

Dues Collection Contest in March

Dear Club Officers and Members:

This is a friendly reminder that dues renewal time is coming up. Membership fees for April to September 2010 are to be collected and dues sent to Toastmasters International (TI) by **March 31st**. Please start reminding your members especially those that require a cheque requisition process such as members of corporate clubs, or clubs that meet only once a month.

On March 1, after Vancouver hosts the Winter Olympics, you can start remitting dues online. To find out how to conduct club business online, please visit <http://toastmasters.org/clubbusiness.aspx>. Alternatively, membership forms can be faxed and cheque (in US dollars) sent by mail, or membership forms with cheque sent by the mail and received by TI by March 31st.

Once you have collected the fees of at least six members, please remit the dues to TI right away so that your club will be shown in the TI record and website as an active club. It is important to complete remitting the dues for the rest of the members as they are collected on or before March 31st. Remember that a membership is not considered renewed until TI has received the dues.

Renewing membership on time is important because:

- 1) As a club, it is one of the goals to achieve to be recognized as a Distinguished Club.
- 2) Your members will continue to receive membership benefits such as a monthly subscription to Toastmasters Magazine.
- 3) Your contestants will be eligible for the spring speech contests.

Clubs that renew early will be entered in a draw on March 15 and March 25. Prize for the March 15 draw is a \$50 gift certificate for the District 21 Bookstore, and for March 25, a \$25 gift certificate. Three winners will be drawn each time.

In September, almost 90% of the clubs renewed on time which is great, and this time we would like to "Test our Limits" and aim for 100%. This would involve all members and all clubs renewing by March 30th.

Encourage members to invest on their education and renew early!

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