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This year's District 72 Theme

I take the inspiration for my theme from a Whakatoki (proverb) from Kamatua and Healer Tikirau Stevens, which I believe captures the essence of Toastmasters.

Drawing on the Past, Transforming the Present, Building a Stronger Future!
Kumea mai a muri, Hurihia ki mua, Whakamaua kia tina!

As in my theme for this year **Drawing on the past** make use of the continually updated resource material and the mentoring and coaching experience of those who started their Toastmasters Journey before you as you are

Transforming the present to become the communicator and leader you want to be, and helping transform the lives of those you interact with as you are

Building a stronger future for yourself, your club and your communities.

Distinguished Toastmasters

Congratulations to the latest District 72 Toastmasters who have received their DTM awards, well done to you all, and it is good to see you are continuing your Toastmasters journey by helping others achieve theirs and continuing your journey to another DTM.

Robert Haluziczky,	Taieri Club	Dunedin
Tania Sales,	Sunday Afternoon	Lower Hutt
Bjorn Simonsen,	Hibiscus Coast Club	Auckland
Andrew Pass,	Maungakiekie Club	Auckland
Robyn Gordon,	Matamata Club	Matamata
Neville Isherwood,	Wainuiomata Toastmasters	Lower Hutt
Maree Cullen	Island Bay Toastmasters Club	Wellington

Glen Irving,	First Impressions Club	Hamilton
Jonathan Darby,	Canterbury Connoisseur Club	Christchurch
Ruth Proffit,	Ngamotu Breakfast Toastmasters Club	New Plymouth
Hamish Muir,	Birkenhead Toastmaster Club	North Shore
Diane Isherwood,	Porirua Central	Porirua
Sarah Bate,	Wellington Professional Toastmasters Club	Wellington

Member dues renewal

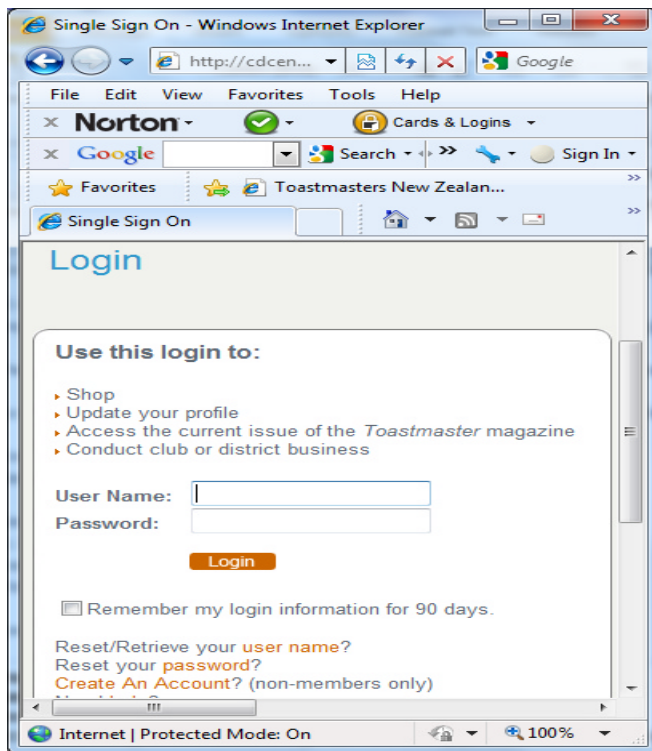
Congratulations to Division E first to renew all clubs, with Division G second getting there just two days later. There are a few clubs that have not yet renewed any of their members, at the end of November all graced members who have not had fees renewed in a least one club will cease to be members of Toastmasters. To renew your members after 30th November will require each member to fill out a form 400 new member form and the club submit and register each member on-line as a re-instated member.

Please all clubs do not delay there are only a few days left, all VP memberships please log on using your personal logon and check that all your members are current. Any members not paid up cannot compete in the club contests and will be disqualified if they do, Toastmasters International do not make any exceptions to this rule. I had to disqualify a contestant at the District International final because his Club Treasurer had not paid his dues to TI on time.

Note: Any of the 7 club officers can submit the dues on-line; they must be registered with Toastmasters International as a club officer for that club. They are the only ones that will have club central access to pay the dues. You will need to log on using your personal membership number and password. When they updated the website earlier this year some personal passwords ceased to work and need to be reset, all club logons cease to exist.

If you do not have a logon or you have forgotten the password. Do not use "Create An Account" this is to create an account for non-Toastmasters to logon.

Go to the logon screen and enter your membership number it is your **User Name**, click on **reset your password (the word password)**. A new password will be sent to your personal e-mail address on your TI membership record. Logon with this new password, you can change it to any new one once logged on. Then click on Club Central and add the renewals.



Club Leadership Training

The next round of club officer training is almost upon us. Division Governors have been advertising the dates, please mark them in your calendar, you may attend even if you are not an officer but do not count for the DCP goal. It is a great session to learn more about Toastmasters and how to lead a club.

Last year there was a disappointing turnout from club officers in the second round across the district, some of your club officers did not bother to attend. It is the duty of all club officers to make sure they are trained and have all the information they need to fulfil their role completely in looking after the members of your club. Make a difference this year and come along to the training.

Looking back over the statistics from previous years clubs with few or even no officers attending training tend to have low membership, low membership retention, register few educational awards if any, members needs are not met. Is your club one of the 39 clubs with all untrained club officers attempting to run your club but did not attended training to get the knowledge and skills they need to meet your and your clubs club's needs, are untrained officers leading your club?

Officers Trained	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Number	39	10	14	20	81	44	26	9

972 club officers out of 1687 attended training in the second round that is only 57.6%

Clubs getting 4 or more officers trained 160 out of 241, only 66% of clubs had half their officers trained

Stats for second round CLT 2010-2011

Club officers please attend the next round of training in your Division for the new information e.g. about contests, rebranding; ideas to help you succeed in your role, experienced members helping the newer members; networking and learning off each other. Contact your Area Governor or Division Governor if you have any queries.

District Supplies and New Member kits

These two separate roles were done concurrently by Richard and Linda Watson for many years, since 1986 for new member kits. Richard and Linda were recognised at the May 2011 convention for their many years of dedicated voluntary service to District 72 Toastmasters members. And another BIG THANK YOU goes to Richard and Linda.

District Supplies:

In July 2011 Kath and Vaughan Cherrie took over the District Supplies role. District 72 District Supplies manage the purchase Toastmasters material in bulk and transporting it to New Zealand and on selling it to our members on behalf of District 72.

Information about District Supplies can be found on the District 72 website at http://www.toastmasters.org.nz/district_supplies_catalogue.html . You can contact Kath and Vaughan on districtsupplies@toastmasters.org.nz

New Member Kits:

This role has now been taken on by Michelle Gerwitz and Hans van den Broek.

This role involves distributing new member kits and new club charter kits on behalf of Toastmasters International and operated directly with the USA and had no direct involvement with District 72. The new member kits are sent out in bulk by the pallet and distributed locally by New Zealand Post formally by Richard. Since Richards's illness mid-August, this was being done temporarily by Warwick Lowndes for a short period. A big thank you goes to Warwick for stepping in to help at a moment's notice until a permanent replacement was found.

The process is the club officer submits the new membership online to TI and checks the new member kit is required, once a week on a Friday (NZ Time) TI e-mail a spread sheet of the new members to send a new member kit to. Michelle and Hans will normally send the kit to the club address or president's address on record at District 72 by local post; please check to ensure your club address is correct on the District 72 website. They will only send a kit if authorised by TI member services, if it is not on the list check that the member registration has been processed.

Note: District Supplies (USA) do not send out the member kits to new members; this is managed via the Member Services team under managed by the Member Services Director via the NZ WHQ Supplies. You can however purchase the individual manuals found in the kit from District 72Supplies.

Local new member kit enquires can be made via whqsupplies@toastmasters.org.nz or bioflunz@gmail.com

Membership enquiries to TI can be made to membership@Toastmasters.org

Downloadable educational material

In an effort to reduce expense yet speed members' access to Toastmasters' printed materials, the Board of Directors approved a plan to begin digital distribution of select materials through the Toastmasters online store. Logon with your personal logon and use the store shopping cart to select the items you wish to download and checkout, only pay zero dollars.

Currently available is the Successful Club Series, The Better Speaker Series and contest materials are available and later the Leadership excellence series. Over the coming months, more materials will be available, some for free and others for purchase. Please check this page regularly for updates!

<http://www.toastmasters.org/DigitalContent>

The District 72 District Store will continue to hold some stock for those that would like to purchase hard copies of this material.

Six monthly Club officer election

Some clubs choose to elect their club officers every 6 months, these clubs need to hold an annual general meeting in December and elect their new officers.

Remember to update your club records at Toastmasters International by logging on with your personal logon and the District 72 Directory via the District 72 website

http://www.toastmasters.org.nz/clubs/club_and_officer_information.html.

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District Governor 2011-12