



# CHRISTCHURCH TOASTMASTERS' SPREAD

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## OCTOBER NEWS 2019

### CLUB CONTEST

Our International Speech Contest and Evaluation Contest will be held on 8 October 2019. We will start this meeting at an earlier time of 7 pm.

To enter the International Speech Contest, you must complete level two in Pathways or six speeches under the legacy system.

Anyone can enter the Evaluation Contest and no preparation is required!

Organising a club contest takes a lot of effort, so it will help if everyone competes or fills a role.

### GOOGLE MAPS

Thanks to everyone who has posted a review on our Google Maps listing. This has received 491 views over the past month!

If you have not yet posted a review, it would be really appreciated if you could. It should not take longer than 3 - 5 minutes.

### BACK OF THE BUS

There is currently an Orbiter bus travelling through our area with a Toastmasters advertisement on the back. Keep an eye out!

If you see it, take a photo and post it to the Toastmasters District 72 Members Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/729184510847991/>

Or send it to the District 72 Public Relations Manager:

[prm.d72@toastmasters.org.nz](mailto:prm.d72@toastmasters.org.nz)







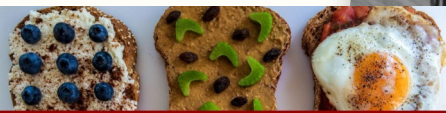
## SPECIAL FEATURE:

## TOASTMASTERS' SPREAD TURNS ONE!

Our monthly club newsletter is now officially one year old!

The Toastmasters' Spread has come a long way its inception. It is no longer a simple list of notices, but rather, a detailed bulletin that captures all aspects of the club at this point in its history.

A special thanks must go to Charlotte Steele for writing the Educational Section each month! However, to make it more valuable and sustainable, it would benefit from having additional people involved. If you are willing to help, please talk to Brad.



### The Christchurch Toastmasters' Spread

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#### OCTOBER 2018 NEWS UPDATE

##### Monthly Fees

On 01 October 2018, our monthly fee increased to \$30 per month. Please remember to update the automatic payment to this amount.

##### Club Contests

The Humorous and Table Topics Area Contest was held on 18 September. Unfortunately, both contests were won by Spreydon Toastmasters. The event was well attended, with the room nearly at maximum capacity.

##### The International and Evaluation Contests

for our club will take place on 16 October, with 23 October as a backup date. Unfortunately, you need to have completed six speeches to enter the international contest. However, the evaluation contest is open to everyone. The following area contest will then be held on 6 November. We will host that event.

##### Pathways Training

On 30 October, we are going to have a pathways training session before our main meeting. For this, we will display pathways on a screen and walk through all the essential functions. The details are still to be confirmed. If it proves to be valuable, then it may become a regular training session.

##### New Website

A lot of work being done behind the scenes to update our club website. Our current website is based on a standard Toastmasters template and is not very appealing. This is quite a large project, so any help would be appreciated.

##### Meeting Themes

As a club, we have not always been strong in this area. However, it is really important that we have a theme each week to give variety to the meetings. If you are the Toastmaster, please remember to set a theme.


##### Table Topics Practice

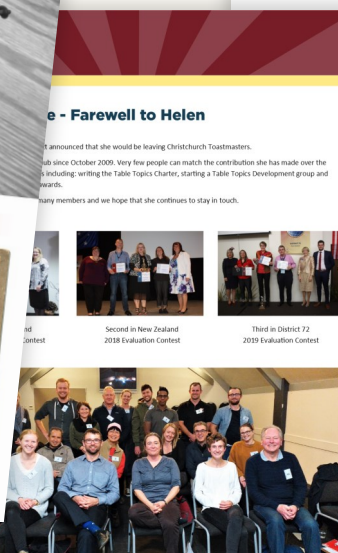
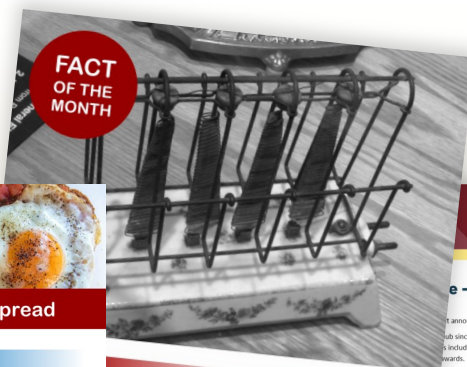
The table topics practice sessions are now up and running. These will be held every second week at 6 pm, in our usual meeting room.

This is a great way to rapidly improve your impromptu speaking skills!

Want to stay up to date with all the exciting club news?

Follow Christchurch Toastmasters on Facebook or Instagram!





### What a Lark!


**International President Lark on 8 May 2019**

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**3. Lark Dolny never aspired to be President of Toastmasters.** She started with President of her club, then took a break as a member only, then others encouraged her to be Governor of the Area. So she did that, then took a break as a member, then others encouraged her to the next level, Governor of the District. And so on up, rise and repeat. All through her journey, she was taking breaks as a member, which helped keep her connected with the reality of what it's like, plus encouragement from others was the key catalyst to motivate her to achieve more.

Overall this was a worthwhile event to attend with some key lessons learned. As well as hearing Lark speak, it was good to see presentations from other Toastmasters, see different ideas on how to engage the audience, and afterward, take the chance to meet others from other clubs. Let's hope she returns again soon so more of our club members can meet her.

**JE WRITTEN BY JAYSON ELLIOTT**





## EDUCATIONAL: CLUB MEETING ROLES

*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." - Henry Ford*

Toastmasters who take on specific meeting roles – to start the meeting, keep it running, maintain momentum, and conclude on time – are fundamental to a meeting's success. All of the participants, regardless of their role, must work together to present entertaining, dynamic meetings.

Every meeting needs a full roster of participants to ensure the meeting proceeds smoothly. This roster includes:

### ► THE TOASTMASTER

- ✓ Reviews the agenda
- ✓ Talks with meeting participants to create interesting introductions

### ► THE TABLE TOPICS MASTER

- ✓ Ensures every member at a meeting has an opportunity to participate
- ✓ Checks the meeting agenda to give priority to those without assigned roles
- ✓ Invites guests to participate in Table Topics. If they agree, the Table Topics master ensures they have an opportunity to speak.

### ► SPEAKERS

- ✓ Dedicate time and energy planning and practicing manual speeches

### ► GENERAL EVALUATOR

Oversees and coordinates the evaluation segments of club meetings:

- ✓ Calling for reports from the timer
- ✓ Ah-Counter and grammarian
- ✓ Evaluating the meeting itself

### ► SPEECH EVALUATORS

Help speakers by providing evaluations through:

- ✓ The speaker's evaluation form
- ✓ Verbally reviewing the speaker's strengths and areas for improvement

### ► THE TIMER

- ✓ Helps speakers learn to convey their message within a specific time limit.

### ► THE GRAMMARIAN

- ✓ Helps speakers to be aware of their language usage.

## CONCLUSION

Teamwork is essential to the success of a Toastmasters club and to its members. When members understand their responsibilities and strive for individual and team excellence, everyone benefits.

**Written by Charlotte Steele**



This article is based on a booklet from the Successful Club Series:

[toastmasters.org/resources/the-successful-club-series-set](https://toastmasters.org/resources/the-successful-club-series-set)





## CLUB DETAILS

### Christchurch Toastmasters

Club 1866

District 72

#### Meeting Location:

Cashmere Club  
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Every Tuesday at 7.30 pm

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## STATE OF THE CLUB REPORT

### MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH:

We have been fortunate to have four new members join our club over the past two months - Ankit Surti, Michal Tutko, Brenda Dimas and Martin Scullion. Let's make sure that they get off to the best possible start!

However, during the September renewals period, we also lost many members. This means that we currently have 24 active members and will need to continue the marketing push to get us back above 30.

Below are a few statistics for our club, based on current membership:

**AVERAGE TIME WITH CHRISTCHURCH TOASTMASTERS = 3.52 YEARS**

**AS A CLUB, WE HAVE 88 YEARS OF COMBINED TOASTMASTERS EXPERIENCE**

**TOP 3 LONGEST SERVING MEMBERS MAKE UP 55% OF TOTAL EXPERIENCE**

### EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to the members who completed a Pathways award over the past two months!



**Leonie Wilkinson**  
Effective Coaching  
Level 1



**John Baigent**  
Presentation Mastery  
Level 4



**Stephen Moore**  
Team Collaboration  
Level 1



**Brad Grootelaar**  
Persuasive Influence  
Level 2



**Amy Stewart**  
Leadership Development  
Level 2

## Club Mission

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.