



## District 112 Newsletter | November 2023 [www.d112tm.org.nz](http://www.d112tm.org.nz)

### District Director James Hippolite, DTM

**District Conference Announcement** - Your District Conference Committee is excited to announce the theme for next year's conference in Taupo will be:

**He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata**  
**The People, The People, The People**  
(Because it's all about you, the member)

The venue is the beautiful Great Lake Centre, Taupo. Tickets are on sale now at the D112 District website: <https://d112tm.org.nz/conference-2024/>. **Book before January to qualify for the Golden Early Bird offer.**

#### 7-Oct-2023 Combined Division K & L Conference, Albany

Div K – Best Table Topic – Rose Oosthuysen      Div L – Best Table Topic – Dory Lloyd  
Div K – Best Humorous Speech – Paul Richards      Div L – Best Humorous Speech – Monique Neal

#### 28-Oct-2023 Division M & N Conferences, Glen Innes

Div M – Best Table Topic – Peter Chatteris  
Div N – Best Table Topic – Serena Irving  
Div M – Best Humorous Speech – Patrick Moss  
Div N – Best Humorous Speech – Gordon Rutherford

#### 28-Oct-2023 Division P Conference, Mokau

Div P – Best Humorous Speech – Cherie Clark  
Div P – Best Table Topics Speech – Cherie Clark

#### 4-Nov-2023 Division O Conference, Otara

The conference was held at the Pasifika Centre, Manukau Institute of Technology, Otara and it was a huge success and an enjoyable event. The keynote speaker was John Fauvel DTM, Past International President of Toastmasters International, who shared his experience over his 60 years as a Toastmaster.

Congratulations to the winners of the Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests.

Div O – Best Humorous Speech – Victor Huang  
Div O – Best Table Topics Speech – Fiona Hippolite

#### 4-Nov-2023 Division R Conference, Palmerston North

Div R – Best Humorous Speech – Hayley Hamilton  
Div R – Best Table Topics Speech – Lisa Thomasen

#### 11-Nov-2023 Division Q Conference, Rotorua

Div Q – Best Humorous Speech – Sharon Smith  
Div Q – Best Table Topics Speech – Syed Qadri

I am pleased to report the final Triple Crown and Long Service Awards for Toastmaster Year 2022-2023 have been distributed. We can now look forward to meeting the 2023-2024 recipients.

#### 1-Nov-2023 Spark Speakers 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

I was very pleased to be able to join in the celebrations for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Spark Speakers Club. Festivities were held at Mexican Cantina, Auckland CBD. Division N Director, Joanna Perry, was also in attendance. To a packed restaurant, I was able to share a bit of the history of the club, and Division Director Perry presented a Long Service Award to DTM Ariane Kracke. A great time was had by all.



Thank you to our fabulous speaker **Giyora Barzilay** with his 'What I Learned from Losing' presentation. Giyora spoke at the above Division Conferences.

**Congratulations to District 112 Director James Hippolite DTM on receiving his 2<sup>nd</sup> DTM** You can read all about it on the D112 District Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/d112toastmastersnz>





## **Program Quality Director Richard Perkins, DTM**

The Five star initiative should not be seen as a contest, it is an incentive for clubs to actively work towards achieving their first five goals. Here are more clubs with 5 or more goals so far, who will also receive their Digital Certificate: **Papakura, Nga Manu Reo, Taupo, Arawa**. There are many clubs with 3 and 4 stars and this list will grow much longer. Well done all.

### **Pathways Onboarding Programme**

We invite our new members to join us with an interactive session on Pathways and help them to get started. This is a very successful program, and is open to all new members and anyone who wishes to pick up a tip or two. We deliver this session once per month close to the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please consider yourself invited. Use this link to register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucuirz4tH9ZJDbSL5KRWPogiOreVRkPV>

### **Club Officer Training (COT)**

We did a review of COT trained toastmasters. I acknowledge and appreciate all the feedback from our Toastmaster clubs which enable the corrections which provided a true reflection of the first round of training. We had 18 clubs that had all 7 club officers trained, which I applaud. There were 21 clubs that did not have any officers attend training, and the district will be supporting you to get at least 4 members trained in round two.

### **Key Dates and District Events**

Check the District Calendar for venues, timing and Zoom links: <https://d112tm.org.nz/district-calendar/>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
11-Nov-23	Division Q Conference @ Rotorua Commercial Travelers Club
14-Nov-23	COT Round 2 Online
15-Nov-23	COT Round 2 Online
18-Nov-23	District Executive Committee Meeting (Online)
18-Nov-23	District Officer Training (Online)
22-Nov-23	Coaching Success Workshop – Current Coaches (Online)
23-Nov-23	COT Round 2 Online
24-Nov-23	COT Round 2 Online
27-Nov-23	Pathways Workshop
29-Nov-23	Club Coaching Workshop – New Coaches (Online)

### **Gaining members for your clubs**

Not all clubs expect to achieve as much as some. I understand that, and I realise that smaller clubs are working hard to grow their membership. We ask that you continue enjoying the Toastmaster experience, and we are here to help you gain members for your clubs.

There is a Google Map of clubs which will be available on our D112 website soon. The pins on the map will show the location of all clubs, and provide the club contact details at the click of a button.

**NOTE:** Some of the details need updating, and all clubs are asked to check their details are up to date in TI Club Central. Then email PQD Richard – [programquality@d112tm.org.nz](mailto:programquality@d112tm.org.nz) any changes to reflect any corrections needed on the map. Remember, to gain members, the details of your club in Club Central need to be correct as well.

## **Club Growth Director Marlene Krone, DTM**

As I write this, I am hugely aware that we are only six weeks away from Christmas. Where has the year gone? On a glowing thought, Christmas is just around the corner - and I love the excitement the month of November brings as we look forward to a Christmas break in December, opening presents by the Christmas tree, enjoying sumptuous food, and celebrating the joys of Christmas with family and friends.

So.... what's been happening in our District since our October newsletter?

- 372 new members joined our the District since 1 July this year
- 3 new clubs to charter in November
- Club coach appointments made to date include:



- Cameron Phillips – Howick Toastmasters
  - Marcus Bristol – Sunnynook Toastmasters
  - Neil Stichbury – Ernst & Young Achieving Potential Club
  - Stephen Lindsay – Milford Toastmasters Club
  - Isabel Carter – Takapuna Toasters Toastmasters Club
- 40.69% of Area Director Club Visits completed to date

### Milestone Anniversary

Congratulations to Waitemata Toastmasters Club who are celebrating their 58th anniversary this month. The club chartered on 1 November 1965. Your service to members and your community is golden. Best wishes for another 58 years!!

### Academic Toastmasters wins the Massey University Academic Club of the Year Award



Celebrations took place recently at Academic Toastmasters Club for winning the Massey University Club of the Year Award. Area K4 Director, Helen Madden, interviewed the Academic Club President, Simon Zhao, about how they won such a prestigious award. “We were recognised as being student-led and accessible to all Massey students who wished to participate. The award letter said that the club enhanced the student experience through peer delivery of supportive activities that have an academic/educational focus”, said Simon. Nominations were received from 25 eligible clubs in the Albany campus, and a committee of

students and staff selected the winner. Prior to the final selection, Massey Clubs & Event Coordinator visited the club. He commented that the club was warm and welcoming and supportive of all students of varying levels of confidence. He also commented on how students had grown from their membership with the club and were now able to stand confidently in front of a crowd and speak. The award and trophy were presented at the Clubs Appreciation event on campus.

Academic Toastmasters club chartered in April 2009 promoting communication and leadership skills to students and staff.

### Handy Toolkit Bits.....

#### Club Reinstatements - 4 steps to follow:

1. Correct the current membership term: Collect current renewal dues for a minimum of eight members, at least three of whom were members of the club immediately before the club became inactive.
2. Correct the previous membership term—choose one of the following two options:
  - a. Collect renewal dues for the previous period for a minimum of eight members, at least three of whom were members of the club immediately before the club became inactive.
  - b. If your club is unable to satisfy this, or was not meeting during the previous term, the club has the option to cover the missed term with a reinstatement fee of \$360. With this option, membership continuity is lost.
3. Pay any past owing balance.
4. Submit a current club officer list.

**Note:** If your club has been inactive for two or more Dues Renewal periods, it must charter as a new club, meeting all charter requirements. It may not reinstate.

**Club Coaches** – A club is eligible for a Club Coach if they have no fewer than 3 members, and no more than 12. A placement can only be made on a written request from the club, for a coach. The coach, and at least one member of the club executive, are required to complete the Club Coach module. Email your request for a coach to John DiLeo, Club Retention Chair. [clubcoach@d112tm.org.nz](mailto:clubcoach@d112tm.org.nz).

**Club Coaching Workshops** are held monthly on the last Wednesday of the month, except December. Find the dates [here](#).

Finally, plan to do something enjoyable over the festive break, because the essence of feeling great is to look forward to something in the future. For now, let’s continue to hold our values strong and work together towards achieving our goals.



**District Public Relations Manager Kenneth Gustilo**

Hello, fellow Toastmasters! I'm back at work. It's been a productive time for me, as I have just completed my exams.

It's fantastic to see so many of you enthusiastic about promoting your club through social media, especially on platforms like Facebook. Social media is a powerful tool to connect with your community and attract new members. However, I understand that some might feel hesitant or unsure about how to use it effectively. In the upcoming COT training sessions, I'll be teaching techniques for creating engaging content and understanding the mechanics of using Facebook to its full potential.

Sharing your knowledge and best practices on social media can significantly benefit your clubs, helping them to thrive and engage with your members. If you have any specific tips or resources to contribute on this topic, please don't hesitate to share them. Many Toastmasters clubs can benefit from your expertise in this area. Let's collaborate to make our clubs more vibrant and welcoming to everyone.

**District Leadership Committee Chair Wendy Wickliffe, DTM, IPDD**

**Nominations are now open for District Leaders for the term of 2024-2025.**

If you or someone you know is interested in taking up a leadership position in the district, please submit a nomination.

- Nominations will close on 11 February 2024.
- Refer to our D112 website for information about the roles <https://d112tm.org.nz/district/district-leadership/>.
- More details to come in future newsletters.

Nomination forms are to be emailed to me (one nomination form and one officer release form).

If you have any questions about the role and process, email Wendy Wickliffe, Immediate Past District Director, and District Leadership Committee Chair, at the email address below.

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