

Immediate Past District Director Report

13 September 2025

District 112 has had an exceptional year, and I’d like to share some of the highlights. Personally, the honour of representing the District as the New Zealand flagbearer at the International Convention in Anaheim, CA was perhaps one of the greatest moments of my life. It was also a privilege to join in the centenary celebrations of the 100th year of Toastmasters. Both Anaheim and our mid-year conference in Jakarta were highlights.

I would also like to acknowledge the quality of training we received in Anaheim, and I believe these sessions strongly supported our District’s mission of building new clubs and helping all clubs achieve excellence. On the theme of 'achieving excellence,' one of our key commitments last year was “building membership together”—a challenge embraced by Toastmasters throughout District 112.

Our membership-building effort had two main components. First, through public relations: Kenneth Gustilo took up the challenge of promoting Toastmasters across both the North and South Islands, and ultimately our PR efforts resulted in over one million hits on public relations pages. I congratulate her and her team for that accomplishment. Second, with strong backing from the District’s leadership trio and our Division and Area Directors, clubs were supported to grow membership. In total, we recruited **1,064 new members**—an outstanding achievement in its own right.

Were we able to provide results that showed we were on the right path? – most definitely.

The achievement of District 112 in the 2024-2025 year:

Goals	2024 - 2025	2024-2024
Distinguished Clubs	107.7%	87.5%
Membership Payments	99.2% (so close)	97.3%
Paid Clubs	97.7%	86.6%

We came very close to achieving our goals, and the number of paid clubs was the main factor why we did not become a distinguished district. Paid clubs would easily have covered the membership paid goal.

I see this as a great improvement being just shy of Distinguished, and an exciting prospect that we are moving in the right direction of becoming distinguished. The joy I have is seeing the concept of “building Membership Together” had exceptional results. I also leave a challenge for our incoming Trio to attend to, that being the work required regarding our retention of both clubs and members.

As IPDD, I am proud of our achievements and success, as we all should be. We had a great year.

May we all have an incredible year of Toastmasters ahead.

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