

Programme Quality Director District 112 Report Sharon Kerr-Phillips, DTM – February 2020

Mobile: 021 059 9897

d112program@toastmasters.org.nz

**Greetings District Team** 

### SENIOR DISTRICT OFFICER MID YEAR TRAINING

The Senior District Officer Training we attended in Vietnam was outstanding. It is an absolute treat incorporating aspects learned at this training into our District Officer training on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of March. A bonus was meeting our peers from other Districts, hearing what was working well in their Districts and working out how some of these ideas could be implemented in District 112.

# **NAPIER CONFERENCE**

Have you registered yet? If not, take the plunge and register for our **Focus 2020 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 today. <a href="https://conference.d112tm.org.nz/">https://conference.d112tm.org.nz/</a>
Don't miss out! Napier is a beautiful city, with some excellent restaurants and a wide range of accommodation options. <a href="https://conference.d112tm.org.nz/about/">https://conference.d112tm.org.nz/about/</a>.

The conference will be opened by the Mayor of Napier, Kirsten Wise. Come and be inspired by our keynote speakers. Hear our International Director from Region 12, David Templeman, share the depth of his leadership experience and International keynote speaker and fellow Toastmaster Lauren Parsons share her journey, learnings and the story behind her 2018 TED Talk at TEDxOneonta in New York State. Take part in interesting workshops, Sabine Parry will be delivering a workshop on the Power and Influence of Emotional Intelligence, Dave Dunlay who has been at the forefront of new media in new Zealand will share his depth of experience in creating effective Podcasts and Peter Donoghue will take us on a journey to develop our own personal brand image. There will also be a unique communication and team building interactive event for all 250 conference delegates.

Come join us for three days of **challenging contests**, **wonderful workshops**, **spectacular speakers** and **marvellous minglings**. Encourage clubs to consider making this a weekend away with members. It will be an amazing growth opportunity for clubs.

## **CLUB OFFICER TRAINING**

It was great that some of our Divisions started **Club Officer Training in November.** We have received excellent feedback regarding the content of the training sessions and the workbooks. A big thank you to Alun Chisholm for rewriting the club officer role section of the workbook.

Congratulations to the clubs who have had 5, 6 or 7 club officers attend COT thus far:

Number	Name Club
5 Club Officers	Auckland Advanced TM Club, CHB Toastmasters Club, Dawn Shakers, Elim Toastmasters, First Light Club, Hamilton Club, Harrison Road, Henderson-Waitakere Toastmasters, Howick Toastmasters Club, Kings Speech, Lake City Breakfast Club, Long Bay Toastmasters, Manukau Toastmasters Club, MITe Speakers Club, North Shore Club, Orakei Toastmasters Club, PN Advanced, Pukekura Toastmasters Club, Rotorua Toastmasters Club, Sunnynook Toastmasters, Talking Heads Club, Te Papa Communicators, Three Kings Club, Toastmasters at Kristin, West Harbour Toastmasters
6 Club officers	Ellerslie Sunrise Toastmasters, First Impressions Club, Geyser Gourmet Club, Maungakiekie Club, Papakura Toastmasters Club, Stratford Toastmasters, Varsity Club
7 Club Officers	Rosedale Toastmasters, Silver Service Toastmasters, Watch This Space, TVNZ Toastmasters, Pacific Toastmasters Club

The cut off dates for the **COT** is the **29**<sup>th</sup> **of February**. From the data captured so far:

Division:	COT Attendance: 4 or more executive members	Percentage (rounded):
Division K	9 out of 21 clubs	43%
Division L	9 out of 21 clubs	43%
Division M	9 out of 24 clubs	38%
Division N	8 out of 24 clubs	33%
Division O	20 out of 26 clubs	77%
Division P	14 out of 21 clubs	67%
Division Q	7 out of 21 clubs	33%
Division R	6 out of 16 clubs	38%

An **additional CLT** with a corporate focus will be held in the Auckland CBD between 25<sup>th</sup> February and 29th of February. Details to be sent out to Club Officers on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. All club officers are welcome to attend.

While there has been a degree of co-operation between Divisions this year, it would be great if the Auckland based Divisions could work even more close together in the next few months and into the next Toastmasters Year.

This year there has been a lot of pressure for Division Directors to find venues that are not cancelled at the last moment. A suggestion would be for District to arrange the COT and venues in April, to reduce this pressure.

It can be disheartening for club officers when COT locations are changed at the last moment, through no fault of the Division Directors concerned.

In addition, it has taken a very long time for some Division Directors to be able to source a suitable venue and date. This resulted in the District COT flyer going out late in both COT rounds. This caused some clubs to become frustrated that their COT attendance could not be planned sufficiently in advance.

### **AREA CONTESTS**

This year some of the contests are being heatedly contested. We are looking forward to a high calibre of speeches at the Division Conferences. Take the opportunity to hear your Club winners at the upcoming Area Contests:

DATE	CONTESTS	AREA
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Humorous Speech & International Contests	K3
27th February	Humorous Speech & International Contests	K4
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Evaluation & International Speech Contests	R3
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Evaluation, International Speech, Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contests	L1 R1
	Humorous Speech & International Speech Contests	M1 and M3
	Evaluation & Table Topics Contests	01, 02, 03, 04, 05
	International Speech Contest	P3, P4, P5
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Humorous Speech & International Speech Contest	N2
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Humorous & International Speech Contests	O1, O2, O3, O4 O5, N1, M2, M4, M5
	Humorous Speech Contest	P3, P4, P5
	Evaluation Contest & International Speech Contest	K1, K2
	Humorous & International Speech Contest	Q1, Q2
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> March	Contests Q3 and Q4	

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

Some clubs have found the change from two District Conferences per Toastmasters Year to one District Conference, and the lack of structure that created, challenging. This has suited some clubs, who have found holding four contests in one go worked well for them. Other clubs seem to have found that without the structure of set contest timeframes, all four contests ended up being held at once and it was too much. This has, in some instances caused clubs to dislike contests, as there is too much pressure. This has been exacerbated by many Area Contests being held on the same dates, which in some instances, has made finding judges challenging. We would like to address this going forward and bring more structure to the Area Contests and provide more support. This will hopefully enable clubs to rediscover the numerous benefits and opportunities a variety of contests offer.

#### **DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTERS AWARDS**

Congratulations to **Rae Clarke** and **Samantha Jung-Fielding** for achieving the Distinguished Toastmasters Award since the last PQD report. The hard work and commitment put into attaining this award is much appreciated.

#### TRIPLE CROWN AWARDS

Please refer to the last PQD report for the current District 112 Triple Crown award criteria. Some of clubs have questioned the rationale for these criteria. A motion is being put forward to amend the criteria to reflect what is shown in the Triple Crown report on the Toastmasters International website. If you feel strongly about this, please make your voice heard by voting at the Focus 2020 Conference in Napier, or, if you are not attending the conference, by making sure someone is carrying your proxy vote.

Congratulations to Allister Laurent, Annabel Valdez-Chiong, Alun Chisholm, Carol Johnson, Christine Alcott, Elizabeth Viljoen, Genevieve Taka, Helen Hunt, James Hippolite, Lauren Parsons, Margaret Janes, Natasha Turnbull, Nicola MacKenzie, Patricia Heydon, Rae Clark, Samantha Jung-Fielding, Stephen Lindsay, Wendy Booth, Wendy Wickliffe for attaining their Triple Crown award this year. A further four members qualified but have chosen on the Toastmasters International website for their membership number to show and not their name, and we respect their privacy.

## **PATHWAYS**

As we found we did not have many attendees at the Pathways Zoom sessions, we have sent out a survey to best determine our members' needs. Once we have received our members responses, we will run more targeted and focused Zoom sessions. The dates of these will be advised on the District 112 calendar.

We congratulate **Christine Alcott** for having completed her **Visionary Communication Path** since the last PQD report.

Congratulations to **Divisions K** and **P** for being in the lead for all three Pathways Adoption categories!

PATHWAYS ADOPTION RATES AS AT 23RD FEBRUARY 2020				
Division	Total New Member	Club Officer	New Member	
K	83.00%	94.00%	68.00%	
L	<mark>81.04%</mark>	93.65%	49.18%	
М	72.19%	88.24%	58.82%	
N	<mark>79.00%</mark>	89.00%	58.00%	
0	78.67%	89.41%	55.86%	
Р	83.00%	<mark>92.00%</mark>	71.00%	
Q	69.16%	83.06%	50.00%	
R	78.00%	89.00%	48.00%	

#### AREA DIRECTOR CLUB VISITS

A big thank you to our Area Directors who have already completed and submitted their second round club visit reports. We look forward to receiving the remaining reports soon. The earlier the reports are submitted, the more time we, as a District, have time to provide support to clubs where needed.

### **EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS**

After the District budget has been presented at the District Executive Council Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of March, should there be enough funds left over, we will be running regular workshops. Please contact us to advise which workshops you consider relevant. Please keep your eye on the District 112 website calendar mid-March and bring any workshops advertised to the attention of our members. <a href="https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/">https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/</a>.

## **DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM (DCP)**

There are a few months left to the end of the Toastmasters Year, please encourage members to complete their traditional program awards before the 30<sup>th</sup> of June – the last date to register traditional program awards.

Below is an indication of DCP goals achieved by clubs to date. Let's aim to have all clubs achieve a minimum of 5 goals. By having that as a goal, we are more likely to encourage members to reach their full potential.

DCP GOALS ACHIEVED TO DATE			
Number of Goals	Number of Clubs		
0	6		
1	31		
2	33		
3	28		
4	22		
5	19		
6	7		
7	10		
8	12		
9	5		
10	1		

### **DISTRICT INCENTIVES**

Please refer to the previous PQD report to view our District incentives. Keep an eye out for the March / April District newsletter to find out which clubs have qualified thus far.

## **WELL DONE!**

Congratulations to the **top ten** clubs in District 112 obtaining the highest education awards to membership base ratio so far this year. View these clubs at the bottom of the page from this report: <a href="http://reports2.toastmasters.org/">http://reports2.toastmasters.org/</a>

CLUB NAME	# AWARDS	MEMBERSHIP BASE	RATIO
Kawerau Toastmasters	17	8	2.125
Orewa Lunchtime Toastmasters Club	10	8	1.25
One Hour Club	13	11	1.182
Pioneers Toastmasters Club	15	16	0.938
Wired For Sound Toastmasters Club	8	9	0.889
Dinsdale Club	24	30	8.0
Hokianga Toastmasters	6	8	0.75
MITe Speakers Club	16	22	0.727
Pukekura Toastmasters Club	13	18	0.722
Ngamotu Breakfast Toastmasters Club	18	25	0.72

All the best for the next few months, let's all reach for the stars.