



Our Quintet



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And so, the 2017-18 Toastmasters year begins...

It is my pleasure to welcome all members from throughout the District to the new Toastmasters year. It is a year that promises plenty, with our usual array of activities, and two major projects added to the normal schedule within the next 12 months (District Reformation and Pathways).

Fortunately the Immediate Past District Director, David Templeman, and his District Officer team have left the country in a very strong position to build upon in the year ahead. Thank you David, and to all your District Officers and Field Officers who have put in so much tremendous work in 2016-17! Congratulations on your successes and your support of our 5,000+ members and 280+ clubs across the country.

I'd also like to thank and congratulate all the outgoing Club Committees for all they have done for their members, especially those who have achieved recognition of their successes in the Distinguished Club Programme (DCP), which signposts that they are leaving their clubs in a healthy position.

Welcome to the incoming District Officers, who have already been putting plenty of work in to prepare for the year ahead with District Training held in Wellington last weekend. It was great to meet you and I am really looking forward to working with you all throughout the coming year.

My vision this year is to have all members and clubs feel as if they know what is happening in the District and feeling supported in their endeavours. Communication, transparency and teamwork are high on the list of values that I would like to see delivered. Along with this I am focused on building on the organisational framework and raising the profile of Toastmasters, both internally and externally, to ensure that the reformation and creation of the new District next year are established with a very strong foundation from which to move forward. My goal is for District 72 to achieve at least Distinguished District status within this Toastmasters year and be comfortable that both Districts are in a position to do the same in the next Toastmasters year.

I will be sending out a monthly newsletter to keep you informed of the progress of our major projects, activities and events throughout the year.

Wishing all members, clubs and District Officers all the best in achieving your goals in the year ahead.

Sarah Bate

District Director, District 72

District Mission

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence



Club Leadership Training

All club committee members are strongly encouraged to attend their Division led Club Leadership training sessions, which will be delivered throughout the District on various dates throughout July and August. While the Distinguished Club Programme (DCP) requires a minimum of 4 club officers to attend this training from each club, it is highly recommended that all club committee members attend as this training will provide the tools to ensure that your clubs are effectively set up for success in the year ahead. And remember, these training sessions are also open to all members, so feel free to invite your members.

Contests Coming Soon

From early August, clubs throughout the country will be holding their Humorous Speech and Table Topics contests. It is a good idea to schedule these early and start talking to members about the benefits of taking up the challenge and participating. Area Contests in these two events will be held throughout the country in September, with club representatives stepping outside the club to represent them at the next level. Winners from the Area Contests go on to the Division contests, held at the 9 Division conferences in October. Winners from each of these events will go on to represent their Division in the District (national) finals at the District Convention in Gisborne on the weekend of 11-12 November 2017. Wishing you all the best of luck, and a lot of fun, in these contests at all levels.

Having Your Say

The Toastmasters International Annual Business Meeting will be held on August 26 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Your voice is important, and you have a significant role to play in this process as every club holds a vote. Start by learning about the [candidates](#) and [proposed amendments](#) which will be voted on at this meeting. At your next club meeting, discuss which candidates best meet the future needs of Toastmasters International and which proposals you are in agreement with. If no one in your club is planning to attend the meeting, you may designate a proxyholder to cast the club's votes. Proxyholders are required to vote in the manner a club designates; if a voting preference is not designated, the proxyholder may vote in their own best interest. Allocation of the club proxy is done through the Club Central portal on the Toastmasters International [website](#) and the most common assignation is to the District Director. If you are doing your vote by proxy and have instructions on voting that you would like to see carried through for you then please email these to director@toastmasters.org.nz. If you do not have specific instructions then just assign the proxy and the District Director will carry your votes in the best interests of the District as a whole.

District Service Charge

In the next month or so your club will receive an invoice for the District Service Charge. This is levied at \$6 per member based on your membership as at 1 July 2017. The funds collected from this will be used to support the Divisions and Areas in running their contests and workshops throughout the year. It would be greatly appreciated if you can attend to payment early.

Reformation

This will be the last year that District 72 will cover all of New Zealand. On 1 July 2018 we will split into two Districts – District 112 will be created to cover all current clubs North of the Wellington regionals boundary, and District 72 will shrink to cover the South Island and Wellington region.

This split will provide easier management of what is currently a very large District in terms of clubs and members and provide more leadership opportunities for members to step into.

With this in mind, several committees have been formed to review and prepare for the split to occur in a smooth and seamless manner. Things that will be considered are the realignment throughout each new District to effectively create Divisions and Areas which work well to ensure effective management; review of all procedures and creation of new procedural documents, particularly for District 112; review of resources (i.e., funds, hard and soft assets) to ensure the new District is effectively established prior to 1 July 2018; nominations for roles in each District; ABM's for each District at the May 2018 Conventions; etc.

We will keep you updated as the year progresses and the committees report back with their recommendations.

Top Table

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Stephen Preston

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Tania Fraser

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Michelle Gerwitz

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Chrissy Meyer

Immed. Past District Director



David Templeman