



PQD REPORT AUGUST 2023

Good afternoon fellow Toastmasters

D112 has provided a challenge to all clubs to achieve 5 DCP points by 30 December 2023. This is not incentivised, and simply a feel good reward for the club. Your club's name will be in our D112 newsletter, and I hope to see 50 plus clubs achieve this goal.

The contests have started, and we all welcomed the news of being allowed to hold club contests in hybrid. Area Directors are already setting up contests in this format.

As PQD, I have urged all clubs in the newsletter and those attending training to use only current downloaded contest material. All past contest material is to be deleted (keeping of course the notification of contest winners). Rulebook: <https://www.toastmasters.org/resources/2023-2024-speech-contest-rulebook>

We are encouraging Toastmasters to find the latest information on upcoming events on our District Calendar which may include Zoom links. Bookmark this page: <https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar>

I can also report on the superb achievement of the 50 clubs who achieved distinguished status last year. These clubs were recognised in the August newspaper. We congratulate you on your efforts. With the 5-star challenge, I believe we could easily go up to 75 clubs – challenge issued.

Club officer training is in progress, with the new officer training attendees totalling 315. Nearly 120 attendees have been trained at The Advanced COT with two more sessions to go. In total we have completed training for 424 officers. 62 Clubs have 4 or more officers trained. TI indicated that a repair of our Officer Training table should be available near the end of August. I will provide a full list to TI after the 26th and 28th August training. I do apologise for this situation, as I originally made an error in uploading information.

District Officer Training. I can confirm a 100% of our District Officers have been trained..

Another initiative is the Technical Team, which I am forming. The purpose is to have a group of Tech minded Toastmasters, across the District, to lend a hand for our meetings and events. We cannot rely on one person alone, and having a team provides leadership opportunities, collaboration and in the real world, networking opportunities. Please join the team and share the load if you are a techno whizz. If you wish to learn how to use zoom, this will be a safe and supportive environment to do so..

I wish to acknowledge the four Toastmasters who achieved their Club Coach Awards. It has been a tough 2 years for them with Covid being a major disrupter. Congratulations to you all.

Kulesh de Silva, Nathan Piahana, Jacqui Hartley-Smith, Dean Yee.

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