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District 53

District Director Report

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District Council Business Meeting 2023-09-21

Executive Summary

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Budget

The budget in your packet is a draft. Numbers may change depending on some votes that will take place during the business meeting.

Our goal is to use more of the budget this year to build incentives for the clubs and the members.

We are working on putting committees together for this. If you have any interest assisting please let me know. dd@d53tm.org

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District Success Plan

The TRIO has worked hard to put the district success plan together. We will be spending time providing the resources so that clubs may become healthier and stronger.

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Vision

The district has one goal on it's mind. Being distinguished.

We know we can't do this on our own.

It is time to put COVID behind us and decide who we are in 2023. We will work with our clubs to find a suitable platform that is best for its members. We are also holding more in person events to start to get back to where we were in 2019.

We have a lot of great talent in this district. We need to put it all together and build it up.

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New District Officers

At this meeting we will be voting to approve the many appointed 2023-2024 District Officers. on behalf of the entire District Council, I welcome all of our incoming District officers. The Sr Staff is really looking forward to working with you all this year.

Of special note is that Jessica Ficarra, our Finance Manager for the past few years, is stepping down and Glendalys Ramos will be stepping in. Thank you Jessica for all you've done to manage District finances over the past few years.

Please note that we are still looking for an executive secretary, one area director, and a few other positions. Please reach out if you are interested in serving the members of District 53. dd@d53tm.org

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SPAM

As you read this I hope this is not the first time you are hearing about this. In late August early September someone targeted our executive team with SPAM emails that appeared to have come from me, your district director. These emails started off as simple “can you talk” and then went into asking recipients to purchase gift cards for a secret recognition program.

We thought this was resolved until we received reports that the perpetrators were getting into Free Toast Host websites and sending out similar emails to club officers posing as the club president.

Please be advised that your District Team will never ask you to purchase gift cards. Gift cards are prohibited by Toastmaster’s Protocol.

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If you get any emails similar to the ones described above, please delete them, block the sender if possible, and inform us via email to DD@D53TM.org. Please lead the subject line with “D53 Spam.”

Your leadership team took these threats very seriously and we came up with a plan to inform all clubs about this fraudulent activity. Area directors called each of their club presidents and then followed up with an email bulletin.

As your District Director, I sent out a letter to all club Presidents and club Vice Presidents of Education and asked that they read it to all members during the club’s next business meeting.

As always please reach out if you have questions.

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Revised Slides

Your slides 6-8 were replaced with suggested content above. Your original slides are below, for reference..

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New Members

Since our last get together we have some new members that have joined the executive team.

Jessica Ficarro who is our current Finance Manager will be stepping down and Glendalys Ramos will be stepping in. Thank you Jessica for all

As we started this year we had a few Area Director positions open. I am happy to say that Dr. Alpana Gupta has take the role as Area Director for Area 13. Welcome!!

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