

LGM Report by George Volz

The challenge this year was to break even on clubs. Several clubs had faded away last year and were still listed as active. Counting those clubs from last year, this year we have lost five clubs and possibly a sixth club. The good news is that we have chartered four clubs and have 3 clubs in the chartering pipeline. Currently we are ahead of our goal of 64 clubs by one. The Region IV website lists District 24 as not chartered more than 5 clubs in a single year for the last five years—the three clubs in the pipeline will take us to seven. In addition to these three clubs, we have another two clubs that may charter this year or at least during the first months of next year. In addition to these clubs, we have a lot of strong possibilities located. Next year should be an even stronger year for club building.

Low member clubs is still a challenge. Every division has many clubs with fewer than twenty members. The most recent report shows that Div A has 7, Division C has 14, Division D has 5 and Division E has 16. Clubs with twelve and under number 17 and again exist in all of the divisions. We have made a huge gain in overall membership (2526 versus a goal of 2401), but over half of our clubs lost membership over the year. Our challenge for next year will to be to continue to strengthen our clubs.

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