



# Founder's District DEC Report

## April 22, 2017

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**Division G Director**

### **Division G Report**

#### **Completed**

- Officer training (24 clubs as of 2/28/17)
  - 22 clubs had at least 4 officers trained (1 more club than the Fall)
  - 7 clubs had 7 officers trained (6 less clubs than the Fall)
- Area Contests (3/4/17): Table Topics and International Speech
  - 20 of 24 clubs participated (1 more club than the Fall)
  - 12 clubs had contestants that placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Division Contests (3/18/17): Table Topics and International Speech
  - Table Topics Contest Winner: Steve Brandlin
  - International Speech Contest Winner: Daniel Midson-Short
- Trophies were personalized and presented to the contestants at their club meetings by the area directors
- A new club was chartered on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Santa Ana and was assigned to Area G5. It was a 4-week process including the lunch-and-learn, demo meeting, and two club meetings. This club serves one office of the Social Services Agency in Orange County. Other facilities are interested in starting up clubs.
- A Lunch and Learn session was conducted with Ware Malcom. A demo meeting is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Recognition**

- Ziggurat 425 was a club on the ropes in July with only 8 members. But they had dedicated people who wanted the club to survive. Today, they have 16 members and 6 DCP goals completed. They sent contestants to both the Area G3 Table Topics and International Speech Contests. One member competed at the Division G International Speech Contest. In April, Ziggurat 425 became the first club in Area G3 to achieve distinguished status! Kudos to their area director, Mike Sato, and the members of Ziggurat 425 for their hard work!

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- 3 Clubs are Distinguished

<b>Club</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Status (Points)</b>
Ziggurat 425	G3	Distinguished (6)
Panasonic Flying Toasters	G5	Distinguished (6)
Schneider Electric – Lake Forest	G5	Distinguished (6)

- 6 Clubs are Select Distinguished

<b>Club</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Status (Points)</b>
Rancho Speech Masters	G1	Select Distinguished (8)
San Clemente	G2	Select Distinguished (7)
Coastmasters	G2	Select Distinguished (8)
Saddleback Sunrise Speakers	G4	Select Distinguished (8)
Challengers	G4	Select Distinguished (7)
Tongue Tamers	G4	Select Distinguished (8)

- 7 Clubs have 7 or more DCP points but need to meet the charter strength requirement.

### **Issue / In Progress**

- Many clubs experienced a drop in membership after the April dues renewal. Membership growth will be a high priority.
- CCI Articulate Actuators in Area G1 has decided not to continue their club. Efforts to revitalize the club were not successful. We will take the loss during the 2016-2017 term. We are working to find a new club to start so G1 will not take a net loss.
- 3 clubs in Area G3 are looking for new venues because of changes at the corporate/government locations where they currently meet. These clubs are Ziggurat 425, UniMasters, and Fluent Philosophers. Fluent Philosophers is investigating other nearby businesses. UniMasters held a demo meeting at the Soka University campus on 3/17 and will be moving their meetings there in May.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Demo Meeting at Ware Malcomb on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Leadership Workshops from the Toastmasters Success Leadership Series <https://learnleadership.eventbrite.com>
  - o April 27: Characteristics of Effective Leaders – Ann Shimizu
  - o May 11: Developing you Leadership Skills – Christine Brady
  - o May 25: Working in the Team Environment – Cliff Shimizu

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