

G WHIZZ

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A YEAR
FROM NOW
YOU WILL WISH
YOU HAD STARTED
TODAY

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*Happy New Year to
you all*

I trust that 2016 will be a good year of fulfillment and success for us all. Personally I don't do "New Year's Resolutions" but I do refocus on where I'm going and what I'm doing. I'm sure many of you also do this and I wish you well in your journey.



At our Toastmasters Division G Club Leadership Training in December we dealt with, in depth, the educational program called Moments of Truth. As such we encouraged Clubs to run this educational to examine the health of your clubs. As we start the New Year I recommend that every club either conducts the educational for the first time, or reviews progress made from when you did it last. Ideally this educational is done every year and reviewed every year. However, if you haven't looked at it this year then please consider doing so now. As a method of examining our club's health, there is no better tool. It helps us all see what we do well and focus on areas where improvement is needed.

As you consider your own progress and goals in Toastmasters, please talk to your VP Ed and get your speeches scheduled. Don't neglect your Competent Leadership Manual as well. Make sure you get your leadership roles evaluated and signed



Happy New Year to you all and best wishes for 2016. I hope you all enjoyed your break over our amazing Summer and that you have

come back enthusiastic about the year ahead.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition.

This year, please make the effort to email me news stories, personal anecdotes, adverts, photographs....from around the Division. Although geographically separated, we are all part of the same high achieving Division and this is a great way to share good news stories.

Send to shawsy@me.com

off.

At this time we only have one active "club in formation" in Division G. We would like more, to be able to share our wonderful experiences with even more people and members. If you have any thoughts of where you could begin a new club, please share this with your Area Director. As a Division we would like to support you as you seek to build a new club. It doesn't take an expert to begin a new club, just enthusiasm and support.

The other aspect of our experience is support and encouragement for clubs whose membership has fallen below recommended levels. Several clubs have had Club Coaches assigned to them and we have high hopes for them rebuilding to successful and exciting new levels. We have had very good successes with this program in the last few years. If your club is below 12 members, please contact us and we'll see if we can find club coaches for you. On the other hand, if you would like to be a club coach please also contact us; we can provide support for you as you perform this exciting task.

All the best for the coming year.

Cheers

Dave Young DTM
Division G Director

Cut Off Dates	Publishing Dates
Sunday 20th March	Sunday 27th March
Sunday 15th May	Sunday 22nd May
Sunday 17th July	Sunday 24th July
Sunday 18th September	Sunday 25th September
Sunday 20th November	Sunday 27th November

Begin with the end in mind.....



Darren Fleming (left of the picture) spoke with a great depth of knowledge and passion and at our national Convention in Blenheim. All who attended, learned a great deal. In his new book *How to Write a 10 Minute Presentation in under 2 Minutes*, he gives this advice for writing your next presentation.

When I was a kid, my Dad was a pilot. I loved going to the airport with him and flying all over

Victoria. It was the greatest place to hang out.

Prior to each flight, Dad would have to submit a flight plan, and I'd watch in awe as he prepared it. He'd take out the maps of the area and study them, starting with where he was going to land. Once he knew his destination, he'd look at the path he needed to take so he could approach the runway in an optimum way. From there, he'd work back to ensure that he avoided any restricted airspace and that he had taken the most direct flight path. Then, once he knew which runway he'd be taking off from, he'd plan his climb out.

As it happens, this is also the best way to prepare a presentation too. You need to start with the end in mind to ensure you reach it. If the first thing you write is the opening, how will you know what to say so it leads into the body of the presentation if you haven't written it yet?

Start at the end. It's much easier.

To learn more visit Darren's website <http://www.darrenfleming.com.au>

Division G has a Facebook page. Have you liked it yet?

Division G District 72 Toastmasters

SUCCESSION PLANNING - A Practical Guide -

The challenge of SUCCESSION PLANNING is to attract club members onto our club's Executive Committee and to ask ourselves.... Who will take our executive role for the 2016/17 Toastmaster year? The time to start thinking and planning this is NOW!

Plant a Seed

During February/March 2016, consider holding an Educational to pique the interest of club members.

Explain the purpose/function of the Executive Committee and the roles, duties and responsibilities of the committee members. This can be presented by a club member or by someone from outside the club. If you can't get a club member to run this educational, try Mark Baker at bakerfam@slingshot.co.nz

Explain the benefits of being on the Executive Committee

* Leadership and Life Skills

* Get to know others

* Make a difference!

Do some Watering

Over February/March/April 2016, shoulder tap club members who have shown an interest or you think could be interested.

Invite them to attend an Executive Committee Meeting.

Involve the whole club by;

- Running a 10 minute "mock" Executive Committee Meeting in the form of an educational. Explain the procedure and show that it is not that scary!
- Hold a complete Executive Committee Meeting during a club meeting.

Inform of the resources available –

Mentor – Could be an existing or previous role holder, or another or previous member of the Committee. This is a great way to utilise the wealth of knowledge from valued, experienced club members. The mentor can be used any time before and into the next TM year. How about finding a partner to share the workload who may eventually become our successor?

Paperwork – There are always files to be passed forward, especially for the Secretary and Treasurer. As Bernard Darnton has said, knowledge and information can be passed on from all the roles. Think about what information you would have found useful at the start of the year and pass that forward.

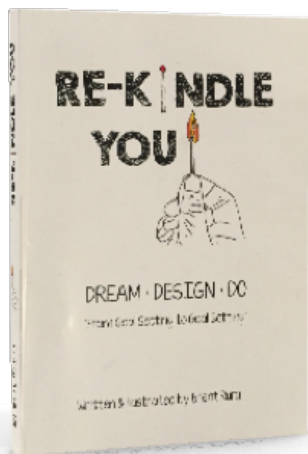
Information – Available on Toastmasters International and Toastmasters NZ Websites and manuals, etc.

Watch them Grow

- Mentor – Continue for as long as necessary. Again, use an experienced TM from our club.
- Training – Club Leadership Training, workshops, contests, conferences and conventions.

The Challenge

- Start thinking about a successor NOW
- Plan a strategy – perhaps as outlined here – and DO IT
- Plant a Seed, Do some Watering and Watch them Grow



Brent Ruru (Boaters Toastmasters) recently released his self-illustrated book 'Re-Kindle You'. I asked him what his motivation was to write the book.

"I was motivated to write the book after reading 'Steal Like an Artist' by Austin Kleon. The chapter about writing the book you want to read resonated with me. If I knew then what I know now, the pursuance of what matters most would have had a sharper focus. Sharing what tools I have learned along my own journey has been at the books heart."

"Sometimes we just need to be reminded of how to change ourselves for the better. Or be reminded to pursue what matters most in order to have greater successes at having, being, doing or becoming."

His book is a commonsense easy to read, easy to relate to, easy to apply step-by-step approach to goal setting to become a better you.

Just ask those who contributed to Chapter 8 'Lives Re-Kindled'. They share their story of how they came to the place of pursuing more of what matters most.

Geoffrey, was on the brink of swinging from a tree after a marriage break-up. Following our conversation Geoffrey travelled to Spain to walk an 800 km pilgrimage in order to find himself. After completing the walk, Geoffrey decided to purchase a bike and for the next two and a half months, rode a distance of 11,500 kms. Do you think he found himself? You bet. It was that simple.



Buy your own copy of Re-Kindle You or follow the Rurus at www.therurus.com or www.bentruru.com

With just under two decades involvement with Toastmasters, Brent is a current member with Boaters.

Meet Lyn Harris Hogan, High Noon Toastmasters, G5

What were your reason(s) for joining Toastmasters and how long have you been a Toastmaster?

I joined in November 1992 because a friend felt toastmasters would help me gain confidence to reach my full potential

What is your most memorable moment in Toastmasters?

Attending the charter dinner of my first sponsored club (Northwest) when Len Jury DTM IP presented me with my 1st DTM! (Brings tears to my eyes)



Tell us a bit about your family.

Deb (Registered Nurse & 2IC in ED private hospital & business builder) lives in Melbourne with her 2 boys (Ezra 18 & Jake 13)

Robyn (special needs teacher) lives in East Sussex with Andy and sons Alfie 4 & Leo 22 months)

And my son Sean lives and works in IT in Melbourne CBD

Describe a memorable moment from your personal life?

Graduating at Massey University with a Bachelor of Social Work (even with a reading disorder) in May 2000

What is your favourite tippie and meal?

Pinot Noir or Brandy & dry ...
Breakfast - Eggs Benedict with Salmon
Dinner - Chicken or seafood!

What do you most like to do in your spare time?

Knit! ... Love creating!!

What is your favourite book and/or sport?

Bible ...sport ..love watching rugby (Crusaders & All Blacks) and cricket (Black Caps)

Interview with Lyn Harris Hogan continued....

What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken?

I realised a childhood dream in 2008... went to Switzerland & Austria then England to see my daughter get married. Then visited Lossiemouth in Scotland where my great-grandfather came from.

You have just won \$100,000 on an Instant Kiwi Ticket - what would you do with it?

Be debt free then invest in realty.

Past or Present - Who would you most like to meet and what would you ask them?

Richie McCaw ... How did he keep his cool when provoked on the field!?!

Schedule of upcoming TM Events 2015/2016

Please mark these important dates in both your Club Calendar and your personal Calendar.

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 21st February	CLT G5	Richmond Library
March	Area Contests for G1-G9	Various Venues
Saturday 16th April	Division G Contests	Papanui Baptist Church, Christchurch
Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd May	May District Convention	Distinction Rotorua Hotel and Conference Centre, Rotorua
May	Club AGMs and Voting for incoming Club Committee	at your own clubs

Blenheim Convention November 2015



(for more convention photographs contact Gillian Perano Area Director G6)

Thoughts from a frequent convention goer.....

Stimulate your senses

Rob Woolley kicked off early on the Friday afternoon with his master class on Speech Writing.

His main points were - Speeches sell ideas, so they need to be memorable, emotive or evoke feeling. Ascertain what will be your point, what is it that I want to say? Purpose, why do I want to say it? Consider your audience.

What's important and understandable to them? "Hara hachi bu" – eat only until 80% full. This translates into your speech writing akin to the old 80 / 20 principle, meaning say in a ten minute speech you have identified four to six relevant points, focus on a couple that you are strong on and spend some time there . Editing .Use Monroe's motivated Sequence: 1, situation, 2 problem, 3, solution, 4, solution visualised, and 5, call to action.

Darren Fleming from Adelaide (free settler) focused on the evaluation process with the guest or new member in mind. He claims that the strength of solid evaluations mirrors the strength of your club.

Statistics show that only 15% of members achieve an educational award each year. About 30% of clubs are at charter strength, (20 plus). Average club stay is eighteen months.

He claims that there are four main types of evaluators: the fan, reporter, captain and coach. I try to keep somewhere in the last two.

Darren thinks that the guests reaction to these types are as follows: what's going on? I hear that, I see that and I get it.

Using our old faithful of CRC (commend, recommend and commend) with structure, content and delivery in mind, remember to say why and what worked. Leaders know and avoid terms such as "I believe". With recommendations use the above coupled with how, i.e. give an example of a better way / method etc.

Finally Darren suggested that a small summary be employed in your evaluation recapping on a commendation and recommendation.

Whilst on Friday night the workers were attending to their executive duties the rest of us attended a fun quiz night of which I'm pleased to report I was in the winning team.

As with tradition we had a banner parade and a brief address from Blenheim's Mayor Alistair Sowman, who may of been briefly a toastmaster a long time ago.

Bill Russell (USA) was the first keynote speaker with his topic "Telling your story". Be bold tell a personal story, take baby steps and short stories are O K. He suggests the play 'Disgraced'. Fires were where stories were told – hunting, fishing etc. How is the fire inside you? Flickering or an inferno!

Of the educationals that I attended, Dr Nandini Doreswamy, (a surgeon and engineer !) spoke about writing a Keynote (speech). Know your audience, research your topic, is there something in one's heart that may relate to the topic.

Her description of a keynote puzzled me – essence (spice) of a whole group of speeches from many speeches.

Tradition was broken with the Table Topics competition being held after lunch and not the council meeting. It worked.

The dine and dance that night lost many 'brownie' points – sans band, have to have a band, one of the main reasons that I attend !

Sunday morning started off with Massey lecturer Dr Heather Kavan revealing her 'Secrets of Charisma' (no not Mark Todd's horse).

1. Adore yourself,
2. lift your vibe
3. Be thrillingly unavailable,
4. Link the seduction to a greater cause,
5. Get an iconic photo of yourself,
6. Practice mind reading,
7. Give the occasional breath taking compliment – it must be : a) deep, b) show us something we never realised about ourselves & c) infrequent & genuine,
8. Load your language ,
9. Imply you're on the verge of fame,
10. View any rejection as superficial or short term,
11. Show unshakable conviction and
12. Become a receiver !

Unsure about this keynote, perhaps it was simply meant to be flippant, frivolous and whimsical!

A strong hobby of this speaker is researching extraordinary religion !

Alistair Munro presented an unusual address on Communication Apprehension – do we have all the answers? He suggests that we be aware of our stock phrases, where for example is the proof that 70% of the population would rather die than speak in public? Are they helpful? He did some research on children who seemed proficient in this public speaking stuff and found that feedback and frequency assisted.

The table topics was won by Christine Livingston despite a long and convoluted topic "Should there be additional public holidays to celebrate a multi cultural society"? I would of put it thus "How can we celebrate cultural diversity?"

The main event of the humorous competition won by Bruce Caughey about 'Why oh Why'?

With the many ` death by power points that I have witnessed, the classic retort has been why read it when it's on the screen but in this audience we had several blind people. Therefore had the speakers researched their audiences or was it luck?

Overall hard for me to rate this, three months back from Vegas and whereby all of the stars were aligned last November in Paihia. Serious brownie points lost without a band and the Council meeting did appear to survive being knocked out of prime time. Excellent compact and functional venue, a credit to Marlborough.

Chris McCabe

Sunrise Toastmasters