



District 11 Toastmasters Distinguished Club Plan



Distinguish Yourself, Distinguish Your Club

Information to Help You Lead Your Club to Distinguished Status

DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM

10 Goals for Distinguished Clubs

1. Two CTMs
2. Additional two CTMs
3. One ATM-B, ATM-S, or ATM-G
4. One additional ATM-B, ATM-S, or ATM-G
5. One CL, AL, or DTM
6. One additional CL, AL, or DTM
7. Four new members
8. Four additional new members
9. Minimum four officers trained each period
10. One semi and one officer list on time

Membership Requirement for Distinguished

At year-end club must have:

- 20 or more members, OR
- Net growth of at least five new members

Recognition

- Club must meet membership requirement
- Achieve 5 of 10 goals = Distinguished
- Achieve 7 of 10 goals = Select Distinguished
- Achieve 9 of 10 goals = President's Distinguished

TRACKING YOUR SUCCESS

- Two CTMs
Name _____
Name _____
- Two More CTMs
Name _____
Name _____
- One ATM (Bronze, Silver or Gold)
Name _____
- One More ATM (Bronze, Silver or Gold)
Name _____
- One CL, AL or DTM
Name _____
- One More CL, AL or DTM)
Name _____
- Four New Members
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
- Four More New Members
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
- At Least 4 Officers Trained Both Terms
____ June-Aug
____ Dec-Feb
- At Least 1 Club Officer List & 1 Semi Report Submitted On Time
____ Jun 30 Officer List Submitted On Time
____ Dec 31 Officer List Submitted On Time
AND
____ Oct 10 Semi Report Submitted On Time
____ Apr 10 Semi Report submitted On Time

COMMUNICATION & LEADERSHIP TRACKS

Communication Track

CTM (Competent Toastmaster) – Complete all 10 projects in the Basic Communication and Leadership Manual (all 5-7 minutes except as shown)

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) Icebreaker (4-6) | 2) Speak With Sincerity |
| 3) Organize Your Speech | 4) Show What You Mean |
| 5) Vocal Variety | 6) Work With Words |
| 7) Apply Your Skills | 8) Add Impact to Your Speech |
| 9) Persuade With Power | 10) Inspire Your Audience (8-10) |

See Reverse Side For List of Advanced Manuals and Series Modules

ATM-B (Advanced Toastmaster Bronze)

- ➔ Achieve CTM
- ➔ Complete 2 Advanced Manuals

ATM-S (Advanced Toastmaster Silver)

- ➔ Achieve Advanced Toastmaster Bronze
- ➔ Complete 2 Additional Advanced Manuals
- ➔ Complete any 2 programs from "The Better Speaker Series" or "The Successful Club Series"

ATM-G (Advanced Toastmaster Gold)

- ➔ Achieve Advanced Toastmaster Silver
- ➔ Complete two additional Advanced Manuals
- ➔ Conduct a Success/Leadership Program, Success/Communication Program or a Youth Leadership Program
- ➔ Coach new member with first 3 speeches

Leadership Track

CL (Competent Leader)

- ➔ Achieve CTM
- ➔ Serve as a Club Officer and participate in preparation of Club Success Plan
- ➔ Participate in officer training as a Club Officer
- ➔ Conduct any two programs from "The Successful Club Series"

AL (Advanced Leader)

- ➔ Achieve CL Award
- ➔ Serve as a District Officer (Governor, LGET, LGM, PRO, Treasurer, Secretary, Division Governor, Area Governor)
- ➔ Complete the High Performance Leadership Program
- ➔ Serve successfully as a Club Sponsor, Club Mentor or Club Specialist

Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) (Complete both the Communication Track and Leadership Track)

Distinguished Toastmaster is the highest recognition a member may achieve

- ➔ Achieve Advanced Toastmaster Gold Award
- ➔ Achieve Advanced Leader Award

MANAGING FOR SUCCESS

The most Important goal for a Club Officer is to fulfill the Mission of the Club, defined by Toastmasters International as:

"To provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth."

Club officers can fulfill their mission by:

1. Focusing on the Distinguished Club Plan to guide the club's meetings and other activities.
2. Remember that the member is the most important person in Toastmasters and the Club meeting is the most important meeting in Toastmasters.
3. Use the Club Success Plan at the beginning of the year to map our your plan for success.
4. Ensure all officers attend District-sponsored training.
5. Provide each officer with the necessary support and assistance needed to fulfill their obligations.
6. Conduct Club contests and participate in District –sponsored contests.
7. Recognize and reward achievement.

Ten Signs of a Club Heading For Trouble

(By Linda Hawk, DTM – District 42)

1. Inadequate education programming.
2. "Cliques" of senior members sharing jokes or "inside" remarks known only to a few
3. Club Officers not performing assignments or responsibilities.
4. Club members unprepared for speeches or assigned duties.
5. Semi-annual dues unpaid or paid late.
6. Lack of commitment by members as to assignments and attendance.
7. Inconvenient meeting location, time, day or facility.
8. Members doing non-manual speeches.
9. No one really cares! Indifference to absenteeism or evaluations.
10. Meeting is too structured to allow for fun.

Adding a few more:

1. Meetings start late or run over.
2. A club that is controlled by only a few people.
3. Meetings do not follow the suggested TM format w/ speeches, table topics, evaluations, etc.
4. Executive Committee meetings are not being held at least bi-monthly.

Every Club A Distinguished Club!!