

DISTRICT 72 DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Division	J	Division Director	Colin Leong	Report date	30/3/18
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Division Goals for the year

Division J to be distinguish or better, not to lose any clubs, have one club currently in formation to be chartered. Support a team of eight Area Directors to do their best. Organise and complete successful CLTs, Area speech contests and conferences. Prepare Division J for the new Pathways training scheme and for the Alignment which will separate the Division into two.

Division Celebrations & Successes

The eight Area J Directors have all successfully organised and ran their Area International Speech and Evaluation contests. I am so pleased that the Area Directors in the Wellington region helped each other with running the Area contests. Also the Area Directors based in Levin and Palmerston North helped at each other's Area contests.

Club Membership at a Glance

12 or Fewer	13-15	16-19	20+
Dannevirke, CHB, Speaking of Levin, PN Advance, Business Communication, Porriua Central, Advanced Communicators and Leaders.	Talk of the Town, Newlands, Massey, WOW, IPU NZ TM	Feilding, Palmerston Nth, DRI Remark, Coastmasters, Waikanae, Churton Park, Petone, Gracefield, Cup Cake Communicators. Kapi Mana@Tawa	Spinnaker, Karori, Ohariu, Ngaio, Wadestown, Upper Hutt, Hutt Valley, Wanganui, Sunday Afternoon, Wainuiomata, Hutt City, Silverstream, Masterton.

Division Challenges, Issues & Solutions

Organising the last Division J conference is well under way. The registration Flyer has been modified from a previous conference with a new date, contests programme and location. This has been emailed to all the Toastmasters members in Division J. A budget has been created and a test speaker organised. We have so far received 12 registrations. This will be the last Division J conference involving all the 35 clubs. As from Sunday 1st July 2018 Division J will be separated into two Divisions. The clubs south of Otaki will form a new division with five Areas to be part of District 72. The clubs north of Otaki in Division J will form two Areas and be combined with an Area with the Hastings, Napier and Waipukurau clubs. These three Areas will create the new Division M in the new District 112.

Created a submission for the Realignment in Area J8 to have one of its two clubs that meet on a Sunday afternoon transferred to Area J7 and to have one of its clubs transferred to J8. Thus each Area will have a club meeting on a Sunday afternoon. After much debate and receiving feedback from the people affected against the transfer it was decided not to go ahead with the submission.

Created a submission for the Speaking of Levin club that meet in Levin which is north of Otaki and north of the boundary line to be transferred from District 112 to join District 72. They felt they were more in line and work closely with the clubs south of Otaki. Than clubs in Palmerston North in District 112. This submission has been rejected as the boundary line has been set but they can reapply after Sunday 1st July 2018.

Was able to keep the designation Division J for the Wellington region clubs that will be part of District 72.

All the about still needs to be voted on at the Realignment meeting at the District Convention at the Waipuni Hotel on Friday 4 May 2018 in Auckland.

New Clubs Progress

Submitted the Charter forms for Paekakariki EarlyBirds club to Toastmasters International on the evening of Thursday 29/3/18. Spent a lot of time checking the membership application forms correcting errors. I wanted to charter the club in April so that it is in line with the semi annuals period from April to September.

The newly chartered Agile Toastmasters club in Division E is still strongly supported by four experience Toastmasters from Division J. The club is located in the Thorndon area in Wellington city. This shows the strong relationship between District E representing the Wellington city clubs and Division J representing the Wellington regions.

Division Events and other newsworthy items

Four members from the IPU New Zealand Toastmasters club organised and manned an information stall at the Esplanade open day held on Sunday 4 March.

Massey Toastmasters club manned a stall advertising the club at the Clubs Day on Wednesday 31 February. Clubs day is where all the clubs advertise their activities to the students at the Massey University campus in Palmerston North.