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Members' Pledge to New Members

At our January 22nd meeting, we will be inducting several new members. The last element of the induction is the recitation of the club's pledge to its new member. Please rise and say the following in unison when called upon.

"We, the members of the DBEDT for Business Toastmasters Club, pledge:

- to support you in your quest for self-development;
- to provide you with positive, helpful evaluations;
- to maintain a friendly, supportive atmosphere;
- to give you opportunities to help others; and
- to make your Toastmasters membership a rewarding and fulfilling experience."

RECOMMENDATION: Joining the [Toastmasters District 49](#) Facebook group is a great way to learn more about what's going on throughout the state. Plus, Jicky Ferrer posts a lot of helpful tips on making the most of your Toastmasters experience.

District 49 Officer Training Sessions

The mission of all Toastmasters districts is, "We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence." To accomplish the second part of the mission, district leadership organizes semi-annual training sessions for all club officers. We're now almost through the winter session.

There have been two half-day Saturday meetings with presentations on Pathways, break-out groups for each officer position, and a very entertaining and informative panel of experienced District 49 leaders. There has also been one shorter weekday evening session.

There is one more Saturday session coming up on February 9th. All Toastmasters members are welcome to attend and it's a great place to learn more about our organization and see if you might be interested in getting more involved in its leadership opportunities. When registration (free) for the meeting is announced, it will be forwarded to all members.

Distinguished Club Program



Also known as the DCP, the Distinguished Club Program is one more tool that Toastmasters has developed to support its mission of empowering individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. It runs for the Toastmasters year, from July 1 to June 30 so we're a little more than half-way.

There are 10 goals that can be earned by each club: six for achieving education awards, in either the Traditional or Pathways program; two for building membership; one for completing a minimum requirement for officer training; and one for completing club administration tasks. In order to qualify for the DCP, a club must have either 20 members or a net growth of at least five new members.

There are three levels of achievement: reaching five goals = Distinguished; seven = Select Distinguished; 9 = President's Distinguished.

In the 13 years since DBEDT for Business was chartered, the club has achieved Distinguished status twice, Select Distinguished twice, and President's Distinguished an impressive **five** times.

Currently, we have two points and 18 members. We're well on our way to achieving several education awards and with the required membership, can expect to reach at least Distinguished status. ***But it's not just about winning an award – reaching these goals means that we're succeeding in supporting our members' personal objectives, and after all, that's why we're here.***