

GMT Report for Cabinet meeting 4/21/14

Owing to the fact that this is the last Cabinet meeting for this year, it is also time to get our report card. Using LCIs stats, we started the year at 1861 members as of today we have 1782 members. We have added 120; however the sad part is we have dropped 205 for a net negative 85. In the mix we have also lost 2 clubs, Westbrook and Plainfield TC. Looking at the overall picture, in the last 10 years, the trend has been for a downward spiral. Over the last 10 years we have brought in 2642 new members, we have lost 2812 for a net loss of 350. Five years of the last ten years have been positive in growth, of those five years new clubs were started and one year had a new club but still remained a negative. The way I look at it, we are not only bleeding we are hemorrhaging members.

At a symposium on April 5th PDG Keith put forth some good ideas and brought to the forefront possible changes that could be made. Some of the attendees had their eyes opened as they were not on any cabinet but were Presidents and Membership chairs of their respective clubs. These are the people we have to reach in order to get them to work on their membership. Hopefully in the next 3 years we can change things around and get the District back to a positive in membership.

As far as the previous month is concerned, 47 of 53 clubs reported their MMRs. Along with this 12 clubs have not reported activity reports. It is unfortunate that the clubs that are not reporting will never change unless the secretaries are changed and or go to the training session to learn their responsibilities.

I would like to thank the Region, Zone and VDGs along with IPDG Jan for their help this year. We have had some successes and some failures. I am looking forward to being of any service to next year's Governor.

Respectfully Submitted:

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