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Programme Quality Director

My, doesn't time fly! Only six months to go in the Toastmasters' year!

At the District level we are rather excited to see our new District 112 official website go live, and we hope that you will be just as enthused! Over the last six months we have been relying to a large extent on the services of the District 72 website, however we can now commence to 'stand on our own two feet'. We will be working to have the website as an information site for intending members and also a resource for existing members. There is still work to do adding content that will assist clubs to attract and retain members and keep existing members informed.

The site may be found here: <https://D112tm.org.nz>

By all means please have a look and provide feedback! The site is a resource for you!

The next six months is going to be a busy one with lots happening. Clubs will be thinking about their succession planning and looking at potential club officers from within their club member ranks. If you have members that are interested in a Club Officer position in the coming year perhaps they may like to attend a February Club Leadership Training session and see what it's all about?

Divisions and Areas will have their contest plans well advanced and will be looking for clubs to advise them as to who the contestants are that they will be putting forward for the respective contests. They will also be looking for Judges! Have you tried your hand at judging? Have a read through the Toastmasters International Rulebook whether you are new to judging or an old hand. The rules are revised every year so all of us need to be aware of the rules and changes that come along.

The current version of the Rulebook may be downloaded from here;

<https://www.toastmasters.org/Resources/Speech-Contest-Rulebook>

It's heartening to see that the number of clubs who have registered Pathways Level 1 awards (and above) is increasing all the time, however a year after taking on Pathways when all new members will be using Pathways as their educational foundation, there are still a number of clubs that have not registered a Level 1 Pathways completion. If you have challenges in this area then please do keep in contact with your Area Director. They are a resource that can either directly assist or alternately seek advice from their District support structure as to how best to assist.

Were you aware that Toastmasters International has released an update to the Navigator?

The online tool is a product of the Summit Team who in a recent Leader Letter said the following;

"We're pleased to announce a newly created team in response to the wealth of feedback received about Pathways. Made up of World Headquarters employees, the Summit Team's primary focus is enhancing the Pathways user experience and learning journey. The team has been busy gathering feedback through member surveys, social media, emails, phone calls and more, and is committed to implementing continuous positive changes. We've heard you and continue to hear you. And while larger issues will take time to tackle, you should see small updates being released every few months."

You can find the revised tool here: <https://www.toastmasters.org/the-navigator>

Please share the link, especially with your new members.

Look forward to a great year on your Toastmasters journey!

Best regards

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