



Spinnaker Toastmasters Club 7868 / District 72

Annual Business Meeting Tuesday 3 May 2022

President's Report

I have enjoyed my year as President of Spinnaker Toastmaster club.

The 2021/2022 year saw a return of the Covid pandemic, with a nationwide shutdown meaning our meetings moved online for a time. The shutdown was also just in time for our first club contest. This initially resulted in the club cancelling our contest, but with online contests being permitted, we were able to hold very successful contests.

As a result of the ongoing pandemic, almost all Spinnaker Toastmaster club meetings were held as hybrid meetings, where some club members joined via Zoom. This new capability provided a way for Spinnaker to continue to meet throughout the 2021/2022 year with no major impact.

Hybrid meetings are only possible because the St Andrews Parish allow us to use their wi-fi connection, and that Gary Nicholson provided a top-of-the-line web camera. There is a cost to the club - the Zoom subscription – details of which are included in the financial report.

There has been a decline in membership. We have 12 financial members as opposed to 16 in May 2021. This is of concern and reflects a drop in numbers across Toastmasters in general and globally. To put this in context, there are now approximately 45 Toastmasters across all of J1 clubs as opposed to over 100 Toastmasters a few years ago.

Maintaining and growing our membership was a challenge the committee took on in May 2021. Paul as VP Membership and Darrell as VP PR have done a fantastic job in managing enquiries from people interested in Spinnaker and welcoming them when they visited. However, mainly because of Covid restrictions, we have not signed up any new members.

Maintaining and growing our membership will be the principal challenge for the incoming committee.

Toastmasters Educational Programme

Toastmasters is primarily an educational organisation, with the aim of improving members' public speaking and leadership skills.

Congratulations to all members for their educational awards they have achieved in the last 12 months. A summary of these is included in the VP Ed report.

Achievements of note

Spinnaker Club Awards

George Nicholson Award	Angela Randell
The Knight Award for Motivation	Ron and Jacqui Blackwell
Most Improved Speaker	Paul Briggs
Spinnaker Toastmaster of the Year	Megan Kloppenburg

Club Speech Contest Awards

Humorous Speech Contest	Gary Nicholson (1st) Angela Randall (2nd)
Evaluation Speech Contest	Megan Kloppenburg (1 st) Gary Nicholson (2 nd)
International Speech Contest	Angela Randall (1 st) Megan Kloppenburg (2 nd)
Impromptu Speech Contest	Gary Nicholson (1 st) Dave Cook (2 nd)

Area and Division Speech Contest Awards

Area J1 Humorous Speech Contest	Gary Nicholson (2 nd) Angela Randall (3rd)
Area J1 Evaluation Speech Contest	Gary Nicholson (1 st) Megan Kloppenburg (2 nd)
Area J1 International Speech Contest	Megan Kloppenburg (1 st) Angela Randall (2 nd)
Area J1 Impromptu Speech Contest	Gary Nicholson (1 st) Dave Cook (2 nd)
Division J International Speech Contest	Megan Kloppenburg (3 rd)
Division J Impromptu Speech Contest	Gary Nicholson (2 nd)

Thanks

My thanks to all of the committee for the work they have done for the club this year. In particular, thanks to each as follows:

Katina, VP Ed

Paul, VP Membership

Darrell, VP Public Relations, Sergeant at Arms

Megan, Treasurer

Kathy, Secretary

My thanks also to the remainder of the club membership for making Spinnaker Toastmasters the great club it is!

I look forward to another excellent year in 2022/23 under the leadership of a new committee.

Dave Cook
Outgoing Club President

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