



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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For more details check out  
<https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/>

#### Club Officer Training

Round 2 club officer training will commence in November. Dates are available from your Area/Division Director and the District calendar  
<https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/>

### District Director's Message

We have lots of material for you in this Newsletter, however, to keep the Newsletter itself to a reasonable length, some of the material is available through links.

What a marvellous awards dinner we enjoyed recently at the Waipuna Conference Centre! The District is expecting this to be an annual event. Thanks to everyone who could make it along!

The early-bird registration for the Napier Conference (1-3 May 2020) will be unavailable soon, so please get your registration completed as soon as possible. There is a registration form available on the Conference website <https://conference.d112tm.org.nz/>

Club Officer Training Round 2 - Toastmasters International has brought this training forward by one month, so we will see some Divisions offering training in November. We would love to see all seven club officers from each club attend this training round and will have incentives for those clubs that do. You will learn something!

Our regular Pathways sessions aimed at new members are well underway and we would like to see clubs make use of the presentations being offered. More information is available further on in this Newsletter. Our adoption rate for new members is still rather low which means that new members may not be getting the material they have paid for and are entitled to. Every club has a part to play here. All clubs need to be assigning mentors to their new members and mentors need to check that their protégés are engaging with the education system.

*Director's tip:* How do you go about learning your speech? Attempt to memorise it or learn by rote? One of the best tips I have come across is, if you like to write your speech out in full, is to read it around twenty times. You may not deliver exactly what you have written, but it will be very close. If you have certain words or sentence structures you wish to use in your open or close, then by all means give them a little more attention.

Toastmasters is a journey – have fun with it!

Have something you wish to discuss? I may be contacted as follows.

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## Program Quality Director

Following a successful busy first quarter, we are now looking forward to our Area Contests and Second Round of Club Officer Training.

### AREA AND DIVISION CONTESTS

Below are the dates of the Area and Division Contests that are being held in November. Please take the opportunity to attend a few of these contests – support your club members competing and hear speakers you may never have heard speak before. Picking up tips from other speakers is an excellent way to enhance your own speaking skills. It is also a great way to pick up ideas for your own future speeches.

For location and times, refer to our District Calendar. <https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/>

DATE	CONTESTS	AREAS / DIVISIONS
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contests	R3
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Evaluation and Table Topics Contests	M and N
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Evaluation & Table Topics Contests	L2, Q1 & Q2
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Evaluation & Table Topics Contests	K3

Just a reminder that when more than one Contest is held at an event, **each Contest needs to be completed in its entirety** before the next Contest commences. That means the place winners need to be announced **prior** to the start of the next Contest.

### ONE OF THE CHANGES TO THE SPEECH CONTEST RULEBOOK

Please note Rule 5.A.2 under General Procedures on page 9 of the rulebook has reverted to the old ruling. **This change has been made subsequent to Round One Club Officer Training.** When referring to the Speech Contest Rulebook 2019/2020, please ensure you are using a recently downloaded Version 8/2019. This rule pertains to the number of required judges at Area Level and it states:

“At area contests, there must be an equal number of voting judges from each club in the area, **or** a minimum of five voting judges. In addition to these voting judges, a contest chair, chief judge, tiebreaking judge, two counters, and two timers must be appointed.” 8/2019

### CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

A big thank you to the Division Directors and presenters for their dedication, and time given, to holding fourteen Round One Club Officer Training sessions and two Corporate Focused Leadership Training sessions. Congratulations to the 36 Clubs that had six or seven Club Officers attend training – to find out who these clubs are and the statistics of Club Officer Training attendance per Division, read the September [Program Quality Director's Report](#).

**Round Two of Club Officer Training** commences in **November**. We are still awaiting confirmation of all dates, but the dates for November and December arranged so far are **22<sup>nd</sup> November**, hosted by Division P, **6<sup>th</sup> December**, also hosted by Division P, **14<sup>th</sup> December**, hosted by Division Q.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Division Directors if you want to know the dates of the Club Officer Training dates nearest to you.

### DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTERS AWARDS

Congratulations to Aaron George, Elmar Nel, James Hippolite, Neela Lumanglas, Pat Debney, Rowena Foster and Wendy Booth for having attained their Distinguished Toastmasters award since our last newsletter. Your hard work and commitment put into attaining this award is much appreciated.

### TRIPLE CROWN AWARDS

Congratulations to **Helen Hunt** for completing her Advanced Leader Bronze, Advanced Leader Silver & Advanced Communicator Gold, thereby qualifying for a **Triple Crown Award**. Congratulations also to Jilnaught Wong for receiving the award and to Peter McCutcheon and John DeLio who also qualified for this award in the previous Toastmasters Year.

## PATHWAYS

It gives me great pleasure to advise that our Pathways team is growing! **Ross Kennedy** has joined **Kingsley Moody** as joint **Pathways Chair** and Mike Diggins has kindly agreed to assist with the training of our Division and Area Pathways Ambassadors as well.

Between now and December, we are running a few Zoom Pathways sessions weekly to assist new members in choosing their Path and becoming comfortable with the Pathways Learning Experience. We encourage club officers to invite both new and current members (particularly those who have not yet started Pathways) to attend these sessions. The link for this is <https://zoom.us/j/4210599897>. This is likely to continue into next year with a larger team of ambassadors.

Please encourage members to keep an eye on our District Calendar or Facebook Events page for any changes or additions. <https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/> <https://www.facebook.com/events/368919410458644/>

Days and Times of Pathways Zoom Sessions		Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/4210599897">https://zoom.us/j/4210599897</a> .
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Ambassador / Chair</b>
Monday evenings	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Georgie Templeton
Monday lunchtime	12:00 pm – 13:00 pm	Nicola Worsnop
Tuesday mornings	8:30 am – 9:30 pm	Kingsley Moody
Wednesday mornings	6:30 am – 7:30 am	Neil Stichbury
Thursday evenings	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Ross Kennedy
Friday evenings	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Sharon Kerr-Phillips
Saturday mornings	9:00 am – 10:00 am	Mike Diggins

We encourage all members to at least complete their **Level 1** by the end of **this Toastmasters Year** even if they are working in the **Traditional Program**. Clubs really need the depth of knowledge and skills of our experienced Toastmasters to enable members to gain optimum benefit from the projects they are completing in Pathways. (See our District Incentives below).

Just a reminder that you now have access to **all projects at all levels** within your Path. This means that you may choose to complete the project that suits you best at the time. In order to gain credit for your level you will still need to complete the required projects per level, but you may choose in which order you complete your projects.

Please remember that when you complete a Level in Pathways, this needs to be signed off **both** in Pathways Base Camp **and** registered as an award in Club Central on the Toastmasters International website. If you are a member of more than one club, remember to advise your Base Camp Manager if you intend to give your award to one of your other clubs. Base Camp Managers, please also be mindful of this possibility when registering dual member awards.

In case you missed the letter from Toastmasters International, the YouTube video outlining the recently updated onboarding process for new members is on our District website. (<https://d112tm.org.nz/>)

Base Camp Managers are now able to see how many members are working in or have completed each project within a level. To see which members are in each project, simply select "View Details." Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about this.

Congratulations to our members who have completed and registered Paths since our last newsletter: **Joyce van der Lely (Innovative Planning)** and **Elizabeth Viljoen (Effective Coaching)**.

## PATHWAYS ADOPTION RATES

**Division P** 78%, **Division L & O** 77%, **Division R** 73.5%, **Division K** 71.6%, **Division N** 70.4%, **Division M** 65.5%, **Division Q** 65%.

## FINAL DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADITIONAL PROGRAM AWARDS

Please remember that we have until the **30<sup>th</sup> of June 2020** to register **Traditional program education awards**. If a club coach is successful in leading the club to be Distinguished by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2020, this will count as both a Club Coach and a District role credit. As our CGD has advised, we have many Club Coach, Club Mentor and Club Sponsor

opportunities available, should any member want to complete their Traditional program Distinguished Toastmasters award. Please contact us should you be interested.

## EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

We are pleased to advise we are running educational workshops on a regular basis. Please keep your eye on the District 112 website calendar so that you do not miss out. <https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/>  
Please contact me should you identify any areas you think we may be missing out in terms of workshops.

## DISTRICT INCENTIVES

You have a **week left** to qualify for our Club Success Plan incentive:

- Clubs who have -
  - completed their **Club Success Plan** as per the Club Officer Training workbook;
  - had their **plan signed** by all Club Officers; and
  - **handed in** their Club Success Plan to their Area or Division Director or member of the Trio by **30th November 2019** (please note this date has been extended)  
will receive a credit towards a flag, billboard, Toastmaster tablecloth or Toastmasters International store credit.
- Clubs will receive a \$30 Toastmasters International shop credit, or credit towards a flag, or other approved item of their choice, where they have -
  - **100% of members** who have been a member for more than two months, are enrolled in Pathways and have completed their Ice Breaker by **December 2019**;
  - **100% of members** who have been a member for more than two months, are enrolled in Pathways and completed their Ice Breaker by **May 2020**;
  - **75% of members**, who have been a member for more than four months and have completed their **Level 1** by **30 June 2020**
- **members** who complete their **Level One within four months** of joining Toastmasters will be recognised.
- Clubs who had five, six or seven club officers attend **Round One of training** and who have five or more club officers attend **Round Two of training** will go into a draw to win one of three **complete sets of club officer pins**.

## NAPIER CONFERENCE

A District Conference is an **excellent networking opportunity** with Toastmasters throughout the District. It is a great way to **enhance your own skills** by observing the performance of our best. We have **brilliant keynote speakers** lined up and **creative workshops** that will be extremely useful in completing those interesting Pathways projects, such as **Blogging** or **Creating Podcasts**.

Don't miss the opportunity to attend **our District Conference at the Napier Conference Centre in Hawkes Bay** from the **1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2020**. Consider making this a weekend away with your fellow club members, it would be an amazing growth opportunity for your club. Visit the District Conference Focus 2020 website to find out more:  
<https://conference.d112tm.org.nz/>

**Early bird registrations** have been extended. Keep your eye on the conference website for a list of suitable accommodation options.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time should you have any questions regarding Pathways, Contests, Workshops or any other educational related matter.

Warm Regards

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## Club Growth Director

The first quarter highlighted some interesting stats in relation to growing clubs in our district. D112 has a total of 164 active clubs to date. We also have a few clubs in various stages of formation which is encouraging.

As well as clubs in formation and clubs that need a helping hand to once again achieve charter strength, we also have a list of enquiries from corporate organisations wanting to establish Toastmasters programs within their companies. Our task right now is to find the resources to help set up these programs. We need **Club Mentors** and **Club Sponsors**. If you can assist, please let me know. You can either call me on my mobile 0275 854 084, or email me to [d112growth@toastmasters.org.nz](mailto:d112growth@toastmasters.org.nz).

This year, Toastmasters International is offering to acknowledge a Club Coach role as a District role. For those of you who have not served as a District Officer or Club Coach and need to do so in order to complete the requirements of a Distinguished Toastmasters award in the traditional Toastmasters Program before it disappears on 30 June 2020, here is your golden opportunity. The only proviso is for the club you coach to achieve Distinguished status by 30 June 2020. Needless to say, you will gain invaluable leadership experience from helping new clubs to charter or adding back strength to those clubs that need it. Please get in touch if you can help.

The recent round of semi-annuals has created new opportunities – we now have 61 clubs that qualify to have a Club Coach appointed. Some clubs have matters in hand, while others are in need of Toastmasters who are ready, willing and available to help. As a reminder, coached clubs need to reach Distinguished status by attaining a minimum of five goals and meeting the membership requirement of either having five additional members (above base), or 20+ members by 30 June 2020.

We are currently running Club Coach group discussion sessions, chaired by Murray Coutts. If you would like to join this group, please contact Murray on [d112admin@toastmasters.org.nz](mailto:d112admin@toastmasters.org.nz). We are also looking at a support program to assist clubs that do not have coaches.

A Club Mentor / Club Sponsor group is also being set up. If you would like to join this group please contact Marlene Krone, who is chairing this group, on [marlene.krone@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marlene.krone@xtra.co.nz). The above groups hold regular group discussion sessions by Zoom and include educationals and sharing of ideas and tips.

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## Public Relations Manager

### District 112 Awards Dinner

What a great night we had on 28 September!

We look forward to this being an annual event. A huge thanks to Murray Coutts for organising this wonderful event at Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre. For a full list of awards, distinguished clubs, Distinguished Toastmasters and Triple Crown Awards click [here](#).



*Awards Dinner Photo*

### We Ran The Red, now we are the Guinness World Record Holders!

We achieved the Guinness World Record Speech Marathon in 127 hours 31 minutes and 43 seconds, between 11am Easter Sunday continuously to Friday evening. Congratulations to all who took part in this magnificent event. We had 25 independent witnesses covering the four-hour shifts, and 171 Toastmasters gave 381 speeches all over 7 minutes and some over an hour. We had an audience throughout and no more than 30 seconds between speakers. The confidence that Toastmasters gained was on show throughout the event. A larger print of the certificate can be viewed [here](#).



*Guinness World Record Certificate and the Run the Red team*

The following people received awards for their significant contribution towards the Run the Red speech marathon:

Jonathan McDonald – 307 minutes 30 seconds – 14 speeches

Kylee Maloney – 211 minutes 08 seconds – 8 speeches

Kevin Prohl – 211 minutes 08 seconds – 4 speeches

Neil Stichbury – 195 minutes 14 seconds – 5 speeches

Aroha Heene – 178 minutes 09 seconds – 7 speeches

Shaun Reilly – 172 minutes 52 seconds – 9 speeches



*Jonathan McDonald and Aroha Heene with Kees Broos Region Advisor Region 14*

Congratulations to all those who participated, you will be listed in the Guinness World Record.

Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre was presented with a copy of the Guinness award and thanked for their support in hosting the event.

### Pathways Tip/Update

All Paths and projects are now unlocked when you start a Path. It is still recommended that you do the Paths in order, however, if you have a reason to look ahead or do a later project you can now do this.

Templates to track member progress in Pathways for the full club are available [here](#) and individual progress [here](#).

### Region Advisor Coral McVean Visit in mid-November

Keep an eye out for **an opportunity to hear from Coral** when she comes to Auckland in mid-November. Our Region Advisor, Coral McVean, is responsible for Region 12 which includes Districts 17, 69, 70 72, 73, 87, 90 and 112. As well as visiting a few of our corporate and community clubs, her visit will include an **evening** event on **Friday 15 November** to hear from, and be inspired by, Coral.

### Palmerston North Toastmasters turns 50

Palmerston North Toastmasters is celebrating 50 years on 2 November 2019 at 6.30 pm, Capers Café, 281 Broadway Avenue Palmerston North. Please get in touch with the club if you would like to attend.



**Congratulations Palmerston North Toastmasters, all the best for your celebration dinner**

## District Website

For more information about Pathways and what clubs are near you, please keep an eye on our District website [www.d112tm.org.nz](http://www.d112tm.org.nz). Information on Speechcraft courses, Pathways events and Club Officer Training are under events in the calendar on our website ([www.d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/](http://www.d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/)).

## District Facebook Page

Make sure you like our **District 112 Toastmasters in New Zealand** Facebook page to keep up with the awesome events and celebrations happening during the year. Please let us know if you are having events or news you would like to share on the District page. <https://www.facebook.com/d112toastmastersnz/>

## Club Branding

An email went out recently to clubs regarding an offer to update or provide a supplementary club banner. An order form was attached to the email. The banners proposed are of the pull-up style which roll down into an aluminium case, with a folding support pole supplied. These banners are intended for indoor display only. They are also not intended for ribbon attachment. Please avoid attaching ribbons to current branded club banners as well. Toastmasters International have requested that only the current branding be displayed at meetings, unobstructed, and that the old logo not be displayed. To obtain your supplementary club banner please ensure your club returns the [form](#) to [D112Survey@toastmasters.org.nz](mailto:D112Survey@toastmasters.org.nz) before 8<sup>th</sup> November.

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