



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

District 112 News and Events

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Napier 1-3 May 2020

Division Conferences

Division N	21 March 2020
Division Q	21 March 2020
Division R	21 March 2020
Division K	28 March 2020
Division O	28 March 2020
Division P	28 March 2020
Division L	4 April 2020
Division M	4 April 2020

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

Club Officer Training

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

District Director's Message

Greetings fellow members

In this Newsletter I would like to touch on coronavirus, succession planning, aspects of some of the educational material that Toastmasters International provides, and a quick word about contests.

Coronavirus

Some clubs are asking what is their best practise with respect to a possible increase in the number of cases in New Zealand.

In our clubs there may be members that are reluctant to shake hands, want to see sanitisers available, and perhaps are even reluctant to attend meetings. What is best to do?

The following are District suggestions for clubs:

- Examine how meetings can be held with virtual attendees. As a District we use Zoom for virtual meetings. Clubs may wish to practise its use.

- Any member showing cold or flu-like symptoms should not be attending meetings.

- Some clubs have decided to invoke a policy of handshake change replacing it with, for instance, a close meeting of clenched fists (not as bad as it sounds!) or even the 'wing' shake (elbows).

- Make alcohol-based sanitiser or wipes available at meetings.

- We would not suggest attending meetings wearing a mask. Masks' best purpose is for ill people to prevent spread of their germs. Therefore, anyone using a mask is likely to make others very nervous.

It is important to keep abreast of developments in this area and for club executives to consider what decisions are required that are in the best interests of their members. The District will make every effort to provide guidance.

Education

Many members who commenced their educational program in Pathways may be unaware of the "Successful Club" and "Better Speaker" series of educational material. This is useful material for clubs to provide as part of their ongoing educational content, to attract members and enhance your club.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/the-better-speaker-series-set>
<https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/the-successful-club-series-set>

Succession

As we head into the last few months of the year, the District is seeking members interested in taking on Area Director roles. This an extremely important role as it is the visible interface of clubs with the District. Please let your Area Director or any member of the District team know if you are interested in such a role.

What's in it for me you ask? It is a leadership role and Area Directors are expected to show leadership in the way that they visit and assist clubs, create written reports as to the health of the clubs in their Area, and become involved in the training that is offered. Be rewarded also by creating new friends along the way!

Contests

Does your club have a contestant in one of the contest events coming up? Please support your contestants with a few known friendly faces in the audience. It really helps! If your club doesn't have a contestant then come along and see the better speakers in the district and learn from them!

Taupo celebrates 50 Years

On 29 February Taupo Club had a celebratory evening to recognise 50 Years of the club. A most enjoyable evening with a number of speakers entertaining the crowd. Well done to the organising team and many thanks to the guests helping Taupo club celebrate.

Director's Tip: Think about how you might get remote virtual speakers into your club. As a District we use Zoom. Try it out, a tutorial is available here; <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1qO-k3P5beWisemX1PVpflTzCfTCX5UA>

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50 Year Cake



Speeches by Area Director Richard Perkins and Division Q Director Jenny Perkins



Taupo Club 50 Year Celebration Dinner



Toni Sharp and Ian Foster, Ian was presented with Life Membership for his 47 years of selfless commitment and dedication



District Director Neil Stichbury, Immediate Past District Director Tony Sharp, Ian Foster and Charter Member Norm Grey

Program Quality Director's message

Focus 2020 District Conference

Have you registered yet? If not, take the plunge today and register for our **Focus 2020 District Conference at the Napier Conference Centre in Hawkes Bay** from the **1st to the 3rd of May 2020**. <https://conference.d112tm.org.nz/> Don't miss out! Napier is a beautiful city, with some excellent restaurants and a wide range of accommodation options. <https://conference.d112tm.org.nz/about/>.



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, amongst other things, will take us on a journey develop our own personal brand image. There will also be a unique communication and team building interactive event for all 250 conference delegates.

On the Saturday evening you will have the opportunity to **bring along your partner and friends** to dine with a Toastmaster. Choose from a selection of restaurants available and be seated with a Toastmaster who you may or may not know. This is an excellent Toastmasters networking opportunity and a chance to make new friends.

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

World Speech Day

District 112 is celebrating World Speech Day on **Sunday the 15th of March**. If your club has members interested in **completing traditional programme or Pathways speeches**, become involved and organise a timeslot for your members. Your speeches will be videoed and can become a part of World Speech Day.

Celebration of World Speech Day is taking place on the 15th of March on the North Shore from 10am to 12pm at the Milford Coffee Club, 143, Kitchener Road. Please contact Elizabeth Viljoen (esviljoen@gmail.com or 0212298577) if you are interested.

Celebration of World Speech Day is taking part in Mount Wellington on the 15th of March from 10am to 5pm at the Waipuna Hotel, 58 Waipuna Road, Mt Wellington. Please contact Mike Diggins (mikediggins@gmail.com / 0274083428) if you are interested.

The World Speech Day theme for 2020 is "**Using the simple power of speech to share ideas**", giving plenty of scope. More information at www.worldspeechday.com; if you'd like to organise your own event, check the "Resources" section. Our Club Growth Director, Stephen Budia, has provided more information in his section below.

World Speech Day has grown from 30 to 100 countries in five years and is aiming for 1,000 events; let's add our voice.



Last Chance to Register a Traditional Programme Award

Please remember that we have until the **30th of June 2020** to register **Traditional Programme education awards**. Toastmasters International is encouraging members to complete your awards as soon as they are completed. There will be a high volume of educational awards being registered towards the end of June, please don't leave it too late.

Just a reminder that if a **club coach** is successful in leading the club to be Distinguished by the **30th of June 2020**, this will count as both a **Club Coach** and a **District role credit**. It is not too late to become a club coach and have the pleasure of turning a club around. Please do not miss out on the opportunity of attaining your Traditional Programme Distinguished Toastmasters award.



Traditional Programme Manuals

District Incentives

Keep an eye out for the March / April District newsletter to find out which clubs have qualified for the Club Officer Training incentives and the Club Success Plan incentive.



Club Officer Training

Round Two Club Officer Training

Many thanks to our Round Two Club Officer Training organisers and presenters. Your commitment and time given is much appreciated. Thank you to our Club Officers who took the opportunity to attend training.

Please check the dashboard on the Toastmasters International website to ensure that all club officers who attended Club Officer Training have been marked off. Please let your Division Directors and me know as soon as possible, if anyone has not been marked off who you know attended training.

<http://dashboards.toastmasters.org/district.aspx?id=112&hideclub=1>

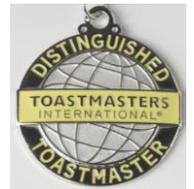
Club Elections and Succession Planning

Have you appointed your Club Leadership Nomination Committee yet? If you are a club officer, or an Area Director, have you found your successor yet? If not, start thinking about this now. It is excellent if your successor can shadow you in the role for a while beforehand.



Educational Awards

Congratulations to **Rae Clark** for having attained her **Pathways Distinguished Toastmasters award (DTM)** since our last newsletter. **Congratulations** also to **Samantha Jung-Fielding, Peter McCutcheon, Kirsten McDonald** and **Matt Meintjies** on obtaining your **DTM**. We truly value your dedication to Toastmasters and appreciate the effort taken in attaining this award. We would love to gain an insight into each **DTM** award attained this Toastmasters Year. Each **DTM** recipient will be given the opportunity to display a poster, reflecting their **DTM** story at the Focus 2020 Conference in Napier.



Congratulations to our members who have completed a path since our last newsletter: **Christine Alcott** - Visionary Communication and **Stephen Lindsay** - Engaging Humour

Congratulations to **James Hippolite** who is the first person this year and the second person in D112 ever, to complete and register his **Pathways Mentor Program**.

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 having qualified for a Triple Crown Award this Toastmasters Year.



Pathways

We really want to **help clubs as much as possible** regarding Pathways. Please complete the **Pathways Survey** that you should have recently received so that we may have a better idea of how we may help you. Once the Survey has been completed, we will email you our Pathways plan for the next quarter. We envisage holding one on one sessions, Pathways workshops and Zoom sessions.

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	81.04%	93.65%	49.18%
M	72.19%	88.24%	58.82%
N	79.00%	89.00%	58.00%
O	78.67%	89.41%	55.86%
P	83.00%	92.00%	71.00%
Q	69.16%	83.06%	50.00%
R	78.00%	89.00%	48.00%



Pathways provides 11 Specialised Learning Paths

After taking an online assessment, you will be guided to the ideal path based on your current goals.

There are 5 levels and at least 14 projects in each path.



Did you know that guests can sample the Ice Breaker and learn more about Pathways on the Toastmasters International Website <https://www.toastmasters.org/pathways-overview> If you know someone who has not yet chosen their path you can encourage them to **Choose a path** on the **Toastmasters International Website** (they can use their username, email **OR** member ID to login and select Forgot Password if they don't recall it), choose or access your path now (google Toastmasters International, click on Pathways then click on Choose a path) <https://www.toastmasters.org/start-pathways>

Zoom

As a District we use Zoom for our Virtual Council meetings and for Pathways online training sessions. Please watch our video or contact us if you would like to learn more about Zoom <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-wKdvIR-aKNYbe1CFvHmtT3naiPCP0-/view>

Let's adhere to our core values of Integrity, Respect, Service and Excellence, let us excel individually, as Clubs, as Areas, as Divisions and as a District.

Kind regards

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Club officer training



Club promotion material

Club Growth Director Update & New Year Message

This summer has been so hot and dry that it will be a welcome relief to have RAIN – our lawns and gardens are thirsty for water.

I hope everyone has had a relaxing break over the past festive season and reenergized to tackle the next five months of this Toastmasters Year.

As predicted, we can welcome Karaka Toastmasters (Chartered 1 January 2020) and Magnetism Toastmasters (Chartered 28 January 2020) and know that all the new members are excited about their Toastmasters journey.

Clubs in Formation:

Withers Tsang: Demo meeting to be scheduled for end March/early April.

Ponsonby Toastmasters: Peter McCutcheon and his team are progressing with this club.

Rosebank Toastmasters has had its first demo meeting which was very successful. We have paperwork for 21 charter members and hope to welcome them into the D112 family soon.

Air New Zealand: We will have a demo meeting on Thursday 12 March and the prospects are looking skyward.

Early stages with **Speaking Out, Microsoft, ISSE, The Warehouse, Taikura Trust** and **Snap Comm.**



Rosebank Toastmasters Club in formation excited after their demonstration meeting.

This year the trio attended training in Ho Chi Minh City for four very valuable days of training.

We were honoured with the presence of Margaret Page (International Officer) Daniel Rex (CEO of Toastmasters International) and David Templeman (International Director). The training was amazing with an exercise where Sharon Kerr-Phillips (D112 PQD) was directed from point A to B blindfolded, with only Core Value instructions to follow. The learnings from this exercise were around trust. All in all, the training provided valuable learnings, some of which we will apply to our own district training.



Sharon Kerr-Phillips in total trust of Stephen Preston's instructions in a Core Values exercise.



Daniel Rex, CEO of Toastmasters International setting the scene for the Core Values session.

Club Coach Appointments:



Congratulations to Marcus Bristol, Scott Martins, Peter Trevor, Richard Perkins, Glenda George, Elizabeth Viljoen and Tibor Mackor for their recent appointments as club coaches.

We continue to have clubs with low membership numbers and the above appointments will be assigned to these clubs to help encourage their progress.

It is pleasing to note a shift in the right direction with fewer clubs below 19 members and an increase in the 20-plus range. Well done!

12 or Fewer	13 to 19	20 to 29	30 Plus
52 Clubs	56 Clubs	53 Clubs	9 Clubs
31%	33%	31%	5%
Decreased by 11 clubs	Decreased by 4 clubs	Increased by 10 clubs	Increased by 6 clubs

Sponsors and Mentors Zoom Sessions

We have commenced this program with interest running high. The sessions take place fortnightly on Thursdays starting at 7:00pm. It is an open invitation to anyone who is interested in learning the roles and responsibilities of being a mentor or sponsor. Dates are on the District calendar.



Statistics

Paid Clubs: Stands at 170 which is 1 club ahead of our base figure which puts us 2nd in the region and 33rd in the world

Payments: Currently at 3440, which places us ahead of our forecast figures for the month with 13 days to go. We are currently 4th in the region and 81st in the world. Well done to you all for registering all your new members.

Area Director Cub Visit Reports: to date we have 10 reports submitted to Toastmasters International for this second round of club visits. Club presidents also receive a copy of the club visit report. I encourage all Area Directors to get as many visits and reports completed as soon as possible, and for clubs to take up the suggested actions without delay.

We achieved 100% compliance for the District in the first round of club visits, and it would be amazing to achieve the same 100% in the second round.

Speech Craft

Is your club running a speech craft course? We have a number of people enquiring about upcoming speech craft courses, if you are running one please make sure it is on the District calendar (<https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/>) and you let our Public Relations Manager know (D112PRM@toastmasters.org.nz).

Talk Up Toastmasters Program Dates: February 1 – March 31

The "Talk Up Toastmasters" membership program is the chance to encourage your members to invite guests to a special

meeting where prospective members can learn about Toastmasters' many benefits. Then add five new, dual or reinstated members with a join date between February 1 and March 31, and you'll receive a special "Talk up Toastmasters" ribbon to display on your club's banner. Qualifying clubs can also earn a special discount code for 10-percent off their next club order. (The discount code expires six months from the date of issue and is not valid with any other offer.)

Applications and payments for members with a join date between February 1 and March 31 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than March 31. The addition of transfer and charter members does not count towards "**Talk Up Toastmasters**" credit.

The winning clubs will be revealed online within a few weeks of the submission deadline. Winning clubs should allow up to 21 business days if they are outside of the United States.

Toastmasters love to connect, so take advantage of the Talk Up Toastmasters Program!

Along with Talk up Toastmasters we also have the **Toastmasters Month commencing 24 February to 24 March 2020**. Make the most of every opportunity for signing up new members when a visitor walks into your club.

World Speech Day is 15 March 2020. It is suggested that you have a go at a speechathon inviting neighbouring clubs along to a friendly show down. Make this an event that will encourage members who have speeches to complete a level or a path to present them.

There is a wonderful editable document that you may wish to utilise called "You're Invited". It is available via the link below. Try it with people who have visited your club or need a "special" invitation to make them feel special. This is clever in its simplicity.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/-/media/files/brand-materials/club-stationary-zipped/meeting-invitation-digital.ashx?la=en&hash=B6E0E354E003BF7C4B99CD16AAE>

Funding applications

Consider boosting your Facebook exposure. If you need help or assistance, please contact Heather Riches, District Public Relations Manager, and she will walk you through the process. If you need funding for this, please apply for funding by completing an application for funds and submit this to me in the first instance. The more social media exposure we can give to your club the more visitors you will receive.

All the best for the next little while.

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