



Division G Director Report

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Since 1 July 2020, we have lost 30 members from clubs that have been dissolved and 80 from active clubs. It should be noted that a large number of those lost were members of less than one year, which could indicate the struggle for newer members having to have club meetings online. However, it is good to see we have had 90 new members since 1 July. Interestingly 23 of these have joined from other clubs.

It would be of value to do a District analysis to see if members from dissolved clubs are joining other clubs and, if not, following up with them.

Many of the non-corporate clubs are holding open meetings to attract new members.

Since losing four clubs in the first half of the year we have not lost any more but have three that have not yet managed to get up to the required eight members.

Again, we were not able to hold the second round of Division contests in person. However, the Area Contests were run successfully via Zoom. There have been fewer people participating in the contests and I believe this is due to people's reluctance to participate in online contests. This is a real pity as those that have participated have learnt new skills that will stand them in good stead in the new world we find ourselves in.

With contests being run online, it gives people the opportunity to step outside their own club/area/division to be an official. Some members have leapt at this opportunity and I thank those that have stepped in to help with Division G Area contests. As I have participated in other divisions and areas, I have noticed that the quality of the management of the contests is dependent on whether those organising the contest had participated in the workshops or read the online contest guide, both provided by the Training Team.

The Division Directors in the Wellington region have worked well together and supported each other, thank you Mary and Glen.

Recommendations for next Toastmasters year:

- Regular analysis of members leaving particularly corporate clubs, to support them into new clubs
- A workshop on the International Speech contest i.e. for contestants
- Judges' debrief for all contests
- If contests are to be online -
 - a District register of those happy to be judges and officials
 - all District Officers attend a workshop on running online contests

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