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Toastmasters of District 82

-- Pongal oh pongal! That is the greeting in Tamil Nadu, India as I write this mail to all the Toastmasters of District 82. It is the harvest festival, the bringing forth of the fruits of the season, the harvesting of a bountiful crop, the start of a new season. So it is a good time to take stock of the harvest of our first six months.

The District 82 website shows that we are half-way towards our regular goals – 29% CC's and 40.6 % AC's, with new clubs 46% and membership 49.6%.

The questions we need to ask are simple –

- How many members who joined in the last one year are now CC's? [VPE & VPM should know this.]
- How many projects have they done from the CL manual? [Ditto + members themselves.]
- Are they being given opportunities to be Prepared/TT Speakers, TMod/GE/ Evaluators/TAG team members? [Mentors and ExComm+ members themselves]
- How many have volunteered to take up responsibilities beyond the club, at the Area or Division level? [Area Governors, Mentors , Presidents and VPE's need to think about these.]
- How many potential leaders has our club created? [Presidents, VPE's, Area Governors]
- Are we meeting our members' goals? [Executive Committee + members]

That last question is the bottom line. Once we meet the member's expectations at the club level, we will not have any problem meeting the goals of the Area, Division or the District. In a self-motivated organization, members have an equal responsibility to meet their own goals as to expect the club to help them meet these.

Incidentally, I also wanted to share a comment that one of the participants made at the recent Mid-year Training for District TRIO's at Bangalore. When asked their strategy for meeting goals, he replied, 'The first six months are for meeting our targets. The next three months are for meeting our stretch goals. The last three months are to ensure we become District No. One in the world.'

District 82 has been No.One four years in a row. We can create eternal Toastmaster history by meeting our individual club members' aspirations, by meeting our own stretch goals –

- **CC's- District goal 371 Stretch goals 500**
- **AC's- District goal 106 Stretch goals 150**
- **Clubs -District goal 182 Stretch goals 225**

Are we ready to seize the moment?

Regards,

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