that most clubs that qualify on membership understand that being a distinguished club is within reach and work toward the goal.

This year we are 12 clubs short of our goal as of the last update on June 18. We have many clubs that are one or two member or goals from being distinguished. Seven already qualify on membership and are established clubs: Uptowners, Credit Union Center in Central; Fond du Lac in Eastern; Southshore in Metro; Ayres in Northern; and Oconomowoc and Kenosha in Southeast. In addition, we have 4 clubs with 19 members and at least 5 goals: Expressions, Green Bay Yackers, Team SP, and Allis Chalmers. Rolling Hills needs 2 members; Capital City needs 2 members and 1 goal; La Crosse needs 2 members and 1 goal; Fox Speak needs 2 members; ManpowerGroup needs 2 members, and there are a handful of clubs that need three.

There is tremendous potential in the district to make the goal, and I know that many of the clubs listed are going to be distinguished. Unfortunately, some are finished working on it for the year. We could miss our goal by one club.

Let's not do that!

Rhonda Williams
Lt. Gov. Education & Training, District 35

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Officer Name: Cindy Laatsch

Division / Area: Lt. Governor Marketing

Report for Meeting: 6-20-15

Here we are – June 20, 2015. Just days until the beginning of the new Toastmasters year which means we have 10 more days to reach Distinguished Status as District 35.

I offer my thanks and congratulations to the Area Governors, District Governors, as well as my fellow Trio members. We would not have the caring, active and positive District without your passion and support.

In the next 10 days, with everyone's help, we can reach Distinguished Status. In fact, we're 1/3 completed already.

Toastmasters charge each District with 3 goals:

1. Number of Paid clubs
2. Number of Member Payments
3. Number of Distinguished clubs

We began the year with 113 clubs and added 9 clubs to the District. But 9 other clubs have decided to leave. As of yesterday, per the Dashboard, we have 114 active clubs. Our 115th club has just paid their April Dues, and will be visible on the report soon. In addition, we have 2 other current clubs, which with the focus of my fellow Trio members, are tracking to pay their April 1 dues as well.

If that occurs, we will have reached 117 clubs—our first Distinguished goal.

We have already passed our goals of 4458 member payments, and as of yesterday, have 4476. Our second Distinguished goal. What is a member payment? Explain.

Number of Distinguished Clubs. The goal for Distinguished clubs—5 or more goals achieved—stands at 34 clubs. We need to have at least 46 clubs to be distinguished.

Thanks to the Area and Division governors who are closely monitoring and supporting the clubs that are working towards submitting their DCP goals.

Although reaching Distinguished status is a measure of our growth as a District, with or without it, it does not diminish the work, drive, heart and sweat that you, the District Leaders, have put forth. Let's focus hard for the next 10 days and get this done! Ask your fellow team members "How can I support you? Can I call people, send emails, bring you coffee?"

Let's push ourselves to reach our collective goal—and go to the Las Vegas International Convention as Distinguished District 35. Vince Lombardi said, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." Team—Let's Do This!

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Laatsch
The Last Lt. Governor Marketing – District 35

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Officer Name: Jennifer Smith

Division / Area: Immediate Past District Governor

Report for Meeting: 6-20-15

Dear Toastmasters,

As we know, the end of the Toastmaster year is coming to a close this month, but do not give up on becoming a Distinguished District until June 30. When you give up early, you miss opportunities.

There were a lot of opportunities that came up last year in the final hour. If you keep working with your clubs and keep the expectations to keep working on their goals, you will be amazed on the clubs that will meet it. Encourage all clubs. Do not cherry pick. The clubs that you least expect can make a difference.

As a leadership team, show your clubs that you are still working to support them. Stay positive and be creative to solve problems into the final hour.

I believe that District 35 has the potential to be Distinguished this year. Keep working and you will get there!

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Smith, DTM, PDG

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Officer Name: Kris Pool

Division / Area: Secretary

Report for Meeting: 6-20-15

Minutes from the May 2, 2015 Business Council Meeting and all written reports that were submitted were sent to District Governor Craig Carpenter for review and to be posted on the TM35 website.

It has been a pleasure serving as your District Secretary. Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Pool, ACS, ALB
District 35 Secretary 2014-2015

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Officer Name: Sue Kohut

Division / Area: Treasurer

Report for Meeting: 6-20-15

Greetings District 35 Executive Council,

My last report for this Toastmasters year will be brief.

At the end of May, there was \$4,498.73 in our checking account.

The balance in the holding account at Toastmasters International as of the end of May was \$63,825.06.

Thank you to those who already gave me vouchers and paperwork for reimbursements today. Just so I don't miss you after this meeting, did anyone else bring vouchers for me to handle today?

Please email ALL other vouchers and paperwork to Craig by end of day Monday, June 22.

If you know you will have an expense between June 22 and end of the month, please let both Craig and me know the details by end of day June 22 so we can plan for that.

I've been honored to serve as District Treasurer for this past year. I am equally honored that I've been asked to serve as Finance Manager for the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kohut, ACG, ALB
2014-2015 District 35 Treasurer

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Officer Name: Peggy Lee Hanson

Division / Area: Central Division Governor

Report for Meeting: 6-20-15

The end of the fiscal year 2014-2015 for Central Division is all abuzz with excitement.

The new Division Director, Nancy McCulley, is focused on preparation for her first Toastmasters Leader Institute June 27 at the American Family Training Center. Her second TLI will be July 27.

The current Central Division Area Governors are contacting their clubs to obtain officer lists, notifying them of the upcoming TLIs, and last minute help with submitting Education Awards for the Distinguished Club Program.

Although Central experienced many challenges this year with clubs disbanding and folding, we've welcomed or will be welcoming 2 new clubs, showing a net loss of one club. One of the clubs that folded last fall made noise about coming back, but we have yet to receive a response from the club representative that this is still on the table, as they would have to completely go through a new charter process.

There are still clubs working on forming: Alliant Energy. Karen Staebell, Past Central Division Governor, has been diligently working on this and expects the club to charter this fall. Other leads are AprilAire in Madison, UW-Madison Veterinary School of Medicine, and WPS also of Madison.

All club and district officers within Central Division continue to show excited and enthusiastic in fulfilling their respective roles. I am extremely proud of every single one of them and the commitment they've shown over this past year in carrying out their duties.

I consider myself blessed and very fortunate belonging to an organization such as Toastmasters District 35. As mentioned in my prior report, the teams above and below me have been nothing less than encouraging, helpful, and supportive. Many members have stepped up to offer their assistance or answered my call when needing to fill roles for contests and officer training.

A special acknowledgment goes out to my Area Governors: Jennifer Leny (C1), Sarah Bass (C2), Becky Schmidt (C3), Aundrea Price (C4), and Dave Dopkins (C5), for without them, I would not feel the success of Central Division as I do.

To our success, yours in Toastmasters, and respectfully submitted,
Peggy Lee Hanson
District 35 Central Division Governor

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Officer Name: Linda DeClute

Division / Area: Eastern Division Governor

Report for Meeting: 6-20-15

The following are E1 updates for the Eastern Division May DEC report, submitted by E1 Area Governor Lori Namur:

Club events/membership building this TM year: Each of the 6 clubs held either an open house, annual event, special event, membership building campaign, or leadership session/project. Two of the 6 clubs have strong membership, while the other clubs are still low on membership, however continue to work on initiatives to help build membership. Overall, there is still a lot to celebrate, including teamwork and collaboration!

Area Governor visits: All second round E1 Area Governor visits were completed by May, and all reports have been submitted to International.

Area Council call: The E1 Area team held a second Area Council call to conclude the year. Each club representative had the opportunity to share with others what worked for their clubs this year (including various PR tactics, creative membership building ideas, the benefits of having club coaches, and many more). Ideas were taken back to club meetings.

Summer TLI: Club presidents have communicated TLI dates to their clubs. The new Division Director attended the E1 Area Council call and promoted the upcoming Eastern TLI.

Officer elections: Club officer elections are in progress.

The following are E2 updates for the Eastern Division May DEC report, submitted by E2 Area Governor Sue Wittmann:

Fox Speaks

- Currently at 18 members. They said they have only one lead to potentially get to 19 members. They are looking for help to achieve the 20 members.
- They have achieved a total of 6 of the goals needed for reaching Distinguished.
- If they do get two new members, it would put their club at 7 goals and they would reach Select Distinguished.
- They have 1 Communication goal achieved.
- They have 2 Leadership goals achieved.

Mid Day Womens

- Currently at 14 members. They said they have 3 potential new members to bring them up to 17. They just voted to open the club up to the public. They are now an open club which they hope to bring in some new members and guests. It would be very challenging for them to make the 20, however, they have not given up hope. They basically need 3 new leads.
- They have a total of 5 goals met so far and are on target to increase the number of goals to 7+.
- They currently have 1 of the Communication goals met and 2 of the Leadership goals met.
- They should increase that to 2 Communication goals before June 30.

- If they can reach the 20 member goal, they will reach Select Distinguished.

Thriving Communicators

- They currently have 28 members. They have achieved the Net 5 award.
- They currently are distinguished and have 5 goals met.
- They have 1 Leadership goal met.

Kimmunicators Club

- They currently have 22 members.
- They currently are Distinguished and have 5 goals met.
- They have 2 Leadership goals met.

N.E.W. Appleton

- They currently have 22 members plus they will be adding 2 more members after today's meeting for a total of 24.
- They are currently Presidents Distinguished and have met 9 goals.
- They have 1 CC goal and 2 of the Advanced Communicator goals met.
- They also have 2 Leadership goals met.

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Officer Name: Keith Cumiskey

Division / Area: Metro Division Governor

Report for Meeting: 06-20-15

Club visits have been completed and all reports submitted except for two. Copies of the spring reports have been sent to incoming Division Director Julia Boss.

Club Officer Lists for 13 of 28 clubs have been submitted. Area Governors will follow up with the remainder to complete before July 1.

Incoming Division Director Julia Boss and I have met and worked through knowledge transfer. The Division will be in good hands next year.

Two clubs are still eligible to accept **Club Coaches**—Ozaukee and Smokey's Sensations. Spectacle City is demonstrating resistance to change, but held a (small) Moments of Truth this week with Cindy Laatsch. Walworth County coach Gina Nevin is very active in developing strategies to promote the club. Marq Our Words held a Moments of Truth and Open House and has a newly assigned coach, Craig Meyer. Profesionales Bilingues became Distinguished this year—thank you to coach Lou Ortega for his great work.

Our newest club, **ROK the Talk**, is off to a great start and has set July 22 as their charter party date. **Assurant Toastmasters** elected an officer board consisting entirely of non-Assurant employees and have committed to keeping the club alive. Though based at Assurant Health Insurance, this is an open club. The company recently announced plans to go out of business unless a buyer could be found; employment future is uncertain.

As of this writing, 117 **educational and leadership awards** have been earned within Metro Division. Metro Division has achieved **Presidents Distinguished** this year with 7 clubs achieving Distinguished status, 4 Select Distinguished and 4 Presidents Distinguished. There are still a few clubs that have a chance to become Distinguished. We are working with them to help achieve the District's goals. Thanks to the dedicated and competent Area Governors. I'm proud to have served the Division this year with their assistance.

Keith H. Cumiskey, DTM
Metro Division Governor

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Officer Name: Barbara Weisenberger

Division / Area: Northern Division Governor

Report for Meeting: 6-20-15

District Governor Carpenter, District Leaders, and Friends,

As I look over the Distinguished Performance Reports, I can easily see the measured results the Northern Division has achieved this past year.

N1 – 1 Distinguished Club & 1 Select Distinguished Club
N2 – 1 Distinguished Club & 1 President's Distinguished Club
N3 – 1 President's Distinguished Club
N4 – 2 Select Distinguished Clubs

But these are just numbers and while it's important to recognize measured success, it's even more important to look for personal success.

Northern Division has added: 26 CCs, 14 CLs, 5 ACBs, 6 ACSSs, 6 ACGs, 5 ALBs, 4 ALSs, **11 Triple Crowns!** and **7 DTMs!!!** That's a lot of individual success for a Division which has (as of my last count) 285 members.

Also, in Area N1 last year, we almost lost one club because of lack of members. But they put out special efforts this year, and not only made it back to being a solid club, but also achieved Distinguished Club status!

In Area N3, we have a corporate club which has, in the past, kind of done its own thing. Toastmasters works to help make their employees better communicators, but that's where it stopped. This year, for the first time ever, they attended a TLI and also volunteered to help at one of the Division speech contests. It may not be something that can be measured by numbers, but this is a tremendous success.

I know as I end my term as Northern Division Governor, I leave these clubs and members in the capable hands of Heidi Schreiner, who will be the new Western Division Director, and Mark Nienow, who will be the new Northern Division Director, with a reminder for each of them that some success cannot be measured with numbers. The numbers can act just like road signs—you're on Hwy. 12 and you need to go 65 miles mph and take Exit 151A to get to your destination. But the real success you achieve is who's in the car, if they're going where they want to go and, even more importantly, if their destination is really where they thought it would be.

Also, a reminder to all leadership: we're all learning—that's what Toastmasters is about—and what works well for one leader may be disastrous for another. Becoming a leader isn't about success, it's about learning—and the things I have learned this past year have been invaluable. I can only wish the same for Heidi and Mark as they move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Weisenberger
Northern Division Governor