



Division G Director Report

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Here are some reflections on what Division G has been doing recently, the successes and areas that need to be looked at:

Membership: Membership of Clubs has gone down and there are a number of factors why:

1. The increased cost of membership from \$US 45 to \$US 60 means that the fees to Toastmasters International is about \$100. People would argue that the price gives good value, but not everyone thinks so.
2. Members belonging to Corporate Clubs are finding that their work is no longer paying their fees which means that some people won't renew.
3. A number of people in the Public Service are concerned that they may lose their jobs and want to save money.

The membership as listed below has only 2 clubs with 20+ members

Nevertheless, there are some encouraging signs. A couple of clubs that were thought to have insufficient members have managed to get 8 or more members, so they are now in good standing. We also got a new club in the Area- Kura Korero which is exciting. So, we can go ahead with some confidence.

Education: We had one in person Club Officer Training in December 2024. We got close to 30 people there which was reasonable, but not too exciting considering that it was open to Division J, as well as Division G.

We also had online Club Officer Training which some people found helpful. A number of Clubs seemed unaware that the Training was available, so that is a concern. There seems to be a lack of knowledge from a number of Clubs about what is available to members beyond the Club experience. There needs to be more information on it as well as on Pathways. There is the opportunity for Educationals there.

Pathways: The Educational Awards to Date are below. It is a shame that Toastmasters International have not decreased the number of paths yet since this was expected early this year. When the revamped Pathways is brought out then it would be a good time to have a workshop or workshops on it. Unfortunately, there are still some people resistant to Pathways. The problem, also, with Clubs that have few members is that they often resort to having Table Topics instead of a speech so that means it takes so much longer for Toastmaster Paths to be completed. Time is part of the actor.

Contests: Contests went well with the Division G Club Contests being online. One disappointment was that not many people came to support the Contests. The Contest was hybrid and two contestants were online, one in India and one in Cambridge, and this was looked at well before the Contests started. It went very well with one of them winning the Humorous Contest. Being hybrid meant that a number of the judges were online also.

Area G2 was not represented at all. Area G3 was minimally represented. Again, there needs to be more communication. A few of the Presidents talked about members being new, and not being experienced enough to take place in Contests. They could start with Table Topics and Evaluation at least.

Club Visits

Club Visits have been completed for G4 and G6, so thanks to Ron Blackwell and Katina Beauchamp for the quality of their reports, and getting those done by the end of May. There are a number of Clubs to visit and these are scheduled, being conscious that these are due by 31 May.

Thanks to Program Quality Director, Carol Mitchell, for reading all the reports and commenting on them.

Thanks

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Club Membership at a Glance

| Number of Clubs with 12 or Fewer members | Number of Clubs with 13-15 members | Number of Clubs with 16-19 members | Number of Clubs with 20+ members |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 13 | 7 | 5 | 2 |

Educational Awards to Date

| Level | Number Completed |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 35 |
| 2 | 29 |
| 3 | 20 |
| 4 | 20 |
| 5 | 22 |
| Pathways Mentor | 1 |
| Pathway Completions | - |
| DTM | - |

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