



Division G Director Report

17 February 2024

Club Membership at a Glance

Number of Clubs with 12 or Fewer members	Number of Clubs with 13-15 members	Number of Clubs with 16-19 members	Number of Clubs with 20+ members
7	7	9	3

Educational Awards to Date

Level	Number Completed
1	22
2	20
3	16
4	14
5	12
Pathway Completions	-
DTM	-

It has been a difficult time for Toastmasters membership. I have heard from two clubs that they are thinking of closing by the end of March. After Covid and with the cost of fees increasing it is hard to convince struggling clubs that they can make it.

There have been two Club Officer Training sessions. One in person with 29 members attending from Division G and J and the online session where there were 55 attending. The online one surprised and delighted me with a number of people I have never seen before interacting well and having really good things to say. Thanks to all contributors for their expertise and graciousness.

Club Officer Training outlines one problem though- that of communication. I had one person yesterday asking when COT2 was. I replied that it was over and he said that he had not got an email. I felt, should I have emailed all the Clubs? I have a feeling that information in newsletters is unread, and we are not reaching all the people we should be reaching.

Specifics of the Clubs

G1 . There has been one Area Contest- Evaluation. The other three contests will be held at the beginning of March. This Area needs some visiting- one Club was missed last time, so I'll make it a priority next time.

G2. There has been no interest in Contests. Most of the Clubs are consolidating- a number of people are new- and it is felt that understanding how Toastmasters works is the main thing at present.

G3. I was surprised when suddenly this month G3 asked if they could have an Area Contest. Evaluation and Table Topics will be held on the 21st of February. Those might be the only Contests.

G4. All Contests have been held.

G6. All contests have been held.

G7. All four Contests are to be held on Saturday 24 February.

The District G Contest will be held on Saturday 16 April.

The aim is to get all Club visits done by the middle to end of April so that all is out of the way before the District Convention in May.

To summarise: I think membership costs will make a difference to clubs after 31 March and it is difficult to bring all Area Clubs together. Some clubs don't know others in the District, communication is not always clear, or information is not always picked up and passed on by committees.

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