



DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT

6th January 2020

District Mission: "We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence"

District 72 Focus for 2019/20: "To achieve excellence by empowering members and clubs with the support, education and tools needed to promote and strengthen membership and club quality, and to complete the transition to Pathways."

We are already six months into the year and a lot has been achieved over that time, and yet we still have far to go.

Achievements:

As of when this report was written, members have registered:

- 147 legacy awards, and
- 420 Pathways awards

for the first six months of the year. Congratulations to everyone, a fantastic effort.

Congratulations to the following who have been awarded with their Distinguished Toastmasters Award. Commitments and a lot of time and work is involved to achieve the DTM, Toastmasters Highest Award.

- Simon Greig, Sanjiv Jetly, Diane Isherwood, Nelson Early, Rob Julian and Mano Ram.

Norbert Lee has been awarded the Mentoring Path – congratulation Norbert.

Congratulations to those who have completed all 5 Levels in a Pathway in the first 6 months of the year:

- Erin Daldry (2), Marina Taylor, Carol Mitchell (2), Sarah Hewitt, Helen Cartmell, Moumita Jamindar Arnold, Andrew Hardwaick, Henry Kruger and Diane Maunsell

New Clubs:

The District has had 3 Clubs charter this year. Congratulations and thank you to the work that has been put in to starting these clubs.

- KPMG in Wellington – Sponsors: Ben Mander and Elena Salinitro
Mentors: Alina Junc and Hilary Derrick
- ROAR in Invercargill - Sponsors: Simon Greig and Charles Turner
Mentors: Robyn Boyland and Linda Barnes
- Aranui Toastmasters in Christchurch – Sponsors: Marina Taylor and Richard Taylor
Mentors: Marina Taylor and Eve Hingston

What's Coming Up:

The second round of Club Leadership Training continues in January and February. I encourage all Club Officers to attend training. It is the best way to learn what is required of the role and learn skills to complete the roles. Networking at Club Leadership Training is a chance to discuss ideas with each other and

pick up new ideas to take back to your club. It is said that, those Clubs who send 4 or more Club Officers to Club Leadership Training are those who usually succeed in having a quality club with a vibrant energy and enthusiastic group of members, and just keep happening to attract new members.

The contest round has started. There have been some changes to the Contest Rulebook. Make sure that you read and understand the latest Contest Rulebook when organizing contests. We will also be having the Division Conferences in March and the District Conference in May in Christchurch

There is now less than eleven months before all our members need to complete the legacy program and transfer to Pathways. What do you members need to complete a legacy award? How can your club help them get there? The District does have members who are reluctant to transition – talk to them, show them what's in it for them. There seems to be a lag from people joining to people signing up. Remember to make sure that new members know how to sign up to Pathways. We need to support our members as they transition to Pathways.

I look forward to working with the District Team, clubs and members to support and strengthen our clubs and enhance our members experience for the second half of the year.

Diane Isherwood
District 72 Director
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