To: Toastmasters of District 6

Subject: Program Quality Director Report for 2019 - 2020.

Report:

Dear Friends,

It has been a year full of learning, collaboration, surprises and a lot more to say the least. You may be in a spot that you probably never thought of being in before and hope that is a good one then where you were before. I recently heard it in a movie that we drown by not jumping in the river but by staying down. Things can certainly be interpreted in many ways and how I interpreted this particular one was by thinking - yes that is correct. It is up to us if we want to drown or if we want to rise. Take for instance the global pandemic that hit us. I hadn't thought of this when we started the year and now the whole world has been affected by it. We have been affected by it and I am sure this too shall pass. When we come out of it on the other side, I would like us to aim to come out even stronger and, in my opinion, here are some of the reasons why:

- 1. We get to be creative on conducting virtual meetings
- 2. We get to utilize what resources we have available to enhance our online presence
- 3. We get to pave our own way into trying something new
- 4. We get to go out of our comfort zone to visit clubs in different districts and regions to experience their culture

I hope you are with me in trying our best to always work towards our development. All that we promised as a Toastmaster when we joined the organization as a member was related to communication development and leadership development. This is our organization full of supportive individuals working collaboratively all along; so let's ensure, we are all working towards the program we have and letting the experiential education provide us the skills we can transfer to our personal and professional lives. I would like to highly request you to make sure as you are completing your projects, to have them entered in the system so you are getting the credit you deserve towards your path to being a Distinguished Toastmasters.

So far, as of Monday, 27th of April, 2020 we have had 751 total education awards submitted to the world headquarters out of which 542 are awards in Pathways. We have 61 members who have earned Triple Crown awards and 13 members who have earned their Distinguished Toastmasters Awards. Congratulations to you for putting in the time and energy into your development and being a model to the folks around you. With your personal development, you are developing the community around you with the knowledge and skills you have gained. Thank you for that.

This Toastmasters year 2019 - 2020 is fast coming to a close and with that we get to see how much our hard work has paid off too. Our individual credits build up the credits of the clubs.

There is still some time left for the year to end and for us to end the year strong. We have 1 Distinguished Club and 4 Select Distinguished clubs so far.

I would like to bring this note to a close saying reminding one thing that we all probably know it is up to us how we want our future to be. We became a part of this organization to help ourselves be a better version of ourselves. Let's keep that in mind and let's keep at it one step at a time, one project at a time!

All the best in discovering the leader in you!

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