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Dear Lawson Thrill Readers,

Welcome to the exciting spring time of the year. It is always a nice feeling when the weather is nice and sunny. Don't we all get excited taking long sunny walks, trying new things, reassessing how we plan to spend the good long and sunny days ahead, and all charged up with exciting new ideas. From the Toastmasters perspective, this is also the time of year when we are almost on to our home run in terms of where we stand as far as the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) is concerned.

We welcome, Colin Hirdmon as our latest new member. Colin, welcome to LTS.

From the Desk of the President
Joan Watson

Spring is here almost. Spending many weeks down south in North Carolina where people mow their lawns and plant flowers in the ground OUTSIDE already makes me long for the green grass and warm weather at home. Not only has a longing for green grass, green plants and sunshine but it brought to the forefront that our Toastmaster year is fast approaching the end for 2006.

If you take a couple minutes to think back on what you have been able to accomplish over the last ten months, what comes to mind? Have you been able to finish three speeches, complete an education award or maybe you decided to join the club? Whatever it might be, I hope that you are pleased with your progress on your own personal Toastmaster journey. For myself, this has been a year of making big decisions... whether to eat that chocolate or not, to run for district office and to complete my CTM. What have you decided to do with your time?

Our club is working hard to complete the year as distinguished. To achieve this goal, we are looking for new members, for two more CRM's (Competent Toastmaster) and one more CL (Competent Leader). Steve recently completed

an ATM, Sharon completed a CL and Chong is working on a CL. We have several people working diligently on completing their CTM as well. Everyone is encouraged to ask friends, family, co-workers and strangers to come visit our club meetings. Together we can achieve our goals for the club as well as your personal goals.

For me, chocolate wins occasionally; I am going to run for Lt Governor of Marketing and my last speech is scheduled for a CTM. You too can achieve your goals and complete the Toastmaster year with satisfaction. Now we just need to work on the weather.

Thank you for your efforts, enthusiasm and dedication to not only helping yourself improve your speaking skills but helping all of us improve through the support of the Lawson Thrill Speaker club.

Our club has purchased a wireless presenter with cursor control. It works with Windows 2000, Me or Xp and requires a USB port. If you are scheduled for a speech and would like to use the "presenter" it is available for all club members. It is stored in the black filing cabinet in White Bear Lake conference room

Update on our DCP (Distinguished Club Plan)

CTM: Chong and Joan	1 point
ATM: Steve	1 point
CL: Sharon	1 point
4 new members:	1 point
Officers trained:	1 point
Officer list/dues:	1 point

Points earned: 6 points

We need 5 to be distinguished
We need 7 to be select distinguished
We need 9 to be President distinguished

We must have 20 paid members by June 30th to earn distinguished or higher

The challenge is to get the members and our CTM's completed. We believe Chong only needs one more speech for her CL. We can do it. Everyone has worked so hard already. We have 8 weeks left.

Minutes for April 18, 2006

Meeting type: Executive Committee

Attendees:

Steve Sheehan
Muniesh Khandelwal
Sharon Miller
Joan Watson

Action Items by Officer:

President Joan Watson

Officer elections: Steve Sheehan will head up the nominating committee. Sharon and Joan volunteered to assist. In addition we will ask for volunteers to head up the Education committee and Club Survey. Both of these positions are short term but critical to the success of the club. Officer elections will be held by the middle of May with the new officers taking over July 1, 2006

Toastmaster of the Year award: Annual award with the person selected by the club members. Joan will take responsibility for informing the club members of the process and organizing the voting process to select one club member. The selection will be completed by the end of May. Joan will take care of getting the name plaque for the club award.

Vice President Education Steve Sheehan

Schedule: Steve will send out requests for the May schedule next week.

DCP update: We need to add two more members to meet the 20 member minimum. We have several guests expected but will continue to encourage members to invite guests. We need two more CTM's (looking for Jeff F and Dennis to consider completing). Steve has completed his ATM. Chong is almost done with her CL. Once we have the members, we will be able to earn the President Distinguished award again.

- **Mentors for new members:** Steve will assign mentors to the new members. Anyone interested in being a mentor should let Steve know.

Vice President Membership Tim Dunn

Membership drive: Joan will contact Tim to help get the membership drive going.

Vice President Public Relations Muniesh Khandelwal

Newsletter. Muniesh entered the club newsletter into the district 6 contest.
Publicizing special meetings with flyers: Muniesh is planning to create flyers to promote the educational meeting and our special meeting each month. He will follow-up with Laura regarding the schedule for those specific meetings.

Secretary Chong Sun

Updates: Chong entered our club web site into the district 6 contest. Winners will be announced at the spring conference. The yahoo group has been updated with the most current files. Chong is also adding our newest member, Colin, to the yahoo group.

Treasurer Sharon Miller

Dues update: we have 18 paid members as of today. We have \$304.95 in our club treasury.

Treasury: Sharon asked that we look at educational materials or tools to assist our members. We have money to spend. We voted to spend \$50.00 on a wireless mouse that any member can use to present PowerPoint presentations at our meetings. Sharon is putting together a list of items to purchase for our club including the new Competent Leader manuals, Competent Toastmaster manuals, frames for our club awards, pins for new members for recognition and prizes for the membership drive.

Sergeant At Arms Victoria Helseth

Forms: Joan will follow-up with Vic regarding who is making copies of guest packets and new membership packets. Sharon volunteered to make copies for a few more new member packets.

Calendar of Important Events

Springtime in Paris

Have you heard about Friday Fun Night at the Spring Convention May 12?

What do you get when you cross two jugglers with a comedian magician? A great night of entertainment. Get ready to work your amazement muscles when the No Name Jugglers dazzle you with tossing, flinging, flipping fun. Then keep your eyes on David Harris, Magician, and Local Comedy TV Personality & Master of Legerdemain. You'll never look at your common household objects the same way again!

Plan to attend the District 6 Spring Convention at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Minneapolis on May 12-13. See more at www.d6tm.org. Be sure club is represented at the Spring Convention business meeting.

Region IV Conference June 15 - 17, 2006



District 6 is hosting the Region IV Conference this year. Explore your "Spirit of Adventure" by joining your fellow Toastmasters at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest in June.

[Registration Information & Conference Details](#)



That's all for this News Letter
See you in May, 2006

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