



Torch of Excellence



Purpose: To encourage clubs to share their Energy and their Excellence! Excellency is a currency that needs to be invested.

Start date: The Official Torch of Excellence Program began on **January 1, 2010**.

The top winners in the Legacy of Excellence Drive were recognized during the Fall 2009 Conference. These top winners have been dubbed "Torch Bearers".

The initial Torch Bearers are as follows:

- Division L - Conroe Speaks
- Division M - Westhollow
- Division N - Talk of the Town
- Division O - DOT
- Division P - Pearland
- Division Q - Day Breakers

Guidelines for participation in the Torch of Excellence Program:

1. The Divisional Torch Bearers will take possession of their respective Divisional Torches. They may be acquired by contacting the Division Governor.
2. The Torch Bearer will contact the District PRO at publicrelations@toastmasters-d56.org to have their name added to the Hall of Excellence. This is a spot on our District web site listing all clubs that have possessed the Torch of Excellence.
3. The Torch Bearer will contact a nearby club in their Division that is dedicated to being Distinguished. The Torch Bearers will explain the program to the club and get a commitment from the club to be a Torch Bearer. A club wishing to participate can also contact the club bearing the torch and initiate the visit.
4. If the club agrees to the conditions listed in this document, the Torch Bearer will schedule a time to visit and give a MOTIVATIONAL message (manual speech) on:
 - a. Excellence
 - b. The DCP
 - c. The March of Excellence Drive
 - d. Building Membership (Talk up Toastmasters) (Dues Renewals)
 - e. The Leadership Summit - Celebrating the Messenger.
5. The initial Torch Bearer agrees to make this happen in the first two weeks of January.
6. Each recipient club will agree to turn the torch on one week.
7. The recipient club taking possession of the torch must repeat the process.
8. When a club releases control of the Torch, they will move in to second position on the Hall of Excellence. The club that currently has possession of the Torch will move into first position on the Hall of Excellence.
9. Each club that participates as a Torch Bearer will be in the March of Excellence in the opening ceremony in the Spring Conference.
10. The club that serves as Torch Bearer the most times in each Division will receive special recognition.
11. The Area that has the highest number of clubs that participated as Torch Bearer will receive special recognition.
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