



G WHIZZ

New from around G Division

Editor's Sign Off

Hi Everyone.

This is my official G-Whizz sign-off as Editor. I have enjoyed my time as Editor, yet now feel it is time to hand over the G-Whizz mantel to another. Fiona Hodge has happily agreed to take over as editor. Fiona would welcome news from you and your club, as Division G is all about it's clubs. Fiona's email address is shawsy@me.com and I'm sure she will feature it again at least once more in the newsletter.

So I will sign-off by saying "*au revoir*", and not "Goodbye" as I will be sending in regular articles. I hope you will too.

**Celina
Templeman**



Greetings from the Division Director Dave

Welcome to our new Toastmaster year.

Already we have had a good response to our Club Leadership Training sessions, with people traveling from Timaru and the West Coast as well as the many clubs around Christchurch. Well done to these eager club members.

Most of our Division Team is in place, and our dedicated Area Directors will be out and about to see you all soon. We are still looking for someone to become the Area Director for G1. You don't have to be from that area, but if you are interested, please give me a call.

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Youth Leadership Course

Hornby Toastmasters recently ran a Youth Leadership course in Halswell for nine home schoolers. During the eight week course the students, aged 12-17 presented two speeches, learned how to chair a meeting, evaluate, think on their feet and perform other meeting roles. The course was co-ordinated by Andrea Forrest and ably assisted by other Hornby members, Mike Forrest, Leigh-Anne Jefferis, Nelson Early, Gayleen Lander, Graeme Sudlow and Shen Mansell from Oaklands. The course culminated in a graduation night at Hornby Toastmasters on the 17 June 2015 where the students presented their final speech in front of a packed audience consisting of parents, supporters and members of the club. Being involved in a Youth Leadership course is one of the most fun and rewarding things you can do in toastmasters and is highly recommended.

As we begin our Toastmasters Year, the road ahead to the completion of our Distinguished Club Program seems a long way away. Every year we are tasked with making plans and then setting about achieving them. However it still seems to be a long way to June 30th next year.

The old story about how we eat an elephant is that you do it one bite at a time. My suggestion is that we approach our goals in the same way.

Survey your members to see what they want/need to do to achieve their individual goals. Schedule these into the program so that their awards can be achieved. If your members achieve their goals then the club will achieve as well.

Set your plans for attracting new members and put them into action. Plans are good, but acting on them is better.

Make sure you complete the payments to Toastmasters International on time. Ensure the clubs officers list is also completed on time; tick off another goal completed.

As each goal is achieved, announce it to the club and celebrate its achievement. We all like it when successes happen and seeing progress.

Contests

As we enter the first round of contests, I encourage all members to take the opportunity to have a go. It is amazing how our general speech making experience improves as we write, practice and hone our speeches, in the competition experience.

Take the opportunity to attend the Area and Division Contests. The speeches and speakers you hear will inspire you to achieve further, yourself.

Above all else, enjoy your year. Take every opportunity to improve and celebrate the successes of your fellow club members as they also do so.

Have a good year.

Dave Young DTM

Division G Director

Was Northside the First on the planet?

On Wednesday, 1st July 2015 7:45pm, the first day of the 2015/16 Toastmaster Year Was Northside Toastmasters Club the first club on the planet..... to.... conduct the educational, Moments of Truth (MOT)?

It has been a number of years since Northside ran this educational, which is likely to be a requirement for the Distinguished Club Programme (DCP) for all clubs in the near future. So they thought this year they would get in early.

What is MOT? "A MOT is an episode where a person comes in contact with any aspect of the Toastmaster experience and forms an impression of a club's quality and service". This includes the experience of club members as well as visitors and guests. It is essentially a club's health check and not as scary or as biblical as it sounds! Ideally, this should be run at the beginning of the TM year and then again 6-9 months later.

Club members answer 36 Yes/No questions split over 6 areas, for example "First Impressions" and "Membership Strengths". The idea is to achieve as many "Yes" answers as possible.

What do we do with the results? At the end of the exercise, a club will be able to gauge its strengths and also areas where they can improve. It is then up to the club to decide how important the results are and what they can do to improve. In other words, how to turn a "No " into a "Yes" or turn a "Yes" into an even better "Yes". It's as simple as that!

What did Northside get out of this? Members were generally satisfied with how the club was running. Areas to work on included a stronger Mentoring Programme and regular Membership Building.

With a membership of 11, Northside's main goal this year will be to reach 16 members and qualify for the DCP and then eventually to 20 members. That would turn another "No" into a "Yes".

This Moment of Truth from The Successful Club Series was run by Mark Baker at the Northside Toastmasters Club

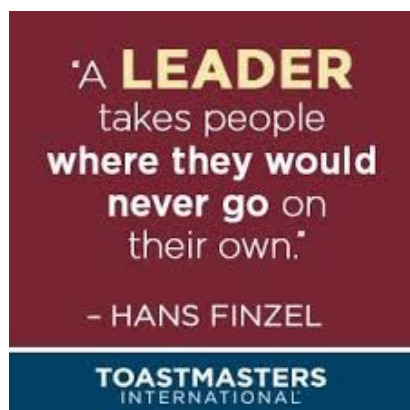


Northside Club Members
enjoying a lighter moment.

Schedule of upcoming TM Events 2015/2016

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

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
2015		
September	Area Contests for G1-G9	Various Venues
Saturday 17th October	Division G Conference	Papanui Baptist Church, Christchurch
Friday 6th – Sunday 8th November	November District Convention	Blenheim Marlborough Convention Centre
Tuesday 1st December	Club Leader Training Part 2	Papanui Baptist Church, Christchurch
December 2015 - February 2016	Cub International and Evaluation Contests	at your own clubs
2016		
March	Area Contests for G1-G9	Various Venues
Saturday 16th April	Saturday 16 th April	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



Toastmaster Core Values

Who knows what the Toastmaster Core values are and what they mean?

- RESPECT
- INTEGRITY
- SERVICE
- EXCELLENCE

These personal and leadership values are embodied by the Acronym R.I.S.E. This fits perfectly within Toastmasters as Toastmasters as we strive to become better individuals and to RISE in the path to be a better Toastmasters.

In the following issues of G-Whizz, I will show you what I've learnt through Toastmasters about these principles. In each issue, I will cover the dictionary definition of a Toastmaster core; give examples of how others within toastmaster have practiced that value, from your Club level to the District wide level; and finally how you can practice the value within your own Toastmasters Club or as a leader either in the big wide world, or on a day to day level.

In this issue I will cover the first of these which is "**RESPECT**". This, apparently, is viewed by many as lacking in today's modern society. I would have to agree, as society, especially many of the younger generation are more about "ME" than "WE". It's what they can get, not what they can give... I digress. The best leaders have earned respect, and most importantly, they give their respect to their followers/future leaders

A search through the plethora of online dictionaries, including Wikipedia, led me to a variety of definitions which I've rounded up to mean the following:

"A deep positive regard/admiration/consideration for someone as a result of their abilities or achievements or rights as an individual".

Personally I like the some of the Urban Dictionary's definitions:

- Respect means valuing each other's points of views. It means being open to being wrong, accepting people as they are, not dumping on someone because you're having a bad day, being polite and kind **always**, because being kind to people is not negotiable. It means not dissing people because they're different to you and not gossiping about people or spreading lies.
- To treat people in the manner in which you expect to be treated. To show consideration for another person's feelings and interests. An attitude demonstrating that you value another person. You should treat your friends with respect.

As a child, I was always taught by my peers, that respect is earned. As I've matured, I've realised this can be very true, yet the opposite is also true. Think of those whom you disrespect...I bet their **actions showed** you exactly what they respect, or not! - So in many ways they have earned your disrespect. Basically, I think of respect as how you treat other people and how they deserve to be treated. I personally respect everybody, unless their actions have earned my disrespect.

As you can guess, my personal philosophy is to simply treat everyone with respect – it is what everyone deserves in my eyes. Yet it appears to my still young yet visually impaired eyes that people tend to be demanding respect without first giving or showing it. I see that more as disrespect, rather than respect. Hmmm lots of food for thought, yet I digress.

How do we as Toastmasters currently show respect to others? We do this primarily by recognising that we all have different thoughts and upbringings. Like you, I listen to many speeches and Table Topics. Yet, I'm taught each time, that there are many different viewpoints that can often be very different to my own, with their background/culture/intelligence all at varying levels. I always try very hard to listen with an open mind, remembering those differences, remembering I can learn from this. I may not agree with their viewpoint, but recognise that everyone is entitled to that viewpoint, so I don't dismiss it as being wrong. That is respect.

An example, I recently heard a speaker give a very interesting fascinating speech on Crop Circles. This speaker is a great believer of them, having done an enormous amount of research (over time with friends) about them. I admit I learned a lot, and it was a totally fascinating topic and speech. Showing respect is enjoying the speech for what it is...a person's viewpoint on this fascinating topic, even if I may personally disagree or query the origins.

I'm now going to show you examples of how **you can show respect** amongst your Club/Division/District:

- Remembering a member's/visitor's name and if difficult, remembering how to spell it - you cause that person to feel valued and at the same time you earn their respect... and hopefully, if a visitor their membership application.
- At meetings, stop and listen, I mean really listen to what the other person has to say. You may be eager to share your viewpoint, yet consider - that the other person may have an even better idea.
- Remember you are one member in a team of other members, equally important and equally valuable. Don't **you like feeling valued?** - So then ensure others receive that same valued feeling.
- Stop and consider how any action you undertake can affect others... your carelessness may cause disrespect, rather than garnering further respect.
- Don't talk about people behind their backs. I find this demonstrates a major lack of respect. It actually shows more pettiness. Instead go and talk to the person. Let them know carefully and gently what the issue is, rather than talk behind their backs. Things can often get out of hand with backstabbing, simply by not following simple precepts of talking it out.
- Build others up; help them stand on their feet, especially when they are feeling down on life.
- Respect is remembering that we are all volunteers, so we all have different amounts of time that we can volunteer to the organisation. Also recognising that some people have other organisations they also belong to and yet some like David and Me Toastmasters is our other life.

I hope I have given you enough to ponder on, take in and start taking action on.

Respect is very important in today's society, so go out, and start giving it, so you can start earning Respect.

by Celina Templeman, Area Director G3



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Stimulate your senses

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

District 72 Toastmasters National Conference

Blenheim 6th-8th November 2015

Masterclasses - whats happening Friday in Blenheim this November?

The convention officially commences on Saturday but we've decided to amp up the value! Friday see's an afternoon epitomising the "learn by doing" Toastmasters philosophy. Three experienced and energetic presenters will host "Masterclass" sessions.

After a 2.15pm welcome, we have three interactive workshops designed to take you from an idea, to a speech, to how to deliver it, and how to evaluate it afterward!

Speech Writing - will explore how to explore your natural creativity and weave it into an engaging and effective speech in under an hour. Its often difficult to find a topic, or settle on a topic, and then to incorporate all the key components to make your speech the most engaging and effective it can be and set you apart from the crowd. All this can and will be done in less than one hour and a lucky few will get a chance to deliver to the audience!

Story Theatre - often people overlook the value of stories or deliver their speeches from an outside in perspective. But what if you incorporated stories and became the characters inside, allowing audiences to experience the drama and humour of events and in doing so become engaged? Learn some of the techniques developed by American actor Doug Stevenson and turn your speeches into theatre and leave your audiences with an entertaining and memorable experience.

Better Evaluations - evaluations are the key to learning from experiences in Toastmasters. Learning how to give better evaluations is the best way to help club members improve their speaking, improve their clubs, whilst improving your own understanding too! Everyone knows how to deliver commendations and recommendations but how can you take this to the next level and understand what worked, what didn't and most of all...why?

The Friday Masterclasses are just the start of an exciting educational experience at the Blenheim Convention. Friday night sees a quickfire and fun workshop on how to network leading into our Quiz night. Then Saturday has two hours of educational workshops, nine to choose from in all plus two keynote speakers, a TED-talk style presentation Sunday morning and learn from the best as encouragement to all by watching the District Finals of Table Topics and the Humorous Speech contest. Could you ask for more? Yes, come and meet new Toastmasters, new friends....see you there!

<http://www.tmconvention2015.co.nz/> and facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/532631313548377/>



The Entertainment Book

A huge thank you to those that have purchased an Entertainment Book in support of improving the club websites for Division G. There are still plenty of books available if you still want to make some huge savings on your dining experiences. If you'd like to know more please feel free to call me on 021 513394. Thanks, Marc van Irsel

<http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/about/Tell-Me-More/Christchurch>



Hello from your new editor

I am looking forward to this new challenge within Toastmasters. As is the way with Toastmasters, I come to this role with no editorial experience and once I get the to grips with it I will hand the role over to the next unsuspecting volunteer.

Please help me continue with Celina's good work in creating a G Division Newsletter full of interesting and fun articles. Send in all of your club, area and division news along with photographs so that I can include them in the forthcoming issues. I do ask that you keep the articles succinct so that we can include more stories in each newsletter. I would welcome your feedback and suggestions for future content. This is your newsletter, I am merely here to pull it all together.

It is my intention that this newsletter will be published every two months. Send all you articles, photographs, feedback and suggestions to shawsy@me.com.

Fiona Hodge

Cut Off Dates	Publishing Dates
Sunday 4th October	Sunday 18th October
Sunday 6th December	Sunday 20th December
Sunday 7th February	Sunday 21st February
Sunday 10th April	Sunday 24th April
Sunday 5th June	Sunday 19th June