

District 18 Club Growth Director Report

Spring Business Meeting

Saturday April 18th, 2026

Greetings fellow District 18 Toastmasters. At the beginning of our Toastmasters year, we began with a base of 102 paid clubs. As of the creation of this report, we have 101 paid clubs to date, with 31 clubs on track to be Distinguished, providing they meet their membership requirements. In addition, we have 17 clubs that are just one goal away from being Distinguished. That equates to a potential of 48 clubs being Distinguished by June 30th. To be considered a Distinguished District, we need 46. As a point of reference, at the end of the 2025 year, we had 49 Distinguished Clubs. Even though we had enough Distinguished Clubs to be a President's Distinguished District, we lacked the member payments and ended the year as a Distinguished District.

On a positive note, District 18 is THE ONLY District in Region 6 with ZERO suspended clubs. However, we did have 2 clubs that chartered last year that decided to fold this year. Fortunately, these 2 clubs do not count against our base. Our District is also in the process of chartering 1 to 2 more clubs before the end of the year with several more potential clubs in the pipeline.

Next, we'll move on to member payments, which also plays a part in our potential to be a Distinguished District. Again, as of the creation of this report, we have 3,138 member payments. We need 3,642 to be Distinguished, or 504 more member payments. Needless to say, we have our work cut out for us, but with over 2 months left in our current year, it is definitely possible.

Although there were no Club Growth incentives established at the beginning of the year, through the hard work of the clubs, Area Directors, Division Directors, the Club Growth Team and the TRIO, we are in a great spot in achieving our goal of Distinguished District.

Our District mission is: "We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence." It appears we are doing just that. With your help, let's close out this year as successful as when we entered it and remember to Educate, Elevate and Empower.

Respectfully submitted by:

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