

WOW TOASTMASTERS CLUB 9964/72
Presidents Report 2008/9

I was elected President at last years AGM which was held on Mother's day at St Teresa's school. The late Colin Perfect chaired this meeting. We lost this valuable club member in September and Joy outlined Colin's contribution to Toastmasters at the October meeting.

The club has a strong foundation of dedicated and experienced members. We are fortunate to have Dale who updates our website regularly and our website is a credit to her and the club. Club days are very enjoyable and there is always a vast range of topics covered. The meetings take place around the Wairarapa, at such venues such as Coney's wines in Martinborough, The Hood Aerodrome in Masterton, the beautiful country setting of one of our members – Jenny - and of course the main venue which is Cobblestones in Greytown.

As President of the club I thank each of you for making my job easy, as it is my responsibility to make sure that the club provides the positive, supportive environment to it members for them to fulfill their self-development goals. While our membership is low we do seem to have members come and go on a regular basis. I take this opportunity to thank Rita for organizing Speechcraft, which supports the club and influences people in joining our Sunday meetings.

Congratulations to those who have been involved in competitions and represented the club. Whether you have attained an award or not your participation has been appreciated.

Being President for a year – 12 meetings – has been difficult to ensure that the objectives for being a President were achieved. Also being new to toastmasters there were many other areas I needed to learning about before tackling the job of President. It would be a recommendation that the club has a succession plan (strategic plan) that ensures lead positions have had experience at club level.

During the year I participated in a club training which I thoroughly enjoyed and believe that this club is in good hands and together we can make it an annual goal to be a distinguished club.

As a committee we have put together a plan to hold a conference in October 2010. At conference next week we will be presenting our bid to hold it in the Wairarapa. This would be very good for WOW (and toastmasters in general) and would like to keep all members informed about our progress as we will need you all if we win this bid.

I wish the in-coming President all the best for the coming year.

Carol Pilcher
President, WOW Toastmasters Club
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