

THE DISTRICT 28 HEALTH CHECK LIST



How healthy is YOUR Toastmasters club?

You may have heard about the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) and thought “*Big deal. Our club doesn’t care about that. It’s some silly contest, and numbers don’t matter to us.*” But you should care! Like blood pressure or temperature for people, the DCP is a measurement which indicates the health and basic functioning of a Toastmasters club. If members are giving manual speeches, leaders are being trained and help guide the club, membership is vibrant and growing, and administration tasks such as officer lists and dues are submitted on time, chances are that your club is healthy and successful. Your club is also likely to be a Distinguished Club.

When guests enter your Toastmasters meeting, they are not only determining if your club is a good fit for them, but if the Toastmasters program is a good fit for them. Using the DCP as your measuring stick will help give guests an accurate representation of our life-changing organization.

The Un-Silly Contest

For those of you who DO like contests, here’s one! Clubs who earn FIVE or more points in the DCP program between July 1 and November 5, 2009, (as reported on the TI website) will be placed in a drawing for a 1 in 5 chance to receive **a complete set of a Successful Club series, a Leadership series or a Better Speaker Series**. Just for doing the stuff a healthy Toastmasters club does anyway. (Maybe just a littler more quickly.) Winners will be announced at the District 28 Fall Conference!

NOTE: The DCP program, as administered by TI headquarters, includes a stipulation that in order to be Distinguished (or better), a club must also have 20 or more members, or a net growth of five members, by June 30. That rule won’t apply for this contest, but it does apply for the reception below.

Special DCP Reception

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, District 28 will host a special reception for all members of clubs that have earned Distinguished Club or higher status (5+ points, and meet the membership requirements in the Distinguished Club Program for 2009-2010).

This FREE, by-invitation-only reception will be held at the District Conference, prior to the District Governor’s banquet. Attendance at the rest of the conference is encouraged, of course, but not required.

Further details will be announced via e-mail and on the District 28 website (www.d28toastmasters.org). Invitations will be mailed to eligible clubs in mid-April.