



December 20, 2014



### Club Buddy Program

Clinton Hunt and District 6 Toastmasters would like to introduce the Club Buddy Program, beginning immediately.

### Why

As of April 1, 2014, Toastmasters International requires clubs to have at least eight (8) paid members to be in good standing. Our goal for District 6 is for all clubs to have eight (8) or more members by April 1, 2015 and to maintain this level thereafter. Currently, roughly twenty clubs (20) do not meet this criterion. Additionally, another 20% of the clubs could fall below this minimum if a few members do not renew for the spring dues renewal cycle. This program's aim is to help each of our clubs thrive.

### What

Low-member clubs are encouraged to find a "**club buddy**". To be eligible for pairing with a "club buddy", a club should have 12 or fewer paid members as of Dec 1, 2014.

Here's how it will work: Club A (a club with 12 or fewer members) and Club B (preferably with 20 or more members) agree to be buddies. Members of Club B visit Club A two or three times a month to take meeting roles including providing prepared speeches. Club B should encourage each of its members to visit Club A at least once during the buddy program.

The goal of the program is to strengthen Club A's meetings while the two clubs work together to build membership in the low-member club. Club A will be relieved of the strain of just trying to keep their club alive, their members will be rejuvenated, and with the added energy of Club B, meaningful structural steps will be taken to rebuild.

### When

Two clubs can become buddies any time between now and April 1, 2015.

### Recognition

Both buddy clubs will be recognized at the District 6 Spring Convention on May 1, 2015. A "**platinum ribbon**" (for club banners) will be awarded to each club, if Club A is a club in good standing as of May 1, 2015 (8 or more members).

Please contact Clinton Hunt (District 6 Governor), your Division or Area Governor, when you are ready to, sign-up for this program.