



District Governor's Newsletter

District 72 Toastmasters New Zealand

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"Time is a companion that goes with us on a journey. It reminds us to cherish each moment, because it will never come again. What we leave behind is not as important as how we have lived." ~Jean Luc Picard

With three weeks to go, our Toastmaster journey is all but over for another year and what a journey it has been. **You** the members of District 72 have been an awesome team and it has been a pleasure to lead you through this past Toastmaster year.

My question to you as we count down to 30 June 2009...

Is your club on target to be Distinguished, Select Distinguished or better still President's Distinguished.

- ✓ Have you checked your goal sheet?
- ✓ Do you need one Competent Communicator to complete your goals and several Competent Communicator or Advanced Communicators?
- ✓ Or is it finding several new members so that you have 20 plus members or a net gain of 5 new members.

I encourage each and every club to check their goals and make every effort possible to finish strongly. Please remember the following...

Protect Your Recognition!

June 30th Deadline

No more grace periods!

Remember, there is no longer a grace period for distinguished programs. In the past, submissions were considered on time for credit in the **distinguished programs** if they were postmarked by **June 30**, and received at WHQ by July 7. Now, all materials for the **distinguished programs** must be **received by WHQ** no later than **June 30** -- with **no** grace period. This concerns **only** those distinguished program deadlines that fall on June 30.

The reason for this was fairness. A club located close to World Headquarters could hand-carry in some paperwork on June 30th, while a club located farther away had to take mailing delays into account. Now, technology allows any club in the world to send in forms in a variety of ways that allows any club or district from around the world to submit items on time.

So, there is no longer a need for a grace period for on time credit. Toastmasters has changed policy to keep up with the times - and it affects your club or district. While we must all be more

mindful of the calendar, every Toastmaster can also be happy about the fact that these new, solid deadlines will result in speedier recognition results at year-end.

“One approaches the journey's end. But the end is a goal, not a catastrophe.” ~George Sand

All Club Presidents should have by now received an email showing the status of their membership in their club both active and graced members. Are those graced members still attending your club meetings – if so how about encouraging them to renew their semi-annual fee – outline the benefits of belonging to a worldwide organisation that has helped people to become the best speakers and leaders they could possibly be.

Communication and leadership skills are the best assets to have in this ever changing world.

Having toastmasters listed as one of your organisations that you belong to in your CV is another reason why graced members should renew their dues.

As set out in the table below, we need 393 members before 30 June 2009.

Will you sponsor another member into this unique organisation or encourage a graced member to renew their dues?

DISTRICT PERFORMANCE AS AT 3 JUNE 2009

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>Goal 30 June 2009</u>	<u>Required</u>
Competent Communicators	384	334	50 ahead
Advanced Communicators	207	95	112 ahead
Member Payments	9359	9752	393 behind
Clubs (includes new and established)	236	239	3 behind

A big thank you to all the Club Presidents who have sent through their **Toastmaster International Proxy Form** – **WE NOW ONLY NEED TO GET IN 90 PROXIES OUT OF A POSSIBLE 239** Please check that your proxy form is still not sitting on the President's desk waiting to be signed and sent off or that it is still sitting in your Post Office Box.

A list has been sent out to the Division Governors of the clubs that have not yet submitted their proxy form. If you have mislaid your proxy form you can apply for a duplicate proxy as quoted from Toastmasters International below...

“Should you require a duplicate proxy, please e-mail your request to duplicateproxies@toastmasters.org. Include the club/district number and the name and address of the club president. Duplicate proxy requests will be honoured beginning April 27.”

Let us see which Division is going to be the first division to have all their proxy forms in by the end of June 2009.

I trust all those people who attended the District 72 Convention “Crusade to Confidence” in Christchurch enjoyed the experience, met new people, gained a new idea and returned back to your club with heaps of enthusiasm. It certainly was a pleasure to host our International President

Jana Barnhill DTM AS and her husband Past International President Robert Barnhill DTM AS at the Convention and hope that each of you who attended the convention, made yourself known to them both.

A huge thank-you to Phil Gourdie and his team for providing an excellent convention. Also thanks should go to Geoff Trotter Immediate Past District Governor who ensured that Jana and Robert were well looked after during their stay in Christchurch.

Nominations are now open for District 72 Toastmaster of the Year 2008-2009. The Nomination Form (that has the criteria outlined on the form) is available for downloading from the New Zealand Website. If you wish to nominate an individual, please complete the form and post to me as per the address outlined on the Nomination Form. Nominations close on 15 July 2009 so get your thinking caps on and cast your nomination.

We have had another awesome month with many people completing Educational Awards. District 72 has achieved both its educational goals and that is all due to the tremendous effort you the team members. Way to go people! We now have a further two people who have joined the 2008-2009 DTM Hall of Fame (**Distinguished Toastmaster Award**). These people are...

- ✓ Serena Hing DTM – Orakei Toastmaster Club – Auckland
- ✓ Marion Halford DTM – Lower Waikato Toastmaster Club - Waikato

That now gives us **22 Distinguished Toastmasters** – will you be adding your name to the 2008-2009 DTM Hall of Fame? There is still time to finish that final speech to complete this worth award!

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

- ✓ 384 Competent Communicator Award
- ✓ 216 Advanced Communicator Award
- ✓ 107 Competent Leader Award
- ✓ 60 Advanced Leader Award
- ✓ 24 High Performance Leadership Award

“Success is not a place at which one arrives but rather the spirit with which one undertakes and continues the journey.” ~Alex Noble

Considering being a mentor – Toastmasters International now has...

“The New Club Mentor Kit – Now It’s Free!”

Club mentors are extremely important for the health of clubs and the district. To be a successful mentor, you need the *New Club Mentor Kit* – which is now available for free online!”

By now all clubs should have had their Annual General Meetings and elected their new executive for the new Toastmaster year commencing 1 July 2009. Just a reminder to advise both the District 72 Webmaster and, Toastmasters International, who your new executive is so that the lines of communication remain open by all parties concerned.

Club or Officer Change Form

This form should be used to advise District 72 Toastmasters New Zealand of:

- **club meeting and contact details** for the purposes of the website Club Finder database and District Directory

- **3 club officers** (President, VP Education and VP Membership) for the purposes of the District 72 Directory
- clubs in formation

You may also need to advise World Headquarters of some of these changes. Go to the [WHQ Club and Officer Change Form](#). Choose the Club Officer tab in the left panel. Club login and Password is required.

Club Leadership Training – the incoming Area Governors Elect and TLIs are currently planning the first round of Club Leadership Training for 2009-2010. Please ensure that your new club executive attends these training sessions – encourage other club members to attend as well, especially if they are considering taking on Leadership roles in the future.

“Once you become active in something, something happens to you. You get excited and suddenly you realize you count.” *Studs Terkei*

Tasks to be completed this month include:

- ✓ Ensure that your club is **on target** to achieve its’ **goals**.
- ✓ Run an in-house membership competition.
- ✓ Sponsor new members into your club!
- ✓ Complete educational awards.
- ✓ Register your **new officers** on the **Toastmaster International** web page.
- ✓ Register your **new officers** on the **District 72** web page.
- ✓ Encourage **individuals who are still “graced” to pay their dues.**
- ✓ **Register for the District 72 November Convention** in North Shore, Auckland.
- ✓ Attend **Club Leadership Training** that is being provided by your Division/Area.

Fellow Toastmasters, with three weeks to the end of this Toastmaster year, I encourage you to ensure your club is going to finish strongly and be a Distinguished Club or better.

Look at the goals needed to make this happen.

Encourage people to join your club – walk the talk – as I have said before and will say it again, tell your story, your successes, the benefits of belonging to Toastmasters.

We can all meet our goals if we work together. **WE WILL BE A DISTINGUISHED DISTRICT!**

Do remember to **open doors of opportunity** not only for yourself - the members of your club, but also those prospective members who are waiting to be invited to walk through your club room doors and become a Toastmaster.

“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 Jnr

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