

## President's Note – 2005/2006

Dear club member

2006 marks the fortieth anniversary of toastmasters in Wellington and is a good time to think about what we want for our club — Turbine Talkers.

We have a big reputation to live up to having achieved President's Distinguished Club status for most of the years we have been running. This means that our club members have consistently achieved CTMs, ATMs, CLs, ALs, served on the committee, paid our subs, and recruited new members. All the signs of a well-functioning, well-run club!

So far this year we have achieved four of the ten goals we need to once again be Presidents Distinguished.

Our main mission by June is to have built our membership. Why? New members bring enthusiasm and different ideas to a club. It's in our best interests to bring in new people.

Participate in the Bring-Along-A-Guest challenge in March and win a bottle of wine!

**Robyn Mackay – President**

### Club Officers – 2005/2006

#### **Joanne Conchie: Vice President, Education**

The post of VP Education is a very busy one. Joanne prepares the education programme to fulfil the individual needs of each club member; assigns mentors; and tracks club members' progress. At present Joanne is in the process of collecting information about members' past achievements and their goals for 2006. Please remember to contact Joanne if you are going to be away for any length of time this year, or if you have any specific goals you would like to achieve, as she builds these into the education programme.

#### **Jackie Griffiths: Vice President, Membership**

As VP Membership, Jackie is in direct contact with each club member. She assists guests when they first arrive – making sure that the guest is seated next to an experienced club member, has an agenda, and knows what is going on. After the guest attends their first club meeting, Jackie contacts the person and encourages him or her to come back. But it's not all about new members – keeping in contact with existing club members and ensuring they are getting what they need from the club is also an important part of Jackie's role.

#### **Grant Smith: Vice President, Public Relations**

Grant has just taken over the reins of VP PR from Carol Mitchell. Thank you for all your hard work Carol – get better soon! Grant will be writing press releases about the club and sending them to local papers and radio stations for Toastmasters Week in March.

#### **Paul Bruce: Secretary**

Paul has taken over the role of Secretary from Carolyn Raven — thank you Caro! As Club Secretary, Paul takes the minutes at Committee meetings and is the repository of knowledge re the Club – he holds the club archive.

#### **Shuguang Huang: Treasurer**

Shu holds the fiscal responsibility for collecting all of the Club dues and depositing them with Toastmasters International on time. This is an important role as one of the main items of administering the club is collecting the dues.

#### **Seth Campbell: Vice President, Hospitality**

Seth is our social co-ordinator, he knows the secret code to the Church alarm and he keeps control of the supper supplies.

#### **Joy Ackrill: Immediate Past President**

Joy is an invaluable member of the committee as advisor and mentor. Her vast experience in running clubs has come in very handy!

#### **Robyn Mackay: President**

I took over the role of President from James Stonehouse when he stepped down at the beginning of the year. Contrary to public opinion the role of President is actually one of the easiest on the committee. All I really need to do is chair committee meetings and encourage the others!