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Toastmasters District 72, Division E Newsletter

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Division E Conference

Division Contest Results

Congratulations to Division Contest winners and place getters.

The Division E International Speech Contest and International Speech Contest were held on Saturday 9th April at Petone. Those that attended were entertained with a high standard of evaluations and speeches.

Evaluation Contest

John Lowe from Turbine Talkers presented the test speech for the Evaluation Contest. The first sentence included an intriguing comment on "Erectile Dysfunction". This made every male in the room sit up and pay attention.

The speech had a different twist on the effects smoking, including some extremely graphic examples.

There was a high standard of evaluations with Peter Scholtens, representing Area 6, taking out first place. Peter will now go on to represent Division E at the District 72 Convention to be held at Waipuna, Mt Wellington on the 13th to 15th May 2011.



Placegetters: Denise Stephens (2nd); Peter Scholtens (1st); Ann Swaby (3rd)



Contestants: Colin Lewis (Area E9); Neil McInnes (Area E5); Marty Pilott (Area E4); Jan Matthews (Area E7); Denise Stephens (Area E2); Peter Scholtens (Area E6); Helen Cartmell (Area E8); Ann Swaby (Area E3); Neville Isherwood (Area E1)



Participants: Murray Coutts (LGM); Joy Ackrill;
Steve Preston

While the Evaluation contestants were writing up their notes for the Contest we were entertained to a “three word story” by Murray Coutts, LGM, Joy Ackrill and Steve Preston.

Mark Garnham, Contest Chair, gave the speakers three words to start a story. Each person had to add three more words to the story, and then the story moved onto the next person – and so it continued.

The story went from aeroplanes to plasticine aeroplanes. One person’s three words were “wait.....wait.....wait”.

An entertaining story that had the interesting challenge for each person of adding just three words to the story at a time.

International Speech Contest

The International Speech Contest included a variety of topics from serious speeches, to inspirational and to the more light-hearted speeches. Speeches titled “Life is...” to “Tuk Tuk Wallah with a Heart of Gold” and “My Gun Toting Granny”.

The speeches were of a high standard, giving the judges a real challenge.

Lynne Bushell was placed first with her speech entitled “The Fool”, a speech about accepting the challenge to undertake an army fitness course.

Lynne will now go on to represent Division E at the District 72 Convention to be held at Waipuna, Mt Wellington on the 13th to 15th May 2011.



Placegetters: Lynne Bushell (1st); Saskia Van Rijn (2nd);
Ratna Bose (3rd)



Contestants: Neville Isherwood (Area E5); Ratna Bose (Area E9); Lynne Bushell (Area E8); Saskia Van Rijn (Area E4); Angus Wood (Area E6); Steve Lawton (Area E7); Ann Swaby (Area E3); Ben Wilson (Area E1); Darrell Phillips (Area E2)

Colin Perfect Trophy



Porirua Central Toastmasters Club members:
Kath Cherrie; Neville Isherwood; Carol Mitchell;
Mel Schmidt; Jocelyn Syme; Diane Isherwood

The Colin Perfect Trophy is presented in memory of Colin Perfect, a gentleman who was well known in Toastmasters throughout New Zealand, and who was always there to support and encourage other Toastmasters.

The Colin Perfect Trophy is awarded to the Club who has the most members attend as a percentage of the total members of the Club.

This year the Award was presented to Porirua Central Toastmasters, one of the smaller clubs that is in a rebuilding phase.

Sunday Afternoon Toastmasters, the newest club in Division E, was in second place.

The Gourmet Club, that Colin Perfect was a member, was in third place.

It is not too late to register – come along and support Division E Contestants

Good luck to Division E contestants for the District 72 contests

District Convention

13-15 May 2011

Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre

Convention website: www.waipuna2011.org.nz



NOTE THIS – IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF YOU

We will be voting on the District realignment proposal at the District Convention

Will you have a club representative at the Convention?

Have you assigned your Club proxy?

The proposal for the realignment can be reviewed at:

http://www.toastmasters.org.nz/index.cfm/news/district_alignment.html

What is Your Next Step?

Our journey in Toastmasters is like a ship at sea. We set our goals and head towards our destination. Just like a ship that is taken off course by the winds and the tides - so does our journey in Toastmasters. Our circumstances change, the unexpected happens that take us away from the goals that we have set ourselves. Our final destination can become a moving target as circumstances in our life change. As our confidence grows – so do our ambitions and our goals.

Sometimes, others believe in you more than you do in yourself. I never believed I would succeed in the Leadership Track. With the support and encouragement of Toastmasters I have worked through the Leadership Track to where I am today. Do you know someone out there who has potential, or you believe in? Someone who doesn't believe in themselves! Work with them, encourage and support them so they will start believing in themselves and progress through their Toastmasters journey and meet their goals. We can gain so much, ourselves, from supporting and mentoring others through both the Communication and Leadership Track. If you haven't mentored someone already - give it a go! It can be very rewarding.

What other opportunities and challenges have you taken up in Toastmasters? **WHY ARE YOU HERE?** What is your next step? Many times we stay within our own club because we feel comfortable. Take the step outside your club – move outside your comfort zone – you will grow from the experience.

Visit another club - join another club. There are struggling clubs that would appreciate the help of other Toastmasters and you will also have the opportunity of completing more speeches. We have advanced clubs and monthly clubs that will give the experienced speakers a challenge and give you the chance to evaluate, and be evaluated, by experienced members.

What is your next step? Have you reviewed your goals recently or are you just drifting? - Completing speeches and not knowing where you are going! We need to regularly re-evaluate why we come to Toastmasters and what we want to achieve?

Have you achieved the Awards you wanted to this year or do you have a few more projects you need to complete. Talk to your Vice President Education and see if you can complete the projects before the end of the Toastmasters year!

Are you going to be like a ship drifting aimlessly that never gets to its destination?

Or are you going to change course to get to your final destination, and meet your goals!

Area News

Area E3

Valley Sunrisers

Do you know someone who wants to join Toastmasters – someone who will benefit from joining up with Toastmasters?

Do you want to join another club – support another club?

There is a fortnightly early morning "club in formation: Valley Sunrisers" that needs support. Valley Sunrisers meets at 7am to 8pm at the Te Awakairangi Community Centre cnr Laings Rd./Myrtle St.

The Club has been "in formation" for the past two years & has contributed members to other clubs over this time.

Who do you know that would benefit from Toastmasters – tell them about Valley Sunrisers .

Area E7



Photo taken at the most recent (February) Area E7 Council Meeting

From left to right are:
Jacinta Zogg (Mt Vic), Caroline Wallace (Turbine Talkers), Mike Norden (WPTC), Carol Mitchell (Island Bay), Sarah Bate (AG E7, WPTC and Island Bay), Robert Perse (Peninsula Presenters), and Paul Beres (Cook Strait).
Taking photo Steve Preston (Mt Vic and WPTC).

Area E9

Victoria University Club

Victoria University need your support to help get their numbers up – can you spare an occasional Wednesday between 12 noon and 1pm.

Victoria University are having a make-or-break meeting at 12 noon to 1pm, 4 May at our usual meeting place (Rm 218 in the VUW Student Centre). The Club needs Toastmasters who can get along to boost their numbers.

Anyone interested in coming along to lend support should contact the club president, Michael Flaus at dflaus@xtra.co.nz and copy Marilyn (Education Officer) on marilyn.park@vuw.ac.nz

**Do you want to support a struggling Club?
Do you know someone who would be able to help a struggling Club?**

Tell them about Victoria University Toastmasters .

Upcoming Events

Club Elections

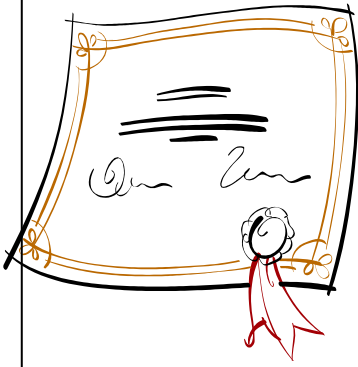
Has your club organised your elections?

During the first meeting in May, all Clubs must elect annual officers serving from July 1 of the current year through to June 30 of the following year.

Club officers elected must be registered on both the Toastmasters International website and also the New Zealand Toastmasters website as soon as possible after the election.

*“The greater our involvement the more we learn.
Little of what we passively listen to is remembered.”*

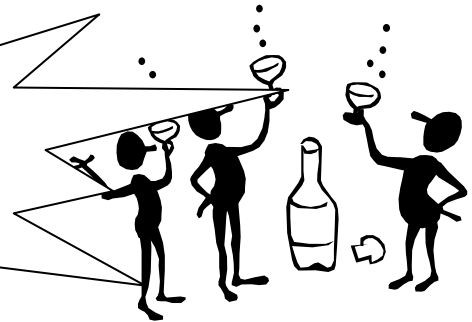
Award Corner



The Toastmasters' educational program is the heart of every Toastmasters club. It provides members with a proven curriculum that develops communication and leadership skills one step at a time, with many opportunities for awards and recognition along the way. It is important that we recognise and acknowledge the achievements of our Club members when they receive an award.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Steve Preston who has achieved his Distinguished Toastmasters Award



Congratulations to the members of the following Clubs who achieved awards in April. Congratulations to the members of Mount Victoria Toastmasters who have achieved 3 goals; the members of Harbourside, Johnsonsville, Ngaio and Terrace@12 who have achieved 2 goals; and the members of Capital Chatterers, Five Crowns, Gracefield, Hutt City, Ohariu, Petone, Public Service, Spinnaker, Statistics, Sunday Afternoon, Taxing, Upper Hutt and Wellington Professionals who have all achieved one goal each.

Distinguished Club Programme...

Congratulations to WOW who became the first club in New Zealand to become Presidents Distinguished

Public Service and High Noon Bankers have achieved Select Distinguished Club. Business Breakfast, Hutt Valley, Sunday Afternoon, DIALOGUE and Statistics Wellington have achieved Distinguished Club. There are also another seventeen clubs that already have five or more goals and just need to meet the membership requirements.

Spirit of Success... The *Spirit of Success* is an opportunity to recognise our club members for completing five speeches in the Competent Communicator manual or five speeches in one of the Advanced Manuals. **Does your club present the Spirit of Success Certificate? Are your members being recognised for completing five speeches?** Check out "Spirit of Success" on the www.toastmasters.org.nz homepage...

Our Toastmasters year is drawing to a close. What is your Club going to do to bring in new members? Who are you going to introduce to the benefits of Toastmasters?

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Word of Mouth

Every Saturday afternoon
From 1:30pm to 2:00pm

Tune in to hear Toastmasters on Air... What is Toastmasters? What's in it for you? How do you join? Educational insights and interesting interviews... all on the airwaves around Wellington on a Saturday afternoon... Or feel free to listen to the last programme at your own convenience online at <http://www.accessradio.org/media/ondemand/play.aspx?uid=1288222827-541-3>

Alternatively, if you are keen to take up the opportunity to get involved then it would be great to hear from you.

- Enjoy the opportunity to learn about how radio works and what is done behind the scenes to provide people with information over the airwaves...
- Experiment with your creativity and put together interesting promos and segments of witty repartee...
- Deliver educational information with a strong focus on use of words and vocal variety...
- Be in on the ground floor and help develop a programme which gives people an opportunity to be on radio...

Give us a call on 021-203-4545 or (04) 382-9811, or email at wordofmouthtm@gmail.com to find out more.

This newsletter is for all Division E Toastmasters. If you have anything to contribute for the next newsletter, please submit it NO LATER THAN 26th May to:

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