



Division D Director Report

17th April 2023

Club Membership at a Glance

	12 or Fewer	13-15	16-19	20+	Club Total
As @ 17 April 2023	7	1	1	5	14
Base at 31 July 2022	6	3	2	7	16
Change	+1	-2	-1	-2	Net loss 2 Clubs

Goals:

This year the Division D leadership team wished to focus on assisting Clubs with increasing their membership along with assisting the members with education, along with more in-person connection.

- Membership has sadly decreased, including my own club, but I do note that Club Membership since September dues has been steadily on the rise again.
- An Educational weekend was planned, however, due to lack of interest, it was postponed until the new Toastmasters year.
- It was good to see a good number of people attending the Division D Conference, especially to support their fellow club members.

Dues Renewal & Membership Status:

At the start of the year, District Dashboard showed that the Division D base membership number was 317, with club numbers were showing 18. Although the reality was much different and the base was in fact 16 paid clubs, with 2 clubs already in bad standing, and not intending to renew.

The Division D membership is now down to 246 and we are now at 14 clubs, with a further loss of 2 clubs:

- Avon was able to renew their October dues prior to 31st March, however, as at the 1st April they are back to being a club in Bad Standing. Avon now have a Club Coach and hopefully soon will be paying their April Dues (paying until 30 September 2023).
- Lincoln Research is also a club in Bad standing, as they are taking a 6-month break (hiatus) in order to regroup and see if they will continue as a club.

It might pay to note here, that often Clubs will only renew the minimum number of members to keep the club in good standing. Also, that many clubs will normally lose one-third membership due to natural attrition (*people leaving for various reasons: like moving, new jobs, change of circumstances, etc*).

This is indicative of a similar situation around other Divisions in District 72 and around other Districts around the world. Clubs are struggling everywhere, with decreased interest in volunteering (keeping clubs running) and affected by the general financial unrest around the world.

Division Team:

Thank you to my team of Division D Area Directors this year.

Area D1 Director: Louise Landess - Area.d1@toastmasters.org.nz

Area D3 Director: Dillon Skipper - Area.d3@toastmasters.org.nz

Area D4 Director: Leonie Wilkinson - Area.d4@toastmasters.org.nz

Area D5 Director: Lisa Coppins - Area.d5@toastmasters.org.nz

Their work was much appreciated.

If there are members out there who wish to grow their Toastmasters and speaking skills, I recommend taking up the Area Director Role. Talk to one of these Area Directors and I'm sure they would mentor you on your journey. If interested in becoming an Area Director, please email your interest in becoming to Kathryn Duncan, District 72 Director; email: thrynka.d@gmail.com Thanks.

Distinguished Clubs

Congratulations must go to the following clubs for participating and being successful in the Distinguish Club Programme.

- Boaters – Presidents Distinguished
- Christchurch – Presidents Distinguished
- Liffey – Select Distinguished (so far)

This list is by no means definitive, as some clubs already have the Goals, yet do not have the membership and others have the membership, but not yet the Education goals.

Division Conference – March 25th

The Division D Contest was held on Saturday 25th March at the Lincoln Events Centre, and was very well attended with the max at any one time around 60 attendees (including Contestants).

My grateful thanks goes to all who attended and especially to those who helped stage the event in a functionary capacity. Until you have run an event of this magnitude, you do not realise how much it takes to have an event run smoothly. Thanks always seems too little to say to those who helped, so I will say it again.....Thank you. 😊

Again, thanks to my Area Directors for the work they have done this year. I believe they have all grown in some capacity over their term as Area Directors. Thank You.

Well done to all clubs. Each journey is different, and each has different struggles to overcome. If you have gained new members, then you are doing well. Congratulations.

The Division Team is still here to the end of their term which finishes on 30th June 2023, so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask them or myself.

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