



DISTRICT 72 DIRECTOR REPORT

6th April 2019

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

District 72 Focus for 2018/2019: “To support all clubs in achieving excellence by giving clubs the tools to be quality clubs”

This has been a year of changes, losses and growth.

Pathways is progressing, with a great percentage of our District’s members commencing their journey into change and growth. One of my personal missions for the District has been to see as many members logged into Pathways and have undertaken their Ice Breaker under the new educational programme. It has been pleasing to see this number increasing every few months. There have been several Pathways Educational’s held throughout the year, to ensure that everyone goes away having learnt more, with a more positive experience with Pathways. We are doing well with Pathways educational awards overtaking the legacy awards. (*Legacy means the old CC, CL and Advanced Communication and Leadership Manuals*).

Sadly, seven of our District’s clubs have lost the struggle and have decided to close their doors. Some of the members from these clubs have moved to stronger clubs, which is a positive for all. I fully believe that a ‘phoenix’ will rise from the ashes. With this, we have had 4 Clubs charter this year, and have others in various growing stages heading towards their eventual Charter.

Our District Membership Growth is tracking along nicely, so this indicates that the word is still spreading that Toastmasters is a wonderful tool for personal growth. Thank you to those members who have been helping to spread the word.

From the feedback we have received, the second round of Club Leadership Training was enjoyed by all those who attended. The style and delivery has been more facilitated this year, to take advantage of changing educational styles. I thank each presenter who took part in the delivery of CLT, both Round 1 and Round 2. I also thank those who attended and benefited from the educational programme.

I believe that those clubs who are struggling, need to look carefully about sending Club Officers to Club Leadership Training, so that they can benefit and assist their club with membership growth.

The District has concentrated this year on getting all struggling clubs, below 12 to take on Club Coaches. Many have taken on this opportunity. Club Coaches are now receiving support from the District with regular calls with other coaches, to discuss successes and challenges. I believe this is working well for those attending.

Congratulations to the six (6) clubs who will receive the "007 Award". This is an Award for those clubs who have sent 7 Club Officers to both Round 1 and Round 2 of Club Leadership Training. This shows that these clubs are 100% committed to helping their club grow. These clubs are Speak-Easy, Speak for yourself, Public Service, Outspoken, Turbine Talkers, and Cupcake Communicators.

Gavin Toastmaster (the District's Travelling Gavel) is currently in Christchurch and has visited Division C and Wellington Divisions this year, spreading his good cheer. Gavin's main purpose is to encourage members around the District to visit other clubs and take away learnings and ideas to help improve their own clubs. Even the best clubs can learn something new from another club.

Thank you to the Division Directors along with their Area Directors who have worked hard this year providing workshops, educational's, along with the Contests and Conferences. Many Area Directors have yet to complete their Club Visit Reports and I look forward to reading these. It is good seeing the enthusiasm that each District Leader has brought to each meeting that we have had and more importantly into their role.

Thanks also goes to my fellow trio members Carol and Diane whom I find are of great support and on our weekly calls. Thank you must also go to the other senior District Officers for their incredible amount of hard work they have put in throughout the year. To each of you.

Finally, thank you to all those Toastmaster members who continue to put in extra time over and above the call of duty. Our organisation relies on members volunteering their spare time to help Toastmasters grow. You are the ones whom make our Toastmasters Clubs what they are today. THANK YOU.

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District 72 Director

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