



District Governor Newsletter - April 2009

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter and you were able to spend time with family and friends and not eat too many Easter Eggs.

“Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals.” ~Charles M. Crowe

With less than 3 months to the end of the current toastmaster year, we need to check that our clubs, Areas, Divisions and District goals are on track to ensure a strong finish for the year.

“The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same. Yet our lessons come from the journey, not the destination.” Don Williams, Jr.

Again I ask you are you on target – what do you need to do to reach your goals...

- ✓ Is it encouraging new members to join your club?
- ✓ Is it encouraging your current members to have paid their next 6-monthly subscription?
- ✓ Is it encouraging your club members to finish an award?

Now is the time to put a plan in place to ensure your goals are met by 30 June 2009.

DISTRICT PERFORMANCE AS AT 12 APRIL 2009

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>Goal 30 June 2009</u>	<u>Required</u>
Competent Communicators	300	334	34 behind
Advanced Communicators	157	95	62 ahead
Member Payments	8513	9750	1238 behind
New Clubs	10	8	2 ahead

CLUB DUES: Thank you to every club who have gone on line and registered their dues. **AN AWESOME EFFORT** with only 15 clubs left to register their dues. **ALSO CONGRATULATIONS TO DIVISION G** (Richard Moffat and his team of Area Governors) for being the first Division to have all their clubs register their dues with Toastmasters International. The majority of the clubs in District 72 have achieved another goal towards being a Distinguished Club or better – **WAY TO GO!!**

All Club Presidents would have received a **blue envelope** from Toastmasters International which has the **International Proxy Form** in it. In August 2009 at the International Toastmaster Convention there is an Annual Business Meeting where the club's proxy is traded for votes to be used at this meeting.

Please sign the form, tick the third box down which gives the District Governor the authority to vote on your behalf.

This year there is a section on the proxy form which needs to be ticked either “YES” or “NO” regarding the governance changes with Toastmasters International. District 72 Executive does support these changes as they believe it is a positive move for all Toastmasters in the future.

Do read the literature that accompanied the Proxy Form or go onto the Toastmaster International web site

International President Jana Barnhill's Video Message

International President Jana Barnhill, DTM, AS, delivers a video message to all Toastmasters members on [Proposal A: Global Representation and Support](#), an important set of governance changes that all clubs will vote on in August 2009.

Watch the Video

(Note: Viewing this video requires a broadband -- DSL or Cable -- Internet connection.)

So I encourage you to tick “YES” on the proxy form. Put a postage stamp on the proxy form and post off – it is already addressed for you.

A big thank you to those who have already sent their proxy form. Just a reminder again – do get the President or member of the Club Executive to **sign the form – if it is not signed, it is not valid.**

Educational Achievements in District 72 are on track with an awesome effort by everyone so far who have registered an award. We have another two people who have joined the 2008-2009 DTM Hall of Fame (**Distinguished Toastmaster Award**). These are:

- ✓ Diane Isherwood DTM - Wainuiomata Toastmasters - Wellington
- ✓ Francis Chandrahasen DTM - Hutt Valley Club - Wellington

That now gives us 19 Distinguished Toastmasters – will you be adding your name to the 2008-2009 DTM Hall of Fame?

“When the world says, "Give up," Hope whispers, "Try it one more time.” ~ Author Unknown

District 72 members currently have achieved the following since 1 July 2008.

- ✓ 300 Competent Communicator Award
- ✓ 157 Advanced Communicator Award
- ✓ 69 Competent Leader Award
- ✓ 48 Advanced Leader Award
- ✓ 22 High Performance Leadership Award

*“Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it.”
Greg Anderson*

Have you registered for the...



Crusade to Confidence

District 72 May Convention in Christchurch. It is an opportunity to mix with like minded people, listen to quality educationals and meet with the **International President Jana Barnhill DTM.**

Elections will be held at this Convention for our incoming **DISTRICT TEAM FOR 2009-2010.** Your **club vote is important** – another reason to attend the Convention.

Why not **open the door of opportunity** and make a date to attend the convention. Will you be there?

Congratulations to Annette Fenton and her team in Division F for chartering a **new club Academics.** An awesome effort – that brings our tally to 10 new clubs so far for District 72 in this Toastmaster year.

Club Elections - A reminder that your club should be putting together a nominating committee and looking for people within your club to stand for election for the new club executive who take office on 1 July 2009. Club elections should take place the first club meeting in May 2009.

Once the club elections have been completed, please ensure that you **register your new committee** on the District 72 Website and on the Toastmasters International Website (log in under Club Business and follow the prompts). It is very important that you forward this information to both these sites so that future members know where to contact you and any future correspondence is directed to the right people.

Tasks to be completed this month include:

- ✓ Obviously check that you **club marketing plan** is still up-to-date.
- ✓ Ensure if your **club has a website**, that it is **up-to-date** with current news of what is happening in your club.
- ✓ If your **club has not paid its dues**, please ensure that this is done immediately.
- ✓ Register for the District 72 May Convention in Christchurch.
- ✓ Start preparing for **Club Elections**.

I encourage you all to keep focused over the next three months, talk Toastmasters wherever you go, have a Toastmaster Business Card to hand out to people advertising your club and whilst they might not take action immediately, it will be a prompt for them to considering joining our unique organization.

Do not keep Toastmasters a secret – spread the word – tell your success story and **open doors of opportunity** for individuals so they may have a story to tell in the future of how Toastmasters gave them the **courage to conquer** their inhibitions and become a stronger person.

“Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.” ~ Josh Billings

“You can't go through life quitting everything. If you're going to achieve anything, you've got to stick with something.” ~ From the television show *Family Matters*

“It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.” ~ Albert Einstein

“Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another.” ~ Walter Elliott, *The Spiritual Life*

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