



Immediate Past District Directors Report 9th August 2019

The 2019/2020 year has got off to a great start. I believe that we have 2 new clubs close to chartering, which is wonderful to see. The District Trio, Field Officers and Division Directors got off to a wonderful start on the last weekend in July for a PAL (Planning & Leadership) weekend and it was good to see everyone bonding and setting up the template for a productive year.

As last years District Director, I have been slowly working on organising the incentives to those who achieved last year. Congratulations to those 6 Area Directors who lodged Area Director Club Visit Reports before the end of September and March. These are: Roberta Eykholt, Diane Isherwood, Leanne Fox, Karen Lynley, Darren Wilkie and Kendall Eade.

Clubs who had a full attendance of 7 members at both Club Leadership Training events, will receive the "007 Award" Ribbon. These clubs are: Speak for Yourself; Speak Easy; Public Service; Outspoken; Turbine Talkers and Cupcake Toastmaster Clubs.

Both the Area Directors and Clubs listed in the above 2 paragraphs will receive their incentives in September, upon my return to Christchurch.

Congratulations also to the two Division Directors (Erin Daldry & Brian Preddy) who both achieved Select Distinguished status. Also, to the 13 Area Directors who achieved Distinguished or greater.

Well done to those 16 clubs who have achieved Presidents Distinguished Status for 3 or more years: These clubs are: Wainouiomata, Hutt City, Hutt Valley, Silverstream, Upper Hutt, Turbine Talkers, Karori, Emerging Leaders, Wellington, Statistically Speaking, Terrace@12, Cathedral City, Christchurch Womens, Lincoln Research, Boaters and Dunedin. This is a supreme achievement, as this means that they are constantly working at building their club. They will receive their ribbons at the conference next May in Christchurch as per procedures.

Area Director of the Year and Division Director of the year will be formally announced at the next conference. However, I will personally be advising these two people of their awards in September, so that they can arrange to collect them at the May 2020 Conference in Christchurch.

I am also in the process of currently working out who the Toastmaster of the year will be for 2018/2019.

The District may not have achieved Distinguished Status for the 2018/2019 year, however, many can be proud of what was accomplished. Many Club Coaches were appointed to those with low membership numbers. Setting the foundations for a club to grow, with the future aim of achieving Distinguished is something to be delighted about.

With Pathways, District 72 can be pleased with their members who have challenged themselves and taken up this wonderful new learning programme. I have heard many reports from people

who are enjoying the personalisation of the programme to their own individual needs. I am curious as to why our new member uptake was only 69.48% as this should be 100%, as every member who joins must undertake the Pathways programme. Club Officer uptake was 86.72% and the total membership uptake for the District was 76.43%. (% as @ 25/7/2019). It may pay to note here that those clubs whose Club Officers have accessed the Pathways programme, have a higher membership uptake and appear to be the more successful clubs. I have heard many new members who are accessing the programme comment on how the programme suits their needs. Congratulations to those Clubs who have been so pro-active with Pathways area.

I am fortunate to have had a fantastic team on board last year. I am proud of how you have grown and what you have achieved.

I wish Diane and her wonderful new team the best of luck for the 2019/2020 year.

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Immediate Past District Director 2019/2020