

DISTRICT 72 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



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And so the journey continues as we move through the months to 30 June 2009.

'Life to me is a journey - you never know what may be your next destination' ~ David Russell

Are you on **target to achieve your toastmaster goals?**

Is your club going to be **President's Distinguished?**

Are all your members of your club renewing their DUES this month? YES it is that time again when we need to pay our **DUES**. Please refer to the email sent to all Club Presidents on 19 February 2009 where it was announced that Toastmasters International advises that your Renewal Reminder is now coming via your E-Mail box. Just follow the prompt at www.toastmasters.org/clubbusiness and print off your invoice.

Despite the economic uncertainty, the positives far outweigh the negative of belonging to such a unique organisation such as Toastmasters. The skills gained, self esteem increased, your confidence soars. All these help to retain your job or make the move into a different occupation. There is the option for networking amongst likeminded people who could give you contacts/ideas if you are in the job market. The motivation, the entertaining speeches, the social aspect – getting you out of the house; just to name a few reasons why Toastmasters is beneficial.

The advanced manuals provide an excellent base to challenge and develop new skills. The leadership skills gained again help out in your working environment.

Why not organise with your Club Treasurer to have an automatic payment into the Club Account each week. One less thing to worry about and you can carry on enjoying the benefits of Toastmasters that our Founder Dr Ralph Smedley developed in 1924 and kept that vision going.

Are you going to keep that vision going? “YES” you are and say “YES” to renewing your dues on time?

Toastmasters Weeks are upon us and this week sees a National campaign via the radio thanks to the efforts **of Denis McCord LGT Marketing and Wayne Webley, District Public Relations Officer.**

I trust everyone is out there promoting their club one way or another – open meetings, displays in shops or libraries. Just be out there and be seen promoting communication and leadership. “Become the Speaker and Leader you want to be” Because communication is not optional.

“EDUCATION IS THE PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THOSE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY.”

Alas the economic situation does affect our **District Supplies** and unfortunately we have had to adjust our price list to reflect the ever fluctuating exchange rate.

Richard Watson (District Supplies Officer) and his wife **Linda**, provide an excellent service but to make Richard's life easier please either fax or email your orders through especially if you are using a credit card to pay for the items ordered. Handling credit card numbers over the phone is very time consuming and sometimes a number can inadvertently be recorded incorrectly. Written down clearly on a fax is less taxing for both parties or in email format.

Do please support our District Supplies service – it certainly saves you the hassle of getting goods through customs etc and Richard has a system in place that works well.

Club Competitions should now be completed and congratulations to everyone who entered. You are all winners for participating. All the best to those who were judged the winners on the night as you progress through to the Area Contest which will be held this month. I encourage club members to support your representatives at the Area Contests. An audience adds impact on the day for the contests.

I am certainly looking forward to seeing the Division winners compete at the **District Convention** in Christchurch in May 2009. **HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?** Click on the link below and you will find all the information you require. I encourage you to attend – listen to the high calibre speeches and educationals, networking, renewing acquaintance with fellow “convention junkies” and meeting new friends along with meeting our International President Jana Barnhill DTM and her husband Rob Barnhill Past International President who are both delightful people to listen to and speak with.

District 72 Convention

May 2009, Chateau on the Park, Christchurch. A highlight of this convention is the visit by the International President, Jana Barnhill DTM, AS. For registration details, visit the [District Conventions](#) page.

Have you visited the **PROMOTIONS** section of the District website? Click on Promotions in the index and follow the link to see how District 72 fared in the Toastmaster International marketing promotions eg the Smedley Award. See the list recognising those people who have sponsored individuals into this great organisation. The list is as at 31 December 2008. Is your name there as a sponsor? See what our LT Governor Marketing Denis McCord is promoting with his membership campaign.

DISTRICT PERFORMANCE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2009			
	Current Status	Goal 30 June 2009	Required
Competent Communicators	242	334	92 behind
Advanced Communicators	120	95	25 ahead
Member Payments	5044	9750	4706 behind
New Clubs	8	8	Met Goal

We are still on target to meet our goals but we must continue to promote Toastmasters wherever we go – TALK THE TALK – tell your story – promote the benefits.

Our educational achievements are amazing and well done to everyone who has registered an award thus far for the 2008-2009 Toastmaster year. Our Distinguished Toastmaster Hall of Fame now has 17 recipients including our latest achievers

- Robyn Warwood, Franklin Toastmasters Club, Auckland
- Lynette Harris-Hogan, Nelson Club, Nelson

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

- 242 Competent Communicator Award
- 120 Advanced Communicator Award
- 59 Competent Leader Award
- 40 Advanced Leader Award
- 21 High Performance Leadership Award

Excellent work everyone – together we will open many doors of opportunity.

“Those who trust us educate us.” George Eliot

Congratulations to John Dingwall and his team for chartering **Hornby Toastmaster Club** in Christchurch along with **Heather Naomi** and her team for chartering **Canterbury Women's Club Inc – Toastmasters**. This brings our tally to 8 new clubs but we do still need to be out there looking for opportunities for new clubs.

Thank you to everyone involved **Club Leadership Training** – we all need to be reminded of our executive roles and training certainly provides an opportunity to share ideas of what works well and what does not.

So what do you as a club need to focus on this month?

- Keep focusing on your **marketing plan**.
- **Open the door of your club rooms** and invite people to join your club
- Invoices given to all club members for **Club Dues**.
- **Update your Club Website** if you have one – if not why not start one – many people let their “fingers do the walking” when looking for organisations to join.
- Attend the **AREA SPEECH CONTEST** and support your club winners.
- Register for the **Division Conferences**.

Do keep opening those doors of opportunity, TALK THE TALK, tell your story, we are a unique organisation that has benefited thousands of people since Dr Ralph Smedley's vision was realised when he started the first club in 1924.

“Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome.” ~ Arthur Ash

“The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.” ~ Benjamin Disraeli

DO KEEP OPENING THE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY

Chrissy Meyer DTM
DISTRICT GOVERNOR