



District 26 Toastmasters

District 26 Executive Committee Meeting Notes 4/21/2020

Meeting Recording: [D26 DEC Meeting Recording](#)

Topics discussed:

1. District Council meeting - Mike Akins, DD

- Mike introduced Janice Haldi. She is finishing out the year as Northern Division Director.
- Registration request emailed to District Council (DC) members for quorum calculation. A fresh list will be produced May 1, to see if we have enough for a quorum. Proxy votes are not allowed. Please register for the meeting on the Google form Mike provided.
- 2020-21 club alignment was reviewed with DC members and posted.
- Share this May 2, 2020 annual conference page link (now just a district council meeting) with presidents and VPs of Ed and ask them to review the page: [D26 Annual Conference](#)
- Review this agenda before the meeting: [2020 D26 Council Meeting Agenda](#).
- Mike covered agenda highlights. He thinks the meeting will be done in 2 hours or less.
 - Matt Kinsey will give 5 to 7 speech
 - Alignment for clubs
 - Election of officers
 - Reports are a bit different than what is currently provided for monthly meetings. More formal data points are needed. Two minutes or less is target time to do verbal reports.
 - No floor candidates allowed after this Saturday.

2. District Contest - Jacqueline Smith, PQD

- Several area contests were conducted online contests. All division contests were conducted online.
- Link for D26 contests page. [D26 Speech Contests](#)
- Link for D26 district calendar: [D26 Calendar](#)
- Provide guests with the Zoom calendar information.
- District contests will be recorded. We will be using the district zoom account.
- Stephanie Borck will host the District contest Zoom account with muting and unmuting. Zoom host will let the individuals join the meeting.

3. Dues renewals - Victoria Cox, CGD

- Many clubs have not paid their dues.
- Email Division Directors asking them to email Area Directors for clubs to pay their dues.
- Victoria will send a report, sorted by division and area, so all can see where clubs are with renewals.

- The D26 Toastmaster year started out with 194 clubs. The goal was 197 clubs. We are currently at 117 clubs, down by 77 clubs due to coronavirus. Victoria will push to get back to the base of clubs of 194.
- The only goals being extended for DTM, to June 30, 2021 are club coach, mentor, and sponsor.

4. Open Q&A

- **Q: Carolyn Conover:** A corporate club is trying to determine how to get dues paid if cannot get it paid by the company before April 30.
- **A: Mike/Victoria:** The club's VP of Ed and President cannot vote if they do not renew by then. The club payment can be issued on Club Central or get a board member on the phone to submit via Club Central. Payment options discussed: 1) Cut a check by their billing department to pay by April 30, if possible. Members will become ineligible and cutoff from Pathways if dues are not submitted by then. 2) Encourage them to join an alternate club to get their dues paid under another club. 3) Perhaps members can pay their own dues and get reimbursed by the company after the fact.
- **Q: Marc April:** Can clubs pay for a full year?
- **A: Victoria:** Yes, but you cannot get a refund for the 2nd half if you pay for the full year.
- **Q/A: Mike:** Did all the DEC members get the original email to register to vote sent on 4/15? It only went to voting members. If you did not get it, send an email to Mike and he will resend it.
- **Q: Cynthia Howard:** A corporate club in her division is not paid and unable to vote.
- **A: Victoria:** If the corporate club does not have 8 members, the club is not considered active or verified completed. The President and VP ED need to be paid to vote. They will be cutoff to Pathways May 2, if not paid.
- **Q: Marc April:** How many are needed for Quorum?
- **A: Mike:** For quorum, we need $\frac{2}{3}$ of Active clubs, which will be determined on 5/1/20. Only registered Presidents and VP-Educations from 'Verified complete' clubs count towards the quorum.
- **Stated: Mike:** Due to coronavirus, we are pretty much average for clubs in Region 4.
- **Stated: Jacqueline:** Clubs encouraged to have online meetings. WHQ encouraging clubs meeting online to have Speakathons. Clubs can partner together to encourage people get more speeches in. Jacqueline will forward to Area and Division Directors.
- **Q: Carol Pace:** Carol changed their website making it known it was an online club. Several people from other states and out of country joined. They got 4 hits in a few days.
- **A: Mike:** There are no rules to disallow clubs from going virtual or having in room and virtual combination. One option is to have odd weeks in person and even weeks virtual. We are all learning valuable skills with online meetings.
- **Q: Victoria:** Bonnie Ann has attended several international clubs and wanted her to share her experience.
- **A: Bonnie Ann:** It was a good experience joining these international clubs.

- **Q: Carol Pace:** They have several hits from out-of-state, but their club president does not want to continue. Does D26 want to maintain a list of clubs that want to allow online attendance from members from outside of the district?
- **A: Victoria:** It is an individual club decision. The right equipment is needed to do a combination of online with in person meetings. It changes the status as an online club.
Mike: We do not have a list for any clubs interested in taking members from outside of the district. We currently do not have a list of clubs doing online meetings. **Jacqueline:** It may be hard to go back to the traditional way now that people have experienced virtual. **Mike:** Perhaps Matt Kinsey can elaborate on that topic on May 2.
- **Q: A.J. Herran:** Many security issues were identified by her company regarding Zoom. We must be careful about publishing Zoom meeting links for concern of hackers coming into individual environments to infect computers. Hackers can pick up information from your computer.
- **A: Victoria:** If using a Pro Zoom account, a link can be provided to watch the meeting from a YouTube video. Another option is to turn it into a one-way webinar. **Mike:** I do not put a link with a password in emails I send. Web scrapers can get the information. **Marc April:** His club does not put their meeting Zoom link on their website. They only send out to the members in the agenda email.
- **Stated: Marcia Wood:** We are looking for future leaders (appointed managers and area directors). Candidates can run from floor for Club Growth or Northern Division if you put it in writing to Marcia by 4/25. There is a video from Toastmasters International featuring nine D26 members along with 3 world speaking champions discussing the benefits of online meetings.

STATUS REPORTS

District Director Report: *Mike Akins, DTM*

Leaders, vibrant clubs are needed for personal growth and our well-being. But per stats below, the virus has taken a toll on our clubs/membership. Please remind and assist your clubs to renew their dues by 4/30/20 extension. My blog article, [Until we meet again](#), highlights important information.

Current status 4/19/20

- 116 clubs, -78 from Base ([WHQ Dashboard](#))
- 2049 members, -1666 from Base ([Raffety report](#))
- 40.1% membership retention ([Raffety report](#))
- 8 Division Directors and 41 Area Directors support our clubs
- [D26 Contacts list](#) is current

Completed since last meeting 3/21/20

- Janice Haldi has accepted Northern Division Director role through year-end.
- MaryAnn Hoff has accepted N2 Area Director role through year-end.
- Virtual District Council (DC) page has been updated
- Registration request emailed to DC members for quorum calculation
- 2020-21 club alignment reviewed with DC members and posted

Issues since last meeting 3/21/20

- Dave Dawson, Northern Division Director, passed away on April 7th. More details will be shared once available.
- Paris convention has been postponed one year

Priorities until next meeting 5/19/20

- Complete virtual District Council meeting on 5/2/20 9:30am
- Continue supporting online clubs

Finance Manager: *JP Bachmann, DTM*

Current status

All accounts have been reconciled for Q3. WHQ will close out their books and send final paperwork for Q3 to Mike Akins for signature and narratives.

Completed since last meeting 3/17/20

First half audit has been completed with no errors.

Q3 account reconciliation has been completed

Issues since last meeting 3/17/20

None

Priorities until next meeting 5/19/20

Presented P&L and balance information to DEC at annual business meeting on 5/2/2020

Administration Manager: *Diana Strong, ACG, ALB*

Current status

Collected and consolidated reports and submitted to Trio in prep for monthly meeting.

Prepared for District Business Council Meeting and attended preparatory session.

Completed since last meeting

Finalized and distributed district status reports for February meeting. Continue to set expectations for reporting needs, timing, formatting, etc.

Issues since last meeting

This month status reports were received late from a few D26 leaders. I will continue to emphasize reporting timing needs.

Priorities until next meeting

Prepare for upcoming meetings, events and District Business Council meeting on May 2.
Attend the Division International Speech Competition.

Program Quality Director: Jacqueline L. Smith, DTM

Current status

- District International Speech Contest scheduled for April 25, 2020 at 9:00am
- Will schedule a dry run/briefing for April 23 or April 24 to collect paperwork and do briefings with contestants and functionaries
- Mark Krekeler, District Contest Advisor, is serving as Contest Chair for the District International Speech Contest
- Ron Pierre is serving as Chief Judge for the District International Speech Contest
- Asta Star is serving as Toastmaster for the District International Speech Contest
- Stephanie Borck, Foothills Division Director is serving as Zoom Host for District International Speech Contest
- Continuing to receive emails regarding which clubs are currently meeting online and which are not
- Following up with Division and Area Directors to ensure that all club officers have received their credit for their respective club officer roles. PQD has until 05/31/2020 to ensure that credit is awarded

Completed since last meeting

- After DEC voted to have online International Speech Contests, all remaining areas that had not completed the contests completed online on March 28
- Urban, Metro, Denver and Southern Divisions had online International Speech Contests on April 4, 2020
- Northern, Eastern, Foothills and Western Division had online International Speech Contests on April 11, 2020

Issues since last meeting

- Ensuring the Zoom host knows how to mute/unmute all participants as to mitigate interruption during contests
- Ensuring the Zoom host knows how to assign participants to breakout rooms
- Ensuring that a waiting room is established to allow guests to enter the Zoom session
- Ensuring that all contestants and judges are adequately briefed on what occurs during a technology failure and advising contestants and judges to read online contest procedures found on District 26 website
- Ensuring that all contestants and judges are adequately briefed on what is the "speaking area" as formally defined by TI.
- Ensuring that all paperwork is received from contestants and functionaries, most importantly, eligibility forms for contestants and judges and video release forms from contestants

Priorities until next meeting

- Briefing contestants and functionaries and receiving appropriate paperwork by Wednesday, April 22.
- Sending follow-up email to Division directors to find which clubs are meeting online.
- Submit Region Quarterfinal to TI by May 2, one week after District International Speech Contest.

Pathways Advisor; Susie Overton, MS2

1. Information gleaned from M. Akins report. As of 4/10/20. The District has a 78.98% Pathways Adoption rate. Close to the target of 80% but we have a way to go

Unofficial adoption data for D26:

07/25/19 Total Members 68.8% Officers 78.7% New Members 57.5%

04/10/20 Total Members 78.98% Officers 91.7% New Members 52.6%

We are almost to an 80% adoption rate in the district, but must continue the push

Good improvement in Pathways Officer Adoption

New Member Pathways Adoption continues to disappoint

Many components must be taken into consideration in looking at all the data.

On a positive note: 23 Clubs have 90% or better total member adoption but some continue to have 100%-member adoption. Which proves clubs can be successful with good club leadership.

93 of the 148 clubs reporting have 80% or better adoption. 39 clubs have 100%

2. We have contacted many clubs and area directors with low officer adoption with limited success. Clubs with low adoption most often have issues beyond Pathways.

3. One training video has been added to the Pathways Resource Page on D26 Site, thanks to JP Bachman.

4. Myself and team continue to be available for training sessions or assistance. Several clubs have requested help.

5. Working on 3 more short video tutorials for posting on Website. Online Orientation, Basecamp Dashboard and Tutorials, Approach to Project Details, and Base Camp Management Tips

6. The team and I are ready and able to assist with NEW Clubs to establish a good foundation. Happy to work with any club in any Area or Division that is struggling. Leaders, please reach out.

7. As we are thrust into this virtual world, many club members will become familiar with Zoom. This in turn, creates opportunities for club leaders to orient, train, work and interact easily with members on Pathways. This is the key to club success, not just success in Pathways. Virtual meetings are the perfect way to share screen and learning in tip times and speeches.

The world will never be the same. We must creatively ponder ways to address the challenges and opportunities in this new environment. The team and I are ready willing and able to assist.

District Alignment Chair; Mark Entrekin, DTM

Current status

- I must start with tremendous appreciation and thank you to everyone that participated in the 2020 D26 Alignment. Your assistance, help, and support truly created the success many others only wish they could achieve. D26 Toastmasters is a tremendous District with the best in leadership, strategy and sharing.
- Started the weekly District Alignment meetings on Wednesday, February 12, 2020
- Weekly meetings were held through April 8, 2020
- All maps are complete based on Area/Division location and Area support

Completed since last meeting

- 1) Google folder is up-to-date, and all completed District and Division maps can be found at:
 - a. <https://www.d26toastmasters.org/alignment/>
- 2) Completed and/or updated maps for the following Divisions:
 - Eastern
 - Foothills

- Southern

Issues since last meeting

N/A

Priorities until next meeting

- 1) Our next meeting is the business meeting to be held on May 2nd, 2020.
- 2) If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest opportunity – Mark@MarkEntrekin.com.

Logistics Manager; A.J. Herran, IP4

Current status

All in-person activities transitioned to Virtual due to WHQ Directive of no activities until 1 June 20.

Successes since last meeting

Successful work with Eastern, Foothills, Urban and Metro Division Contests. Assisted in Functionary roles for these contests.

Assisted PQD by posting results for all D26 Divisional Contests on D26 Facebook.

Issues since last meeting

None

Priorities until next meeting

Work with PQD and DD on needs post 1 Jun 20.

- Possible needs due to Electronic Voting/Contest issues.
- Request for HOF data.

Club Growth Director: Victoria Cox, DTM

Current Status:

- Clubs have dropped off on renewals due to the COVID-19, we are currently at 116 clubs
- There is no movement with the clubs that were ready to have a kickoff meeting.

Successes Since Last Meeting:

- WHQ has decided to extend giving credit for sponsors, mentors, and coaches for their DTM through the traditional education system until June 2021.

Issues Since Last Meeting:

- COVID-19

Priorities Until Next Meeting:

- Follow up with all the prospective clubs regarding status.
- Follow up with new clubs regarding getting sponsors credit.
- Will check with WHQ regarding if I can assign mentors to newly chartered clubs since the extension has been given until June 2021.

IPDD: Marcia Wood, DTM

Current status as of 4/18/20:

- The District Leadership Committee (DLC) is now in recess because the tasks have been completed.
- Applications are still being accepted until April 25 for the following elective positions: Northern Division Director and Club Growth Director. These elective positions did not meet the required minimum number of nominated candidates at the time the committee report was submitted. These positions are therefore considered “invalid” and qualified candidates are allowed to run from the floor by declaring their intent in writing to the DLC Chair by the

deadline, April 25. All other elective positions met the minimum number of nominated candidates at the time of the committee report, and as a result, no candidates are allowed to run from the floor. No floor candidates for invalid positions may run during the Business Meeting, May 2, 2020, unless they declare their intent in writing to the DLC Chair by April 25.

- The Candidates Showcase Committee (CSC) plans to hold a virtual recorded showcase if there are any contested elections. To date, all elective positions have one qualified candidate running, and therefore, are not considered contested.
- Applications are still being accepted by the DLC Chair for appointed positions (Managers + Area Directors).

Completed since last meeting 3/17/20:

- The DLC committee's work was finished before 3/17. The list of nominated candidates was sent to the District Director on 3/11. All nominated candidates and those candidates not nominated were notified on 3/10. Candidates not nominated may only run from the floor for invalid positions by notifying the DLC Chair in writing no later than 4/25.
- Candidates announcement page on D26 website was finished and posted on March 23.

Issues since last meeting 3/17/20:

- None reported.

Priorities until next meeting:

- None for DLC.
- If any additional qualified candidate submissions are received by April 25 for invalid positions, the CSC plans to conduct recorded video interviews of the candidates for a virtual showcase. As stated above, to date, one qualified candidate has applied for each of the invalid positions, which are Club Growth Director and Northern Division Director. Therefore, no elective positions are considered contested, and the showcase will not take place unless additional qualified candidates declare their intent to run in writing by the deadline. As stated above, elective positions are categorized as invalid if they do not meet the required minimum number of nominated candidates, which is one candidate for division directors, program quality director and district director and two candidates for club growth director.

Public Relations Manager: Keith Horowitz, DTM

Current status

Supporting current needs

Completed since last meeting

Updates on website and social media as needed

Issues since last meeting

Nothing notable

Priorities until next meeting

Being working on transition plan

Audit Committee Guidelines Report: Brenda Uitts

<https://www.d26toastmasters.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2019-20-D26-mid-year-audit-report-1.pdf>

Denver Division Director: David Johnson, DTM

Current status

Clubs are doing a good job meeting on-line and members are supporting each other in this difficult time. The strong clubs are doing well with a slight reduction in membership and attendance to meeting. The end of the education program is near, and members are working on their education goals.

Many public and corporate clubs are meeting online through Zoom and other meeting software. I have been to a few meetings a concern is when two programs are being used Google Docs and Zoom. This is difficult when a member does not have split screens. Members need to do a better job of explaining roles to guest to get them to become a member. The marketing efforts need to be expanded to reach more potential new members for the clubs.

Distinguished Club Program

1 club Downtowners Toastmasters Club 3801 has reached President's Distinguished for 3 years in a row the club has paid their dues.

2 clubs Leprino Foods Toastmasters, and Daybreak Toastmasters Club have reached Select Distinguished because these clubs paid their dues. Stately Speakers has a chance to make Select Distinguished if they can get 2 more members to have 20 members in the club.

2 clubs LoDo Toastmasters Club, and Speakers in Action SIA Club have reached Distinguished because these club paid their dues.

I would like to see more clubs make Distinguished Club Program due to COVID-19 the reality is that clubs have lost members due to financial hardships. Remember Downtowners Toastmasters Club is the only club to reach President's Distinguished.

Completed since last meeting 3-17-20

The Denver Division International Speech Contest was held on April 4, 2020 at 1pm to 4pm. The contest was conducted with 4 contestants and each did an outstanding job with their speech. Some issues resulted from having to change to a Login to prevent Zoom Bombing. Set up with a waiting room to prevent this from occurring. The winner Mike P will move onto the District Contest on April 25, 2020. I sent Mike his trophy and he did not have the correct address on file thus I have to resend his package with the correct address. Again, if a member is not getting a magazine it's important to correct the address to get your magazine.

Denver Area 6 had all 4 clubs paid their dues. All club visit reports for Denver Area 6 have been completed by Beth Steigerwalt.

Issues since last meeting 3-17-20

The clubs have not been able to meet in person due to COVID-19. This has made the clubs change to an online format. The strong clubs do well in this method while the weak clubs are having issues with having a meeting with all the roles. The priorities have changed with the time and is not a reflection on the team leading the clubs.

The Denver Division is going to lose Toastmasters At VFW Post 1 this club can't reach the minimum payment of 8 members to pay dues. I received an e-mail from Alan Swartz on the issues of the future of the club.

The Denver Division has been working to remind the clubs of the importance of paying their dues. The Division has five clubs that have not submitted renewals. The two area of concern are Denver Area 3 with 2 clubs not submitted renewals and Denver Area 4 with one club that is a concern for staying active. Two club have Low-Minimum requirements not yet met. These

two clubs have a history of being in trouble. One club has Ineligible – Minimum requirements not yet met with only one member who has paid dues.

The Denver Division is seeing a reduction in renewals in membership. Clubs that do not have a method to pay on-line are having issues with collecting payments. I have seen that strong clubs are doing well while the weak clubs are at the potential to fail during this difficult time period. A few clubs have a major reduction in members renewing their membership to the club. Clubs have worked to help members who want to stay a member.

Priorities until next meeting

The Denver Division has to work on getting clubs to pay their dues in this difficult time period. In Denver Area 1 IMA Speaker **Renewals not here** needs to pay, Denver Area 2 KPMG Denver Toastmasters needs to pay e-mail was sent on April 16, 2020 asking for payment. Denver Area 3 has S&P Speakeasies and Denver Slalom Toastmasters with **Renewals not here** Front and Center has 3 paid members. Denver Area 4 The Encredible Toastmasters **Renewals not here** Aegon Toast only one member has paid to be Ineligible – Minimum requirements not yet met Homesteaders Club has 7 paid members Low-Minimum requirements not yet met. Denver Area 5 ToastAbility has 4 members paid Low – Minimum requirement not yet met. I suspect that the Denver Division will see at least 2 more clubs not renew because of company financial issues related to COVID-19.

The club visit reports are extremely important to complete to see where the clubs are and what the future of the some of these clubs. It's important to have the clubs meet online until the clubs can meet again in person.

Eastern Division Director: Cynthia Howard, ACG, ALB

Current status

We have most of the clubs meeting virtually.

Of the 14 clubs almost Distinguished, they all need renewal of membership from 1 - 14 members.

Several clubs are really rocking the virtual thing, others are still struggling.

We have 7 clubs with renewals ineligible, meaning not yet completed.

Completed since last meeting

We have held all speech contest. Eric Kronwall facilitated the Division contest, and Jacqueline helped with the area contest for E6, F5.

Area E3, and E4 have completed their area visits.

Issues since last meeting

Not all clubs are renewed

Priorities until next meeting

Making sure clubs are renewed.

Getting area visits in either virtually or in person (depending on COVID).

If they need help meeting virtually on how to help.

Foothills Division Director: Stephanie Borck, CC, ALB

Current status:

Preparing for the District Speech Competition on Saturday, April 25 and the District Business Council meeting on May 2. Area Directors are working with Clubs to ensure they submit their dues on time and visiting clubs that are holding online club meetings in order for them to submit their club visit reports.

Completed since last meeting:

Foothills completed all Area and Division International Speech competitions.

Issues since last meeting:

No issues per se but adjusting to the online format for both the contests and club meetings. It will be interesting to see how many clubs are still meeting and doing online meetings versus just pausing their meetings altogether.

Priorities until next meeting:

Attend the Division International Speech Competition, the District Business Meeting, work with Clubs to get their dues submitted and visit clubs during their online meetings for the Area Directors to submit their club visit reports.

Metro Division Director: Jeff Scott Ruiz, DTM

Current status

Area Directors have accomplished over half their club visits under Round 2. Some were done before the shut-down, but a few have occurred virtually. Some clubs are not meeting due to the state's shut-down orders. We are compiling a list of which clubs are continuing to meet online. The DCP pace has slowed due to the state of affairs throughout the country. The Pathways adoption rate for Metro is still around 80%.

Completed since last meeting

All Area and Division contests were run successfully—most of them in-person; and the rest were virtually, which was an interesting experience. All leaders performed admirably, despite the physical limitations.

Issues since last meeting

We continue to lose members due to lack of participation and the state-wide shut-down. Considering the deadline extension for dues submissions to this month, we have had a few renewals.

Priorities until next meeting

We will continue to try to maintain interest in membership. We will also encourage members to step into leadership roles so that we can fill District positions before July.

Urban Division Director: Marc April, DTM

Current status

Urban Division has completed its International Speech Contest and has sent winner information to Jacqueline Smith for the District International Speech Contest.

Completed since last meeting

Monthly call with Area Directors and International Speech Contest

Issues since last meeting

No major issues at this point. There might be issues with virtual visits to clubs - will have a better understanding of this once I have my monthly meeting with my ADs on April 30th.

U1 - no visits / virtual visits yet

U2 - no visits / virtual visits yet

U3 - 3 visits (before COVID) / no virtual visits yet

U4 - no visits / virtual visits yet

U5 - no visits / virtual visits yet

U6 - no visits / virtual visits yet

Priorities until next meeting

Encourage and support my ADs in-order to get them across the finish line with their virtual visits.

Northern Division Director: Janice Haldi, DTM

Current Status

The current status of Northern Division is shaky. Division Director Dave Dawson had been unable to participate in several activities and meetings prior to his passing, so some

circumstances about club and area status are still unknown. I am just starting to work with the area directors to figure out what needs to be done to support the members in this division. Dick Sanders, who is running for Northern Division Director, has been an immense help and support in these efforts.

According to the District Pathways report, 14 of the 17 clubs are participating in Pathways. Virtually all the officers are enrolled and participating. It's a mixed bag on new club members enrolled and involved in Pathways. Three clubs, Rock Springs, Sweet Talkers and Platte County, do not have anyone enrolled in Pathways.

Completed since last meeting

Last report submitted by Dave Dawson was February 18, 2020. The big issue then was completing officer training. This was done online by Dave. Quite a few officers participated in the sessions, although attendance at all of them was small.

Planning for area contests was underway.

Since that report, area contests were completed for N3 and N4. Areas N1 and N2 opted to not have a contest. The combined area contest was held on March 28th and the division contest was held on April 11th.

Issues since last meeting

Dues payments: Of the 17 clubs in Northern Division, nine have paid at least eight or more dues to remain a viable club. Five clubs have paid up to seven members. Three clubs have made no payments at all.

Area Director visits: Six out of the 17 clubs have had visits made and submitted to TI by the Area Directors. Area N1 has 100% completed; Area N2 has 50% completed. Areas N3 and N4 have not had any visit reports submitted.

Online meetings: Nine of the 17 clubs are currently meeting online. The other eight are not meeting. We are in danger of losing at least four of these clubs. Trixie Hunter-Merrill has agreed to help the Casper clubs establish online meetings. From reading the N1 AD reports, it appears Nancy Winston has agreed to help the Gillette club with their online meeting presence.

Priorities until next meeting

The most urgent issue is payment of dues. I will contact the functioning area directors for their help with the clubs that have not yet submitted dues. I will take over that function for the AD who is unable at this time to offer any help.

Area Director reports are the second urgent issue. The visits are more easily made with online meetings. However, where clubs are not meeting, a club visit is a big issue. The ADs and I will work to resolve this issue.

Getting clubs set up and meeting online is the third urgent issue. We will begin working to resolve this problem by the end of this week.

Southern Division Director: Bonnie Ann Smith, DTM

Current status:

1. April Dues Renewal in progress after Extension: On April 15th, 5 clubs have submitted no dues; 3 clubs are "low"; 13 verified complete.
2. Distinguished Clubs potential:
 - 13 clubs have 5+ DCP goals earned so far.
 - 1 club has 5+ DCP goals earned and 20+ or +5 members so far
3. Area Directors club visits: in progress and reports being submitted:
 - Area S3 & S5 Club Visit Reports complete.
4. Rotary and Chamber of Commerce activity stalled with virus.

Completed since last meeting:

1. Realignment completed.
2. Division Speech Contest completed.

Issues since last meeting:

1. On-line meetings or no club meetings due to virus.
2. Speaking under Pressure voted to disband.

Priorities until next meeting

1. Follow-up on dues renewal and supporting clubs
2. Completion of Club Visit Reports.

Western Division Director: Gregory Harris

Current status

W-2 in serious trouble in general, remote areas with low membership count already having issues. Some are holding virtual meetings but not going well.

Completed since last meeting

Western Division contest held, was a success.

Issues since last meeting

Coronavirus really impacting clubs, especially in the remote areas. Some not meeting, some are virtually but are not going well.

Priorities until next meeting

Attempt to keep things together club wise basically. All ideas welcome?

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