

District 39 – July eNewsletter

District 39 Off to a GREAT START! District Governor Debra Ledsinger announced the District's critical success factor goals: 300 CCs, 140 ACs, 100 new members, and 13 new clubs – by “income tax day,” April 15, 2009. In addition, let's have 90 Distinguished clubs and be a Distinguished District by April 15, 2009; a Select Distinguished District by May 15, 2009; and a President's Distinguished District by June 30, 2009! Integrity, teamwork, recognition, and quality are core values adopted by District leadership to guide us to success as a Distinguished District again this year.

MONTHLY EMAIL NEWSLETTERS to Come Your Way: As this year's PRO (Public Relations Officer), I'll be sending you an eNewsletter email in odd-numbered months, following the DECM (District Executive Committee Meeting) to keep you informed about events, dates to remember, and news items from the DECM. During even-numbered months starting in August, editors Beth Mora and Suzan Hawbaker will be sending issues of *The TranSierran* online as well, and issues will also include the same information plus feature articles, pictures, and registration forms for events. By the middle of each month, you'll receive one or the other of these online newsletters. Many thousands of dollars will be saved by publishing these online, fuller coverage and more pictures will enhance the publications, and timely news items will not be delayed in being sent out.

A Strong FINISH FOR 2007-2008: Immediate Past District Governor Gary Pettigrew shared the results of our work this past year that earned us a Distinguished District status, along with how we placed compared to other districts. Of note is that District 39 placed 12th in the United States and 21st worldwide. Further details will be published in the August *TranSierran*. Congratulations, everyone!

OFFICERS TRAINING: Approximately 78% of Division and Area Governors have been trained, yet only approximately 15% of Club officers completed training. There are more training sessions scheduled between now and the deadline of August 31: July 19 (La Bou, 9:30 am), July 24 (700 H Street, 6:30 pm), July 26 (TLI North – Redding Library, 9:30 am), August 2 (TLI South – Siefert Center in Stockton), and August 23 (La Bou, 9:30 am). Judges Training will occur on July 25 at 6:30 pm. Further details are on the District 39 website (www.district39.org) and TLI Coordinator Anne Sandler looks forward to seeing your name included on her list of trained officers.

DECM NOTES

- Annual Convention – if interested in being a judge, contact Debra Ledsinger; if wishing to volunteer for other tasks, contact Louise Houdelette; send in your club proxies to Al James ASAP; Dianne Bish

asks that attendees share their experiences in an upcoming issue of *TranSierran*.

- District 39 Fall Conference – Mona Maggio, chairperson for the conference, seeks your help on conference committees. Join the team and perhaps complete a High Performance Leadership Project as well!
- District 39 Directory – Mike Churchill reports that it is almost finished, with a deadline of July 16 for reporting current club officers.
- DECM Packets – will be posted to the District 39 website beginning in August, with only a few paper copies of the packets brought to the meetings. Agendas will continue to be printed and made available.
- Members' Milestones – Secretary Mona Maggio asks that information about members' special occasions, celebrations, illnesses, or deaths be sent to her so that she can send cards on behalf of the district. Division Governor Carole Drake reported that long-time member Buz Dunbar (Carmichael Club) died on July 9.
- Reporters Wanted! – PRO Dianne Bish seeks to have at least one reporter from each division to send news items to her, Beth Mora, and Suzan Hawbaker. Dianne will develop a form for gathering news items and this will be available on the district's website.
- Baker's Dozen – LGM Louise Houdelette announced that she will work with members throughout the district to charter a "baker's dozen" (12+1) of new clubs this year. She asks members to send her leads, and reminded everyone that someone suggesting a new club may not necessarily have to be the person to work to bring that club to charter status – so, "lead" away! Louise is looking to form a cadre of mentors, sponsors and club coaches.
- Award Ribbons For Clubs – LGET Joe Velky previewed a set of ribbons to represent various goals met by clubs during the year. The August issue of the *TranSierran* will have full details, which will also be sent to club presidents.
- Country Store – will be open at TLI on July 19.

Mark Your CALENDARS:

- July-August – Officers Training Sessions (see District 39 website)
- August – CLUB humorous speech and Table Topics Contests
- August 9 – next DECM, 9:30 am, 700 H Street, Sacramento
- August 13-16 – Toastmasters International Convention, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- August 1-September 30 – Ralph Smedley Membership Award Contest (5 new members per club)
- November 14-15 – District 39 Fall Conference, details TBA

That's all for now – remember: Tell the truth, tell our story, tell it often!

~Dianne Bish, PRO