DISTRICT DIRECTORS' DISTRICT 112 REPORT
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Report from Stephen Budai, DTM
District Director 2021 – 2022

Thanks & Welcome:

The year is nearly over and at time of writing we were tracking as well as can be expected considering all the disruptions we experienced this last Toastmasters year.
Virtual and hybrid club meetings became the new norm, and we all learnt a great deal from this experience. This learning makes our clubs more marketable as we are aware of the boundaries that we have in the virtual meetings, be it Zoom, Teams or any other platform. Our members are now the masters and should be proud of the new skills they have attained in communicating in this new environment.
The District team, lead by Sharon Kerr-Phillips our District Director has been wonderful with many officers gaining amazing skills as they achieved way beyond even their own expectations.
A massive thanks to our Division Directors, what an amazing team of leaders fostering their teams of Area Directors, even today have retained their smiles as they have enjoyed their year as new District Officers. This is where the new crop of Division Directors and beyond will come from mark my words.
Keep registering your new members and awards as I believe we have some clubs that are going to cross the finish line distinguished despite the years challenges.
I would like to welcome the new District team onboard as we have big shoes to fill which will not be beyond us. The planning has and is in place for the new year with the District Officer training happening now. This year we have a blend of youth and experience which is here, to place the members first.

DISTRICT GOAL:

This year the District team is looking at achieving Select Distinguished District.
This goal is within the reach of the District when we all pull together with the membership presenting Pathways projects and the club meetings all being a high-quality level, enticing all visitors to become potential members. This will all be within the means of the District Mission, "We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence."

District Vision:

The last 12 months has seen the Toastmasters scene change considerably where we have seen membership fall off, and some clubs close.
I believe that we are close to the turning point and that there is more interest in what we as a group can provide in terms of communication and leadership skills along with use of technology. These are skills that are in demand. The direction for the district is onwards and upwards.
With that in mind it is important to reestablish the base and look after the foundation at clubs, the members. The emphasis this year is putting the MEMBER FIRST and foremost. By looking after the needs of the member, then this with enhance the club experience.
If we set our goals as realistic as possible then we have a target to attain.

With the members successes comes the club successes, then that become the successes for Area, Division & District. The key to this vision will be the club success plan when completed and applied weekly by all clubs.

Conference 2021

This event was highly successful with fantastic speakers and workshop sessions. We were amazed at the quality of the four speech contests held. The international speech contest winner was Bradley Thompson, and we wish him all the absolute best for the Region finals.
Once again, we proved that we could run a highly successful online event from District 112.
The intention for the forthcoming year will be face to face and I am certain that most of the membership would like that as well.

Conference 2022

The next conference in 2022 will be held in Taupo over the weekend 6 to 8 May 2022.
It will be great to have a face-to-face conference again.

This report will be updated with verbal update at the DEC meeting on 2 July 2021.

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