



# G-Whizz

## Division G Newsletter

October 2014 Edition



### Missing Division Trophies

Hi Fellow Toastmasters.

There are a quite a few trophies for special awards, like Division G Outstanding Toastmaster of the Year and a Trophy called the "John Dingwall Trophy," which are presently AWOL. If you know the whereabouts, or hold trophies from the 2012/2013 year or from previous years, can you please let me know ASAP so they can be handed out to the next recipients accordingly.

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Special Thanks to Gillian Perano & Rob Woolley for their Photography donations

### Anyone Interested -

Jann Meehan, an Ace Club Toastmaster, has moved out to Charteris Bay, and is looking at forming a Toastmasters Club at Diamond Harbours. Residents from Lyttleton, the bays and throughout Banks Peninsula are being invited along to join Jann and others as this new club gets off the ground. It will probably be held on either a Tues, Wed or Thurs afternoon from around 1.00pm through to 2.30pm.

If you or somebody you know would like to either help or join, please contact **Jann Meehan.** **P: 329 4936**  
**M: 021 2631040** **E: Jann@jannmeehan.co.nz**



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### G-Whizz Schedule 2014 /2015

In the next edition I would like to feature two Special toastmasters. Whom do you want to know more about.

If there is something else you would like to see, can you email me soon. [Celinatempleman@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:Celinatempleman@slingshot.co.nz)

Closing date for Articles/News/Photos/Xmas items  
Sent/emails out to Clubs

Friday 12th December 2014  
Tuesday 16th December 2014

Closing Date for Articles/News/Photos/Cartoons  
Sent/emails out to Clubs

Friday 6th March 2015  
Tuesday 10th March 2015

## Schedule of upcoming TM Events 2014/2015

### Date

### Event

### Venue

Fri 7th-Sun 9th Nov

November Convention

Bay of Islands

*Most of you should have registered by now, will you make it on time....*

*if not....hmmm .....Check out the TM-NZ website now and register*

*Contact you Area Governor or Division Governor Marc van Irsel if you need to know more about these events.*

*Remember CLT Training will be held late January/Early February in 2015,*

*And there will be a Contest/Judging Workshop around late January or early February*

### Editor's Corner

Welcome the Fifth (5th) Edition of G-Whizz

We are now well over a third of the way through the Toastmasters year, and for many of us it's been very busy. If you haven't been busy, there are other clubs around the Division who would love your specialised help.

How is everyone progressing? I note one club has already reached Select Distinguished Status, three clubs have reached Distinguished Status, and four clubs just one point off Distinguished Club Status. This is a great start for the year.

How is everyone going with their Club's membership goals? Remember if you are having issues with membership; either retaining members or obtaining new members, contact your *Assistant Division G Governors* Rob Woolley (rbwoolley@xtra.co.nz) & Marc Baker (bakerfam@slingshot.co.nz). These two guys are your 'go to guys' for Educational's or workshops and they are great at running the Moments of Truth [which each club should run at least once every two years, as a health check]. These guys may also have some great ideas to assist your club with any marketing that you may have.

Kindest Regards *Celina Templeman*

*Laughter*

is timeless

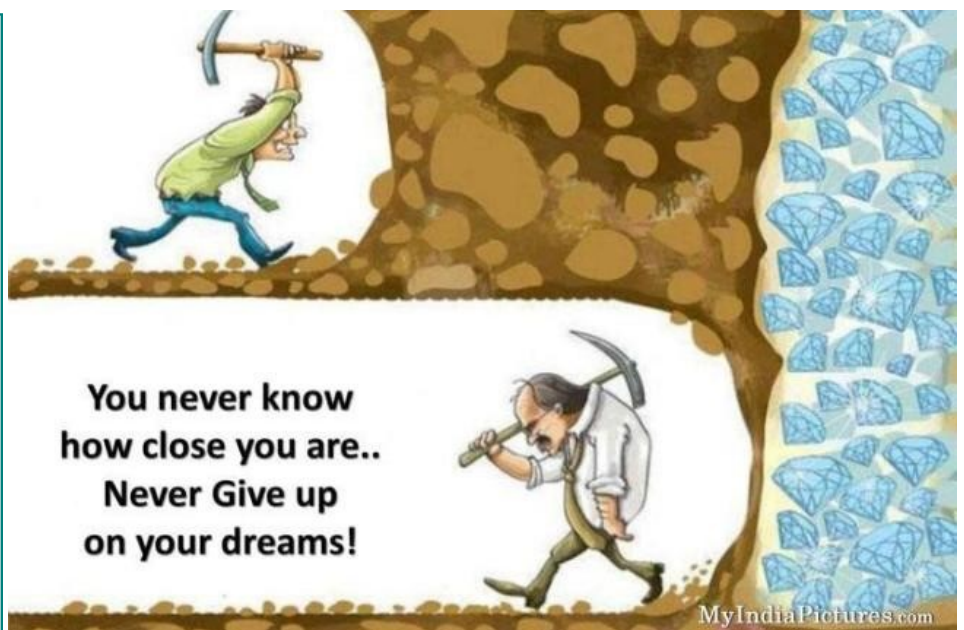
*Imagination*

has no age

and *Dreams*

are forever

*Walt Disney*





# Your G-Force Team for 2014/2015

**Marc van Irsel (Division G Governor):** Marc (a sales manager for an Engineering company) joined Southern Cities in April 1993 and joined Civic as a Club Coach along with Penny Coffey. Marc is still a member of both Clubs, along with his partner Kerry Howley (Area G4 Governor) and was President for both clubs last year. He's apparently known for his irreverence, dark humour and pushing beyond the boundaries. His interests besides Tm's also include Football, cycling (including motorised, but due to time constraints, often mean these things are a struggle to fit in with normal life—whatever that is. Travel appeals more, as he gets older, and recently attended the TMI Convention in KL. Marc also enjoys a nice glass of wine or beer. [P: Mobile 021 377021 E: dutchie9@gmail.com]

**Shirley Dorsey (Area G1 Governor):** Shirley joined TM in April 2004, initially with Westside Toastmasters, and then helped mentor Dollan House Toastmasters when it started up. It was hard for her to leave Westside because of the club's members but I had started a part time job and time became a challenge. She is enjoying Dollan House TM and have served on the exec for both clubs. Her favourite role is VP Ed. She is a first generation Kiwi with Dutch heritage and amazed that Netherlands only has 8 clubs (in the size of Canterbury!!!!). [P: Mobile 0278123310 E: shirleysown@gmail.com]

**Rob Woolley (Area G2 Governor):** Rob has been an Avon member for 8yrs. His mission to either rule the world or rule myself. He want a Ferrari but drive a Camry. Rob's favourite quote "the greatest mistake in life is to fear that you may make one". [P: Mobile 0272997232 E: rbwoolley@xtra.co.nz]

**Bernard Darnton (Area G3 Governor):** . [E: tbernard@darnton.co.nz]

**Kerry Howley (Area G4 Governor):** Kerry is a member of two clubs. Southern Cities was the first club she joined on 1 July 2007 and then joined Civic to support Marc van Irsel as he coached this club. She took on the VP Ed role for Civic. Kerry is currently the treasurer for Southern Cities and has been for three terms. Kerry works full time as a Clinical Educator for Ryman Healthcare Ltd. This involves travelling the country to deliver education and training to nurses and care staff which makes her job interesting and varied. [E: kerryhowley@xtra.co.nz]

**Fiona Hodge (Area G5 Governor):** Fiona is a founder member of Motueka Toastmasters Club, which chartered in 2007. I initially joined, after immigrating from Scotland, both to expand my social network and to challenge my considerable fears over public speaking. The friends that I am making and the skills that I am learning are well exceeding my hopes and expectations. [P: Mobile 021 811 348 E: shawsy@me.com]

**Jenny Abbott (Assistant Division Governor for G5):** Jennifer works as a specialist in Stress Factor Reduction and Human Behaviour. She lives in the Moutere and loves road cycling, tramping, cross fit training and life in general. She has been a member of Toastmasters for 8 years on and off and what she enjoys most is the laughter, delighting in watching others grow and of course learning new skills herself. [E: j.l.abbott@hotmail.com]

**Timm Treskatis (Area G6 Governor):** Timm is studying towards a PhD in maths and joined the U-CAN-SPEAK Club 1 1/2 years ago. He loves visiting other Toastmasters clubs and has attended meetings of about 25 NZ and European clubs so far. In his new role, he is now keen to share his experience with the clubs in his area. [P: Mobile 022 3402184 E: timm@treskatis.net.nz]

**Heather Fletcher (Area G7 Governor):** Heather joined Talk of the Town Toastmasters in Palmerston North in 2007 after doing a Speechcraft course at work and was hooked! Her membership lapsed for 18 months after moving to Christchurch in 2011 but she rejoined and is now VP Ed at Christchurch Women's Club Toastmasters and a member of Ace. She says she loves the powerful personal development opportunities that Toastmasters offers and she still is benefitting hugely. [E: heather@makeyourheartsing.co.nz]



# Your G-Force Team for 2014/2015 Continued

**Gary Judd (Area G8 Governor):** Gary has been a member of Toastmasters for almost 12 years and is currently a member of Cathedral City TM Club.

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**John Sullivan (Area G9 Governor):** John has been a TM for almost 20 years and is married to Cathie a fellow Toastmaster. John is a member of Pegasus, Everest (Advanced) and Greymouth. He has been an Area Governor a few times and Division G Governor also. John was the introducer of G-Whizz when it was first introduced over 10 years ago. Serving as Area Governor for Area G3 was his year of greatest personal achievement and he says he really recommends the challenge of stepping up as a District Officer. He quotes: *"The wonderful people in Toastmasters keep me keeping on. When I was much younger I did a lot of skydiving. While the adrenaline rush you get from Toastmasters isn't quite the same, I reckon it must provide me with some compensation!"*

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**Mark Baker (Assistant Division Governor):** What do we do when we reach our goals as a Toastmaster? We set new ones! After 7 years of Toastmastering, frankly, Mark says he was starting to get bored. Bored is not a word we need to use at Toastmasters. There are a huge variety of practical activities we can get involved in to use those communication and leadership skills learned and practiced in our clubs - judging speech contests within and outside of Toastmasters, the pleasure and satisfaction of mentoring or just visiting other clubs and helping out when we can. This Toastmaster year, his challenge was to assist Rob Woolley in his Division Educational role in helping individuals and clubs to set and reach their own goals....and definitely not getting bored! How have your own goals and challenges been going this year?.. Member of NORTHSIDE TOASTMASTERS CLUB for 7 years, reached his communication and leadership goals, facing many challenges on the way. Seeking new challenges over the year.

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**From left:** John Sullivan, Gary Judd, Kerry Howley, Rob Woolley, Shirley Dorsey, Timm Treskatis, Heather Fletcher, Marc Van Irsel, & Kingsley Moody—District 72 Governor (NZ)





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# THE ROAD 2 SUCCESS

*A report on the results by Mark Baker*

Four Toastmaster Clubs situated along the Main North Road – “The Road 2 Success” – recently ran a joint advertising campaign to promote their clubs, and to highlight what Toastmasters and their individual clubs have to offer; each club has its own unique character. Belfast TM, Northside TM, Westside TM and Christchurch Women’s TM Clubs all pooled their resources, culminating in a weeks’ worth of guest meetings held during the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Advertising started at the start of September with a series of flyers and posters, displays at the local libraries, our own websites and email addresses and a promotion on the local radio. Some of us learned new skills and well and truly got out of our comfort zones!

Did it work? The short term goal of the promotion was to attract visitors and guests to encourage them to become new members. We were able to attract some visitors and therefore had limited success; we are looking at achieving 3-4 new members over the four clubs. This promotion has sown a seed for the future. The “Road 2 Success” collaboration between the four clubs will be ongoing, with a planned joint promotion at the Northwood Fair on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, and a second round of guest meetings early next year 2015.

What did we get out of it? Through the organizing stages, support and encouragement and attending each club’s guest meetings, we have all got to know each other in a way that has been a surprise and a pleasure to us all – the four clubs are in three different Toastmaster Areas. We have worked together extremely well, shared challenges, solved problems and exchanged ideas. So much so, that we are looking at combined events in the future – joint meetings, speech challenges perhaps. The possibilities are endless!

Although we attracted fewer visitors than we had hoped for at the guest meetings, this first promotion was just the beginning. We shall build on this with further advertising and events over the coming months. Who knows where it will lead. We didn’t just talk about it, we got on and did it.

Toastmasters in action!





# Photos & Events at Division G

## *Your Division G Humorous Speech Area Finalists, and contestants*



**Photo above rom Left:**  
David Bosomworth, Jim Wafelbakker, Don Grant, (1st Place Winner), Brent Ruru, Craig Banbury, Dave Tillman( 3rd) place, Stephen Moore, Norm McDonald( 2nd), Crystal McDermott & Contest Chair: Celina Templeman

**Photo to the Right:**  
Marc Van Irsel, Division G Governor, & Timm Treskatis– Table Topics Contest Chair (& no they are not father & son)



**Photo above From Left:**  
Penny Coffey, Dave Maloney, Sandra Smith (3rd Place), Basil Moskovis, Barb Curran (2nd Place), Norm McDonald, John Leadbetter (!st Place Winner), Victoria Ball, Andrew Elphick .



**Ellie Young's Report from the Morning etc:** Thank you Rob and the team for the fabulous 'speech writing' workshop you conducted. I've been in Toastmasters for around 15 years and this was without doubt the most comprehensive educational I've been to on writing a speech. The whole day was thoroughly enjoyable with great speech contests, topped off wonderfully with the 'world champion of speaking' video. Thanks again Ellie



**Dave Young's report from the afternoon:** I loved the contests. The competitors all represented their areas well and their presentations were of a high standard.

I thought the Contest Chairs did a very good job, making sure their contestants were well briefed and knew where and when they had to be to make the contests efficient and effective.

The concept of offering to play the international Speech Winner was a great idea and well received by those who stayed. I hope that those who didn't see them will take up the offer to take a loan the DVD and play it for their clubs. We can all learn from the best. Thanks from Dave Young



Mike Johnson received the Area Governor of the Year award for 2013/2014.

Rob Woolley received the Toastmaster of the Year Award for 2013/2014.





## Learn more about a couple of our long serving members

### *Ellie Young, DTM*



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

I joined as I needed to rebuild my confidence. I had been in a car accident that resulted in quite a long time out of the workforce and I needed to regain ground I had lost. I also had very dear friend who was a Toastmaster and he suggested I'd get a lot out of at least giving a try. No he wasn't a real prophet but he sure did know what he was talking about. I will be forever grateful.

***What is your most memorable moment in Toastmasters?***

Carrying the New Zealand flag at the opening of the 2013 International Conference. I was so honoured and humbled. It certainly is a moment I will never forget.

***Tell us a bit about your family.***

Dave is my best friend. We will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary in July next year. We really enjoy being in Toastmasters together, I will be forever grateful to him for all he did behind the scenes during my District Governor year .

***Describe a memorable moment from your personal life?***

Easy - the moment I heard we were going to be parents. We adopted our son 30 years ago. The day we heard our lives changed forever – he is now a fine adult in his own right, with a partner that we thank the goodness for every day. They live in Australia where Matt works as a chopper pilot, and Bailey is completing a post grad degree in accounting..

***What is your favourite tittle and favourite meal?***

Favourite tittle has to be good red wine or when I'm feeling a bit sophisticated I love a brandy.

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

What spare time – is this something I should know about J

Seriously. I just love hanging out with my friends. I especially love entertaining so if you'd like to come for a meal just let me know and we'll jack it up. Especially now I have so much time back.

***What is your favourite book and/or sport?***

The Bronze Bow, by – Elizabeth George Speare – actually a children's book, I'd highly recommend it as a read to your children book. Good luck trying to read the last chapter without tears.

The Centaury Trilogy by Ken Follett , Fall of Giants, Winter of the World, and Edge of Eternity

***What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken?***

The flight to Wanganui in 1984 to pick up our newly born son. It was eventful and an amazing adventure.

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

Pay off our mortgage.

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

My grandchildren – did they give their father a hard time as pay back for Dave and I.

Or Ralph Smedley to ask him what he thinks of what has become of his vision 90 years ago,





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### *Phil Gourdie, DTM*



#### ***What were your reason/s for joining Toastmasters and how long have you been a Toastmaster?***

I was moving up the ladder in my job and my friend Roger Whitley suggested that I come along to Southern Cities as this would assist me as I grow in the job. I joined in October 1990 after attending several meetings and plucking up the courage to join. I completed my "Ice Breaker" speech on the 11th of October 1990. Yes that is almost 25 years ago.

#### ***What is your most memorable moment in Toastmasters?***

I have several memorable moments – my first attendance at an Area Speech contest (Humorous) won by Penny Coffey. I suspect this was a few years after I joined as I maintained a low profile for a long time. I completed my initial Communication and Leadership Manual (now CC) 18 months later in April 1992. Other memorable moments include – running the 2009 ChCh convention, that infamous cup of coffee with Ellie Young in March 2006 when she talked me into becoming an Area Governor, just before I headed off overseas for 3 months, Receiving the Award for Outstanding Leadership in 2005-2006 by the then District Governor, there have been many more when I reflect back on some people who have passed through the various speech craft courses that I have been associated with.

#### ***Tell us a bit about your family.***

I have been married to Maria for 38 years this November, we have a 33 year old daughter Nicola living in Melbourne with her partner Rob. Our son Andrew about to turn 31 is married to Kate and they are about to present us with our second grandchild, their son Preston (2 yrs & 3 mths) is our first and only grandchild at this stage.

#### ***Describe a memorable moment from your personal life?***

Asking Maria's father (Hank - RIP) for his daughters hand in marriage. My ability to handle table topics came in handy as he posed several questions about my future intentions. I reduced his daughter to tears for a few weeks following the engagement of our friends, it all happened when I visited his place and his mother informed me that I would be next – at that suggestion I ran a mile.

#### ***What is your favourite tippie and favourite meal?***

I am rather partial to a speights or steinlarger pure when the thirst needs quenching. If I am looking for a drink to accompany my meal I am rather partial to a red and the deeper and darker the better – Shiraz or Merlot will catch my attention. Pork is a good start if seafood is not available, I love roast vegetables, gravy, mint sauce and pepper on silver beet.

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

I have had a go at fishing, golf and cycling to help me relax and keep fit, although these days I rely on others to catch the fish. I enjoy a good long ride on my road bike, a 100k's is a good start. I enjoy the competitive nature of chasing another cyclist. I have shares in a few Standardbreds (harness racing) and I enjoy chasing them around the country. I have a collection of over 40 winning occasions they have given me.

#### ***What is your favourite book and/or sport?***

Horse racing in general is a good watch as is a pro golf tournament. My reading is pretty well confined to the Turf Digest and the racing page. I am not a noted reader of books, although I did read a number of Dick Francis novels a few years ago – all based on racing stories in his days as a jockey.

#### ***What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken?***

Maria and I talked for months about going overseas for 6 weeks on my big OE, Maria did hers before we got married. I sat down one wet Saturday evening and within 10 minutes declared that we would be going for 3 months and visiting – Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales, France, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Holland. We have been on a number of trips since – Hawaii, LA, Vegas, San Fran, Australia, and most recently we visited Barcelonan – Spain before doing a cruise on the Mediterranean for 12 nights ending up in Venice – Italy before calling in to Vegas and San Francisco on our way home. .

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

Add it to my retirement fund and look at shortening the time to get to retirement.

#### ***Past or Present – Who would you most like to meet and what would you ask them?***



## Sunrise 30th Birthday Celebration



Sunrise is a pearl of a club, 3<sup>rd</sup> cab off the Rank. Sat. 16.8. 14. Saw 14 current members, 3 former members , 10 partners & special guest from Nelson, Carl Horn, a club sponsor, assembled in the Pegasus Arms, to celebrate the club's anniversary.

In proposing a toast to the club I spoke its shaky start in finding venues open @ 0700 on a Th. Morning and has now been in a fantastic home the last 21 yrs @ 44 Bealey Ave ( Presbyterian Support ), big growth spurt in the late 80's, getting over 40 members, with a consideration of splitting. 2 D T Ms : Alan Sharr & Sean Joyce. Alan also served several terms as District Treasurer. Sunrise was bit of a breeder assisting in the births of Hi T ( now Everest ), Hereford, Victoria & Boaters.

The club ' went ' to jail with Paul Deanes with a prisoners speechcraft course & recently Garry Musson led one for the Salisbury Foundation ( subject covered in a G Whizz article ).

In May Sunrise hosted royalty, T M style, with World President George Yen & his wife Jorie, attending one of our club meetings whilst at the convention.

Thirty years is a worthy achievement as the 2 only clubs in this city ' felt ' that 2 was enough, look at the city now, well over 2 dozen !

After my toast, a beautiful meal was consumed & we were given pictures of some club activities & asked to tell a story. Many photos of the last 3 decades were projected to round off a fabulous evening.

*Christopher McCabe. ATM Gold, Charter Member.*

24.8.14





### Clubs in Formation

The following clubs would like your assistance, in the form of doing speeches, and helping with other roles. If you are available to assist, please contact the relevant contact listed below:

#### Avonhead Toastmasters (Started 15th April)

Meeting: Tuesdays 5.45pm  
Venue: Knights Rugby League Club, 16 Apsley Drive, Avonhead.  
Contact: [jan.dunn13@gmail.com](mailto:jan.dunn13@gmail.com)  
Phone: 03 7686957

*If you are looking at forming a new club to fill a niche, please let your Area Governor know.*



## Here's a heads up on a new book from David Clarkson:

### Dare to Deliver, A Dynamic Guide to Public Speaking

*Know someone who lacks the courage to speak in public?*

- Who hates giving a speech or the prospect of it?
- Who has sat in a meeting like a stunned mullet and had nothing to say but could have, or should have, said plenty
- Who has been asked for an opinion and been unable to coherently and confidently get your ideas across?

If so, this book provides answers for them on how to express their ideas. How to:

- Prepare a speech successfully
- Structure it for maximum impact
- Cope with nerves before speaking
- Use appropriate body language
- Apply effective vocal techniques
- Employ visual and other aids
- Run question and answer sessions
- Speak off the cuff
- And much more

David Clarkson has been a Toastmaster for over 21 years. He has reached the NZ Toastmaster Speech finals 6 times (with 2 Gold and 3 Silver Medals for his trouble), was a President's Distinguished Area Governor and a DTM. He is a member the National Speakers Assn of NZ, a Past President of their Ch-Ch Chapter and a past member of their National Executive. He operated a Professional Speakers bureau for over a decade, is a professional public speaker, a corporate communication skills trainer and mentor. He believes that an ability to speak well in public is a key ingredient to success in any walk of life.

Once terrified of speaking in public, he has overcome his demons. In his book he shares the insights he gained from his public speaking experience. He shows positive ways in which anybody can improve their confidence and their ability to speak in public.

For details on how to get your copy, go to [www.dynamic-communication.co.nz](http://www.dynamic-communication.co.nz)

