



Division E Director

Pre-July report

Division E Director 2020-2021

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What do you think the purpose of your role is?

My role as is to help support the Area Directors to work with the clubs to help the clubs to achieve distinguished recognition. Overall every person in a leadership position needs to remember that everything we do should be supporting opportunities for growth for the members at the club level.

What do you see as the biggest opportunity this year?

The biggest opportunity for me this year personally is to work with people that are motivated to make change for the betterment of the clubs and the members' experiences. Because I work for myself this opportunity to work with a team of people is something that I don't normally get in my work life.

How do you prefer to receive feedback?

The best way to provide me with feedback is to have a person-to-person discussion.

How would you like people to contact you?

I'm happy to be contacted via email or by phone. Messaging is also fine. I'm normally pretty good about returning email or messages as soon as possible.

What will you be doing to meet and understand members?

My goal is for the Area Directors to be the feet on the ground. They are the eyes and ears for the Division Director and certainly for me the three Area Directors in Christchurch will be my window into what's happening down there. I look forward to meeting members when the opportunity presents itself but understand that realistically with the geographic barrier plus my disability, the opportunity to meet many members will be limited to Division conference, District conference and possibly Lake Rotoiti. Workshops online will present an opportunity to meet members who I may not have had the opportunity to meet otherwise.

What do you want and/or not want to change?

Would really like to change the way that some of the procedures are conducted which make people feel as if it were wasting their time. Small changes to the numbering or two or three words in a statement of procedural documentation makes people feel like we're wasting their time. That was the way I felt anyway. I want to see that every time we meet whether it's online or in person members walk away with something useful.

What motivates us, inspires us, or makes us feel fulfilled?

I'm not sure what motivates the majority of people but I know for myself growth and learning is what motivates me to engage in professional development and personal development of any sort. If I don't feel as if I'm going to learn something, become inspired, or be challenged then I don't want to invest my time or energy.

What do you do in your free time?

Now that I'm wearing my teacher hat again because we're homeschooling our daughter, I don't have any free time. Everything I do becomes something that my daughter could learn from with the opportunity of simply watching the world around her. Currently I'm painting rocks in an effort to brighten up the rock garden outside my office.

What are you most grateful about?

Gosh, in life I'm most grateful for the fact that I can still speak, see, move (restricted as I am), that I have a loving husband, daughter and friends. I'm grateful every day for the wonderful life that continues to be mine.

What has been an obstacle to progress?

Nothing is an obstacle, everything is an opportunity. The key is to learn how to look at things differently, to make adjustments and to be able to do things to the best of your ability in spite of or because of any situation you're placed in. I like to think that because the universe has given me this wonderful boat to row, with leaky holes in it and all sorts, but I need to row it the very best I can. I owe it to myself and to others.