

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL ORIGINAL 50 CHARTERED CLUBS

[Revised 10/04/2013]

The Charter Dates listed are according to those specific T.I. yearly records which are indicated between the 2 brackets: [and]. Those yearly records could also have been applicable before those dates, usually between those dates, and also after those dates. Club names sometimes change for the same club at different years, which are usually more than just for the known years shown.

Some original clubs are not listed because their information is not known to me. Club numbers of dormant clubs might have been reassigned to new clubs which are not listed because those club entities are not known to me. Some club numbers might have been reassigned more than once without any of the clubs' previous information being known. T.I. apparently has not been able to keep records on any past dormant clubs, nor some or all earlier history on current existing clubs, depending on the clubs.

Many of the club names also include "Toastmasters Club" or "Club" in their listed T.I. names, but those are usually not included in the names here for brevity and space.

(Refer to the resource information and notes at the end of the listing also.)

<u>Club No.</u>	<u>District No.</u>	<u>Various Charter Dates</u>	<u>Club Names</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>
#1	.	10/15/24 [possible discussion group to organize at next week's meeting; this date is shown in an information statement at the bottom on the first 13 club Charters.]			
		10/22/24 [1st official meeting]	SANTA ANA		Santa Ana, CA
		12/37	SMEDLEY CHAPTER NO. 1		
	F	3/33 [T.I. per 1970]	SMEDLEY NO. ONE		Santa Ana
	F	10/24 [1978 & 1989]	SMEDLEY NUMBER ONE		
#1	F	10/01/24 [2005 & 2010]	SMEDLEY CHAPTER ONE		Tustin, CA
		[5/2013]	SMEDLEY CHAPTER ONE		Irvine, CA
		[informally, "CLUB 1"]	<u>[It still has its Original Charter document.]</u>		
#2		1/19/26 [T.I. history]	ANAHEIM		Anaheim, CA
	1	[6/1941]			
	F	3/33 [1970]			
	F	01/26 [1978 & 1989]			
#2	F	1/01/26 [2005 & 2010]	ANAHEIM		Buena Park, CA
		[5/2013]			Anaheim, CA
#3		6/01/27 [established]	LOS ANGELES		Los Angeles, CA
	52	10/33 [1970]			
	52	06/27 [1978 & 1994]			
#3	52	6/01/27 [2005 & 2010]	LOS ANGELES		Burbank, CA
		[also known as LOS ANGELES 3 or LA3]			

#4	_____	_____	[Note: No #4 club is listed in the 1934 copy of the list of clubs in The Toastmaster.]	
#4	_____	_____	LAKE ARROWHEAD	Lake Arrowhead, CA
			<u>[dormant sometime before 1970];</u>	
<u>#4 reassigned to:</u>				
	44	8/73 [1978]	SPRING	Webb AFB, Big Spring, Texas
			<u>[dormant sometime before 1981];</u>	
<u>#4 reassigned again to:</u>				
#4	71	2/01/95 [2005 & 2010]	ENNISCORTHY	Enniscorthy, IRELAND
			[also known as Enniscorthy Toastmasters Speakers' Club]	
#5			SANTA BARBARA	Santa Barbara, CA
	1	[6/1941]		
	12	3/33 [1970]		
	33	[District 12 was combined into District 33 in 1965.]		
	33	03/29 [1978 & 1994]		
#5	33	03/01/29 [2005 & 2010]	SANTA BARBARA	Santa Barbara, CA
#6		9/01/29 chartered	PASADENA	Pasadena, CA
	1	[6/1941]		
	F	3/33 [1970]	<u>[It has a photo of its Charter document.]</u>	
	F	09/29 [1978 & 1982]	PASADENA	
	F	09/29 [1984 & 1994]	PHOENIX	Pasadena, CA
#6	F	9/01/29 [2005 & 2010]	PASADENA CLUB 6	Pasadena, CA
			[informally, "CLUB 6"]	
#7			SAN DIEGO	San Diego, CA
	1	[6/1941]		
	5	3/33 [1970]		
	5	04/30 [1978 & 1994]		
	5	4/01/30 [2005]	SAN DIEGO	San Diego, CA
		[2008 & 2010]	SAN DIEGO TOASTMASTERS 7	
#8		3/25/33 chartered	GLENDALE 1	Glendale, CA
	1	[6/1941]		
	52	3/33 [1970]		
	52	09/32 [1978 & 1994]		
#8	52	3/01/33 [2005 & 2010]	GLENDALE 1	Glendale, CA
#9		3/01/29	CORONADO	Coronado, CA
	5	[6/1941]		
	5	3/33 [1970 & 1975]	<u>[dormant by December, 1977]</u>	
<u>#9 reassigned to:</u>				
#9	F	06/78 [1989]	PROFESSIONAL SPEAKERS	Santa Ana, CA
	F	06/78 [1994]	PROFESSIONAL SPEAKERS	La Palma, CA
#9	F	6/01/78 [2005 & 2010]	PROFESSIONAL SPEAKERS	Anaheim
		[5/2013]	PROFESSIONAL TOASTMASTERS CLUB 9 Anaheim, CA	

#10 9/32 was the first regular meeting. Seattle, WA
 3/25/33 [#10's actual charter date] SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL
[It still has its Original Charter document.] Seattle
 ~ The first club chartered outside California ~
 2 [6/1941] SEATTLE NO. 1
 2 12/32 [1970] SEATTLE NO. ONE
 2 12/32 [1978 & 1989] SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL
 2 1/09/33 [T.I. History at a Glance]
 2 12/01/32 [2005] SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL Bellevue, WA
 #10 2 3/25/33 [2008 & 2010] SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL 10 Seattle, WA

#11 1925 [formed] THE GAVEL CLUB OF LONG BEACH Long Beach, CA
 51 3/25/33 [chartered] THE GAVEL TOASTMASTERS CLUB
 OF LONG BEACH
 1 [6/1941] GAVEL
 [1972 when 50 and 51 recombined into District 1]
 1 3/33 [1972 & 1994] GAVEL Long Beach, CA
 #11 1 3/01/33 [2005 & 2010] LONG BEACH GAVEL Signal Hill, CA
 [2011] Long Beach, CA
[It still has its Original Charter & a second one, signed by Ralph Smedley, a week apart.]

#12 POMONA Pomona, CA
 1 [6/1941]
 F 3/33 [1970 & 1978]
 F 03/33 [1994] POMONA VALLEY Pomona, CA
 [A new District 12 was created 7/01/89 from Divisions C & F of Founders District [F]
 #12 12 3/01/33 [2005 & 2010] POMONA VALLEY Claremont, CA

#13 2 9/25/33 [#13's actual charter date] TACOMA Tacoma, WA
 32 [District 32 was created from Area 6 of District 2 on 8/25/50.]
 32 9/33 [1970 & 1994]
 32 9/25/33 [2005] TACOMA Tacoma, WA
 [2007] TACOMA EVENING #13
 #13 32 9/25/33 [1/10/08] TACOMA MORNING #13
 [9/09/10] TACOMA 13 EARLY BIRDS Tacoma, WA
[#13 still has its Original Charter document.]
 [informally, "Tacoma 13" or "Club 13"]

#14 10/33 HUNTINGTON PARK NO. 1 Huntington Park, CA
 1 [6/1941]
 51 10/33 [1970] HUNTINGTON PARK
 1 [1972 when 50 and 51 recombined into District 1]
 1 10/33 [1978 & 1989] HUNTINGTON PARK - BELL
[It became dormant sometime later.]

#14 reassigned to:

#14 9 3/01/95 [2005 & 2010] SOUTHSIDERS AT UNITY Spokane, WA
 [5/2013] SOUTHSIDERS CLUB Spokane, WA

#15 [12/1934] SANTA ANA "EL CAMINO"
 1 [6/1941]
 #15 F 10/33 [1970 & 1975] SANTA ANA Santa Ana, CA
[By 1977 the club had changed its name and location:]
 F 10/33 [1978 & 1994] ORANGE COUNTY BRAILLE Anaheim, CA
 F 10/01/33 [2005] ORANGE COUNTY BRAILLE Anaheim, CA
[Sometime after 6/14/2007 the club became dormant. T.I. suspended it 9/30/2008.
Club #15 no longer exists per T.I. [3/2009]

#16 SAGUARO Tucson, AZ
 [6/1941] SAGUARO
 3 12/34 [1970 & 1978] DAVIS MONTHAN SAGUARO [see Club #32 also] Tucson, AZ
[2 clubs had combined.]
 3 12/34 [1994] SAGUARO NO. 16 Tucson, AZ
 #16 3 12/01/34 [2005 & 2010] SAGUARO Tucson, AZ
 [5/2013] SAGUARO TOASTMASTERS CLUB 16

#17 2/15/34 PIONEER Indianapolis, Indiana
 ~ The first club chartered in Indiana ~
 [6/1941]
 11 2/34 [1970 & 1994]
 #17 11 2/01/34 [2005 & 2010] PIONEER Indianapolis, Indiana

#18 1 [by 4/06/34] PROGRESSIVE TOASTMASTERS
 [Huntington Park No. 2 club] Huntington Park/Los Angeles, CA
 1 [6/1941] PROGRESSIVE
[The club disbanded after 1953.]

#18 reassigned [or previously also reassigned] to:
 #18 5 4/77 [1978] CLUB CALIOPE DE DAMAS Tijuana, Mexico
[It was dormant before 1984.]

#18 reassigned again, to:
 #18 27 6/01/94 [2005 & 11/2010] SAM FOX Andrews AFB, Maryland

#19 QUAKERTOWNE Whittier, CA
 1 [6/1941]
 F 5/34 [1970 & 1978]
 F 05/34 [1989] [It later became dormant:]
#19 reassigned to:
 #19 73 4/01/94 [2010] SYNERGY Adelaide, South Australia, AUSTRALIA

#20			MONTEBELLO	Montebello, CA
	1		[6/1941] MONTEBELLO	
	F	7/34	[1970, 1989]	
	F	7/34	[1994]	Norwalk, CA
#20	F	7/01/34	[2005 & 2010] MONTEBELLO REALTORS	Montebello, CA
		[5/2013]	MONTEBELLO COMMUNITY CLUB 20	Montebello, CA
#21			SANTA MONICA	Santa Monica, CA
	1		[6/1941]	
	50	9/34	[1970]	
	1		[Districts 50 and 51 recombined into District 1 in 1972.]	
	1	9/34	[1978 & 1994]	
	1	9/01/34	[2005] SANTA MONICA	Santa Monica, CA
#21	1	9/01/34	[2008 & 2010] SANTA MONICA CLUB 21	
			[informally, "CLUB 21"]	
#22			LA JOLLA	La Jolla, CA
	5	10/34	[1970 & 1972] <u>[It became dormant before 1973:]</u>	
			#22 reassigned to:	
#22	47	11/74	[1978 & 1982] PALM BEACH NOON	West Palm Beach, Florida
#22	47	11/74	[1984 & 1994] PALM BEACH NOON	Lake Worth, Florida
#22	47	11/01/74	[2005 & 2010] PALM BEACH NOON	Lake Worth, Florida
#23			SEATTLE	Seattle, WA
	2		[6/1941] SEATTLE NO. 2	
	2	11/34	[1970 & 1978] CHIEF SEATTLE	Seattle, WA
	2	11/34	[1981 & 1989] DOWNTOWN YMCA	Seattle, WA
	2	11/34	[1994] EXCEL-O-RATORS	Seattle, WA
#23	2	11/01/34	[2005 & 2010] EXCEL-O-RATORS ADVANCED	Seattle, WA
#24			VENTURA	Ventura, CA
	1		[6/1941]	
	12	11/34	[1970]	
	33		[District 12 was combined into District 33 in 1965.]	
	33	11/34	[1978 & 1994]	
#24	33	11/01/34	[2005 & 2010] VENTURA TOASTMASTERS	Ventura, CA
			[informally, "CLUB 24"]	
#25	2	[11/34]	OLYMPIA	Olympia, WA
			<u>[It became dormant sometime after 1942 and before 1949.]</u>	
			#25 reassigned to:	
	2	5/14/49	PORT ANGELES	Port Angeles, WA
	32		[In 2/53 the club was transferred from District 2 to District 32	
			after the club's 1/19/53 request.]	
	32	5/49	[1970] PORT ANGELES	
	32	5/49	[1978] SUNRISERS [when mtg. in a.m.]	Port Angeles, WA

#25	32	05/49 [1989]	PORT ANGELES	
#25	32	5/14/49 [2005 & 2010]	PORT ANGELES	Port Angeles, WA

#26	—	12/34	WALNUT PARK	Walnut Park, CA
	1		[6/1941]	

[It became dormant later.]

#26 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#26	70	07/71 [1972 & 1994]	YARRA VALLEY	Croydon, Victoria, AUSTRALIA
#26	73	07/01/71 [8/09]	CROYDON-YARRA VALLEY,	Croydon, Victoria, AUSTRALIA

#27	4	12/34 [1970 & 1978]	REDWOOD CITY	Redwood City, CA
#27	4	12/34 [1981 & 1994]	DONALD L. BOGIE CLUB	Redwood City, CA
#27	4	12/01/34 [2010]	DONALD L. BOGIE CLUB	Redwood City, CA

#28		founded 1933	ORLANDO	Orlando, Florida
		~ The oldest club East of the Rocky Mountains ~		
#28	47	5/48 [T.I. re-issued the charter then, using the current date]		
		[1970-1981]	ORLANDO	Orlando, Florida
#28	47	12/47 [1982]	ORLANDO	
#28	47	12/47 [1984-1994]	HOWARD RYBOLT	Orlando, Florida
#28	84	5/27/48 [2010]	ORLANDO	Orlando, Florida

#29	—	—	—	—
	1		[6/1941]	Glendale, CA

[It became dormant later.]

#29 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#29	52	5/69 [1970-1994]	JEWEL CITY	Glendale, CA
#29	52	5/01/69 [2009]	JEWEL CITY 29	Glendale, CA

#30	50	4/35 [1970]	WESTWOOD VILLAGE	Los Angeles, CA
	1		[6/1941]	
			[1972]	<u>[It became dormant in 1973.]</u>

#30 reassigned to:

#30	11	6/75 [1970-1994]	NORTHWEST	Indianapolis, Indiana
#30	11	6/01/75 [2010]	NORTHWEST	Indianapolis, Indiana

#31	4/02/35 chartered	PORTLAND	Portland, Oregon
		~ The first club chartered in Oregon ~	
#31	7	4/35 [1970-1994]	PORTLAND
#31	7	4/01/35 [2010]	PORTLAND

#32	—	[in 1955 Clubs]	EL TORO	Tucson, Arizona
		[by 9/1956]	DAVIS-MONTHAN	<i>Air Force Base, Arizona</i>
			<u>[It became dormant later.]....[See also Club #16 then]</u>	

#32 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#32 3 5/61 [1970-1978] KINGMAN

Kingman, Arizona

[It became dormant by 1981.]

#32 reassigned again [maybe previously also] to:

#32 79 6/05/03 [2010] SAUDICO

Riyadh, SAUDIA ARABIA

#33 4 [6/1941] PALO ALTO

Palo Alto, CA

#33 4 5/35 [1970-1994] LEE EMERSON BASSETT CLUB

Palo Alto, CA

#33 4 5/01/35 [2010] LEE EMERSON BASSETT CLUB

Palo Alto, CA

#34 1 [6/1941] ALHAMBRA

Alhambra, CA

#34 F 6/35 [1972] ALHAMBRA

Alhambra, CA

[It became dormant later.]

#34 reassigned to:

#34 27 4/77 [1978-1994] NASA

Washington, D.C.

#34 27 4/01/77 [2010] NASA

Washington, D.C.

#35 _____

[It became dormant later.]

#35 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#35 75 5/66 [1970 & 1994] CEBU

Cebu City, PHILIPPINES

#35 75 5/01/66 [2010] CEBU

Cebu City, PHILIPPINES

#36 _____

[It became dormant later.]

#36 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#36 64 3/68 [1970-1975] RED RIVER

Morris, MANITOBA,

[It became dormant later.]

CANADA

#36 reassigned again to:

#36 F 7/01/78 [1981 & 1994] THE ORATORS

Costa Mesa, CA

#36 F 7/01/78 [2010] THE ORATORS

Irvine, CA

#37 F 9/35 [1970-1994] FULLERTON

Fullerton, CA

[It became dormant later.]

[#37 might or might not have been reassigned. If so, it became dormant.]

Club #37 is not recognized at T.I. but don't know when that began. [8/09]

#38 2 10/24/35 "THE VICTORIA TOASTMASTERS CLUB" Victoria, B.C.,

~ The first club chartered outside the United States ~ Canada

[in the late 1940's] "TOASTMASTERS CLUB #38, FIRST CANADIAN"

21 [7/24/46 District 21 was created from District 2 with 5 clubs.]

21 4/22/54 (reissue) THE VICTORIA TOASTMASTERS CLUB (First Canadian)

21 10/35 [1970-1994+] FIRST CANADIAN Victoria, B.C., CANADA

#38 21 10/24/35 [7/01/2004+] FIRST CANADIAN, Victoria, B.C., CANADA

#39 — — — — —
 #39 — — — [6/1941] COLUMBUS Columbus, Ohio
[It became dormant later.]

#39 reassigned to:

#39 40 5/49 [1970 & 1978] COMMUNITY Lawrenceburg, Indiana
[It became dormant before 1981.]

[#39 might or might not have been reassigned. If so, it became dormant.]

Club #39 is not recognized at T.I. but don't know when that began. [8/09]

#40 — — — — —
 #40 — — — [6/1938] YAKIMA Yakima, WA
 #40 2 — — [6/1941] YAKIMA Yakima, WA
[It became dormant later.]

#40 reassigned to:

#40 33 3/49 [1970 & 1994] CHINOOK Yakima, WA
 #40 9 3/01/49 [2010] CHINOOK Yakima, WA

#41 2 — — [6/1941] SEATTLE NO. 3 Seattle, WA
 #41 2 12/35 [1970 & 1994] TOTEM Seattle, WA
 #41 2 12/01/1935 [2010] TOTEM Seattle, WA

#42 — — — [6/1941] INDIANAPOLIS Indianapolis, Indiana
 #42 11 12/35 [1970 & 1994] JESSE L. ARNOLD Indianapolis, Indiana
 #42 11 12/01/35 [2010] JIM HAZLETT Indianapolis, Indiana
 #42 11 — — [5/2013] HOOSIER Indianapolis, Indiana

#43 — — — — —
 #43 — 1 — — [6/1941] BEVERLY HILLS Los Angeles, CA
[It became dormant later.]

#43 reassigned to:

#43 F 5/70 [1970 & 1972] REAL ESTATE Santa Ana, CA
[It became dormant in 1973]

#43 reassigned to:

#43 56 6/74 [1975 & 1989] CLEAR LAKE Houston, Texas
 #43 56 6/74 [1094] CLEAR LAKE Webster, Texas
 #43 56 6/01/74 [2010] CLEAR LAKE Houston, Texas

#44 — — — — —
 #44 1 — — [6/1941] SOUTHWEST Los Angeles, CA
[It became dormant later.]

#44 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#44 TCBI 2/69 [1970] SHANNON Shannon Free Airport, IRELAND
 #44 71 2/69 [1978] SHANNON Shannon Free Airport, IRELAND
[It became dormant by 1981.]

#44 reassigned to:

#44 11 04/82 [1994] VICTORY LANE Indianapolis, Indiana
[It became dormant later.]

#44 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#44 3 5/01/2000 [2010] INNER CIRCLE Tempe, Arizona
Club #44 is not recognized by T.I., but don't know when that began. [5/2013]

#45 — — [It became dormant later.]

#45 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#45 TCBI 8/71 [1972] LEICESTERSHIRE SOUTH, Leicestershire,
[It became dormant by 1973.] ENGLAND (U.K.)

[#45 maybe was reassigned to a club which then became dormant.]

Club #45 is not recognized by T.I. but don't know when that began. [8/2009]

#46 [11/30/1940] BURLINGAME Burlingame, CA

#46 4 [6/1941] BURLINGAME Burlingame, CA

#46 — — [It became dormant later.]

#46 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#46 1 1/72 [1974 & 1994] TRANSAMERICA Los Angeles, CA
[It became dormant later.]

#46 reassigned to:

#46 83 5/28/03 [2010] DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH CLUB, Roseland, New Jersey

#47 — — — — —
#47 2 [6/1941] SPOKANE Spokane, WA
#47 2 [2/1946] SPOKANE Spokane, WA
[It became dormant later.]

#47 reassigned [maybe previously also] to:

#47 5 4/71 [1972 & 1986] CARLSBAD-OCEANSIDE
Oceanside, CA

#47 5 4/71 [1989 & 1994] CARLSBAD-OCEANSIDE,
Carlsbad-by-the-Sea, CA

#47 5 4/01/71 [2010] CARLSBAD-OCEANSIDE
Oceanside, CA

#48 52 1/36 [1970, 1994] KEYSTONE Los Angeles, CA
[It became dormant later.]

#48 reassigned to:

#48 58 6/01/98 [2009] SPEAKING OUT Spartanburg, South Carolina

#49 4 [6/1941] SALINAS Salinas, CA

#49 4 1/36 [1970 & 1973] FORTY-NINERS Salinas, CA

[It became dormant by 1974.]

#49 reassigned to:

#49 4 9/77 [1981 & 1994] GOLD BRICKERS Salinas, CA

#49 4 9/01/77 [2010] GOLD BRICKERS Moffett Field, CA

#49 4 [5/2013] SIERRA 49ers Sunnyvale, CA

#50	1	[6/1941]	ANGELES MESA	Los Angeles, CA
#50	50	2/36 [1970]	ANGELES MESA	Los Angeles, CA
			[It became dormant by 1973.]	

#50 reassigned to:

#50	9	7/75 [1977 & 1994]	APPLE VALLEY	Yakima, WA
#50	9	7/01/75 [2010]	APPLE VALLEY COMMUNICATORS	Yakima, Washington

T.I. 75th club milestone:

#75	6	[6/1941]	MINNEAPOLIS	Minneapolis, MN
#75	6	2/37 [1970 & 1994]	MINNEAPOLIS	Minneapolis, MN
#75		2/01/1937 [2010]	MINNEAPOLIS	Minneapolis, Minnesota

T.I. 100th club milestone:

#100	1	[6/1941]	CENTURY CLUB	Santa Ana, CA
#100	F	2/38 [1970 & 1977]	BUSINESS MENS	Santa Ana, CA
#100	F	2/38 [1981 & 1994]	CENTURY	Santa Ana, CA
#100	F	2/01/38 [2010]	CENTURY	Westminster, CA

PRIMARY SOURCES USED FOR REFERENCE:

"The Toastmaster " November, 1965, complete "In Memoriam" issue about Dr. Ralph C. Smedley.

T.I. printed Directories of 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1989 and 1994 [the final issue T.I. published]. (I did not have any other annual directories.) The directories were possibly all printed for distribution in December prior to the year shown, with information current near to the printing cutoff dates. [The clubs were listed by State, City, District & Club Number, with Club name, charter date, phone number contact, street and city location. The USA clubs were then followed by the clubs in the other countries, listed alphabetically].

T.I. individual club websites in April & June, 2005, November, 2010, and May, 2013, and October, 2013 [per "Find a Club" and Club Number inquiries]. I also accessed some of the clubs' specific individual web sites at times for additional information.

T.I. History at a Glance, April, 2005 website.

T.I. History of T.I.: Out of the Past, April, 2005 website.

Individual Club histories and other information by email and phone contact with some clubs in 2005 and 2009-2010.
Founders District History.

INFORMATIVE NOTES:

Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, DTM was born 2/22/1878 and died 9/11/1965 at age 87.

[Per "The Toastmaster," 11/1965, "In Memoriam" issue:]

"Ralph Smedley organized Toastmaster clubs wherever he went after 1903 while employed by the YMCA. He called the clubs "The Toastmasters Club"

because the activities resembled a banquet with toasts and after-dinner speakers. The clubs all became dormant after he left the areas, primarily because he wasn't there to maintain them. The Bloomington, Illinois club was organized 3/24/1905 and died when he went to Freeport. The Freeport, Illinois club was organized 3/27/1907 and lasted 4 years. The Rock Island, Illinois club was organized and later became dormant. The San Jose, CA club was formed 9/1919 and lasted 3 years. In the following years, he organized other Toastmasters clubs wherever he was transferred."

The date that T.I. has listed almost everywhere as being the date for the first meeting of Toastmasters is October 22, 1924 in Santa Ana, California (CA). An interesting statement at the bottom of the original Charter documents for Seattle #10, dated 3/25/33, and Tacoma #13, dated 9/25/33, and maybe some or all of the other beginning clubs states on each Charter: "The Toastmasters Club had its beginning in Santa Ana, California, where R. C. Smedley, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, organized the first club on October 15, 1924."

Each of the Charters are signed by the same T.I. President, Paul H. Demaree and Secretary, Jean Bordeaux, for #10 and #13 and have the Toastmasters International Incorporated 1932 California gold seal attached. They were prepared 9 years after the 1924 date. (On 10/25/06 the Manager of Publications and PR at T.I. replied to my question that T.I. [naturally] has no idea why those two Charters list the 10/15/24 date instead of the usual 10/22/24 date. They were prepared 9 years after the 1924 date.

(Possibly the 15th date could have been for a gathering to discuss the interest in forming a club, prior to the actual organizational meeting a week later.)

For this listing of the first 50 chartered Toastmasters International club numbers, most of those club dates were obtained from the above-listed T.I. source history information. After Toastmasters International was incorporated on 12/19/1932, many of those club "charter dates" were listed as 3/33 by T.I. and some as 12/01/32 by T.I., and some of those actual Charters were dated March 25, 1933.

Districts were created 7/06/1935, as the number of clubs had increased. Therefore, District numbers are not shown before then. The first District number was 1. The Founder's District F was established on 7/18/1944 by transfer of the Eastern Division of District 1. District 12 was combined into District 33 in 1965. A new District 12 was created 7/01/1989 from Divisions C & F of the Founders District F. Other District numbers were created, merged, or changed at different times as the need arose.

Some of the 2005 T.I. club website dates have a "defaulted" day of 01" when T.I. expanded the club charter dates from MM/YY to MM/DD/YY in their 2003 new computer software system. Their actual beginning dates were possibly any other day of the month instead of the 1st. When a club's actual Charter document date is known I encourage the club to advise T.I. by email to correct the "DD" 01-day to the actual day listed on their Charter document.

When an original club becomes dormant, then the subsequent original clubs "move up" one club number in terms of being the "xx" longest-active [oldest] chartered

Toastmasters club in the world. Although many clubs have very old histories, of course the important aspect for any club is how well the club is meeting its current members' needs and working toward T.I.'s club success factors.

I have thoroughly enjoyed preparing this expanded club listing information, beginning in 2005 and updating it now and then. The extensive research among my Toastmaster International hard-copy records has been fun. In 11/04 I shared my beginning listing of clubs 1-13. In early 2005 I then expanded the listing to include clubs 14-25. I also then included the variations in "charter" or beginning dates, District numbers, club name variations, locations, and any re-assigned dormant club numbers when applicable.

In August, 2009, I decided to expand the listing with clubs 26 through 50. I thoroughly enjoyed "discovering" that those original clubs were very old also, closely following the first 25 clubs. It was interesting to discover, first, that I had no records of many of the original clubs, and second, how many of the second 25 club numbers had been reassigned to newer clubs. Also, there probably were more reassignments of which I did not have the T.I. periodic annual directories to determine them. After the 1994 directory was published, one could only access club information individually online, so I have few records of clubs being reassigned during the years since 1994. The reassigned clubs may be surprised at which cities had the club numbers before them, as a club would normally never be aware of the number's prior club history(s). When a club was suspended after 2003, that club number was not reassigned and is no longer recognized on the T.I. website.

In 2008 the District 7 Historian in Portland, Oregon, and his history team began trying to obtain all copies of The Toastmaster magazine, from individuals and from the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. or any branch offices, when needed. That project has now been completed. Some of those earlier issues might list some of the earlier clubs' historical data that might not already be listed. There are still many years to be reviewed for the previously club listings of additional information.

Please advise me of any dormant club's prior missing information you might know or discover, such as exact date chartered, club name and city, and date it became dormant. Please also advise any incomplete or incorrect information on anything listed. Many clubs have had a continuous history from its beginning, and may be aware of certain changes that aren't included here. Please include any source information or reference when submitted if possible.

Each club is encouraged to share this listing with their club historian and membership, district historian, District officers, and with any Toastmaster who may be interested. I recommend you save this listing as an on-line file record and/or a printed copy for future reference. Make copies as desired. If you later want any updated version of the listing, contact me and I will send it to you as a new attachment.

This listing has not been reviewed by Toastmasters International and is therefore not sanctioned by them, but is completely based on printed and recent on-line records of Toastmasters International and these particular chartered clubs. I sent a copy of my earlier clubs listing to T.I. in 2004, but their email acknowledgement reply indicated they had not reviewed nor kept my attached copy. Maybe they were not interested in any document with which they were not involved in compiling and therefore not verifying. This listing in no way replaces the official information of Toastmasters International. I have carefully taken their information and compiled it into brief individual club history data for Toastmasters to review for their information, to gain a greater sense of Toastmasters global community, and to enjoy.

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