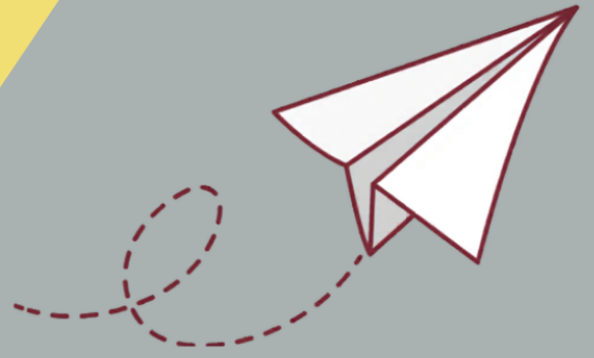


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MAY 1 & 2, 2026

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Welcome



Kellie McMaster DTM
Conference Chair

On behalf of the entire Conference Committee, welcome to the 2026 Spring Conference: Destination Excellence.

It is an honor to have you all here. The goal of this event is to align our vision, strengthen our collaboration, and accelerate our progress toward excellence.

We have an exciting agenda focused on education, networking and inspiration. We want you to leave this venue not only with new knowledge but with actionable strategies to raise the bar in your personal journey toward excellence.



DaWane Wanek DTM
Conference Co-Chair

We would like to thank our speakers, sponsors, and the organizing team for making this gathering possible. Let's make the most of this opportunity to travel together to Destination Excellence.

Kellie McMaster, DTM 2026 Spring Conference Chair

DaWane Wanek, DTM 2026 Spring Conference Co-Chair



Welcome



Denise Castille, MBA, DTM
2025-2026
District Director

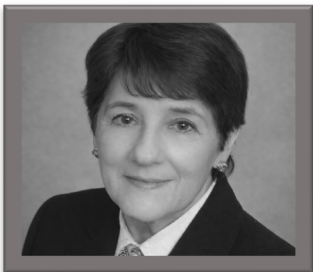
It is an honor to welcome you to Destination Excellence, our 2026 Spring Conference. This weekend is an opportunity to be intentional about how we grow as leaders and communicators. Whether you are attending your first conference or you've experienced many, there is something here designed to challenge, stretch, and move you forward. Excellence in District 50 doesn't happen by accident—it's intentional. It is built in the decisions made within each club, in the conversations leaders choose to have, and in the commitment to keep moving forward.

Our mission is clear—we build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence. Destination Excellence is where that mission comes to life.

This conference reflects your commitment—to your growth, clubs, and to the members who are counting on you. It is also a reminder that leadership and communication skills require focus and consistency.

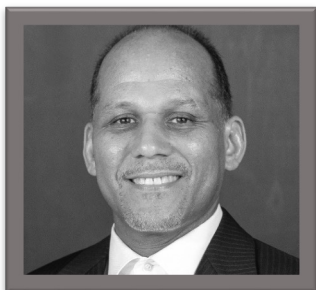
As you move through the day, take it all in. Engage in the workshops. Be present for the keynotes. Strengthen existing connections and build new ones. And as you do, consider this question—what is one step you will take to move your club, and your leadership journey, closer to excellence?

Thank you for the leadership you bring, the impact you make, and the ripples you create across District 50. Be the Ripple. Shape the Future.



Rhonda Bunte, DTM
2025-2026
Program Quality Director

Welcome to Destination Excellence! We are delighted to have you join us for this special District 50 conference, where members come together to learn, grow, and move closer to their highest potential. Through engaging workshops and inspiring experiences, this conference is designed to elevate your skills and expand your impact in communication and leadership. Get on board for an inspiring journey filled with insightful sessions, meaningful networking with both new and familiar friends, and the excitement of dynamic speech contests. Join us as we celebrate outstanding members at the Hall of Fame and honor those achieving the prestigious Distinguished Toastmaster award. We are especially excited to welcome members of the incoming Ozark Division in Arkansas as we come together for an unforgettable weekend of growth, connection, and achievement. We're glad you're here—let's make this journey one to remember.



Shane Gilmore EC4, EH1, PI1
2025-2026
Club Growth Director

Welcome to the 2026 District 50 Spring Conference—*Destination Excellence*.

This conference is not just a gathering; it is a journey. A journey where each of us has made the intentional decision to pursue growth, sharpen our skills, and elevate our impact as communicators and leaders within Toastmasters International.

Excellence is not a final stop—it is a continuous destination. It is found in every speech delivered with courage, every leader who steps forward to serve, and every connection that strengthens our community. Here at District 50 Toastmasters, we are committed to building new clubs and supporting all clubs in achieving excellence—and this conference represents that commitment in action.

Over the course of this experience, you will learn, connect, compete, and be inspired. Because we understand a simple truth about the Toastmasters club mission: **A Learning experience + Empowered members = Greater Results!!!**

Whether through powerful educational sessions, dynamic speakers, or the energy of our speech contests, every moment is designed to move you closer to your personal and professional best.

So I invite you to lean in, engage fully, and embrace the journey.

Because here in District 50 Toastmasters, excellence isn't just where we're going—It's who we are becoming.

DISTRICT 50 Spring Conference

Friday, May 1

 **6:15pm** Opening/Keynote


 **7:05pm** Evaluation Contest

Saturday, May 2

 **8:00 am** Banner Parade, Welcome

 **8:40 am** First Timers Event Room 1.128

 **9:10 am** General Session/Keynote

 **10:00 am** Education Session 1

 **11:00am** Education Session 2

 **12:30 pm** Keynote Lunch

 **1:15 pm** Hall of Fame

 **2:45 pm** Education Session 3

 **4:45 pm** Dignitary Parade/Keynote/DTM Ceremony

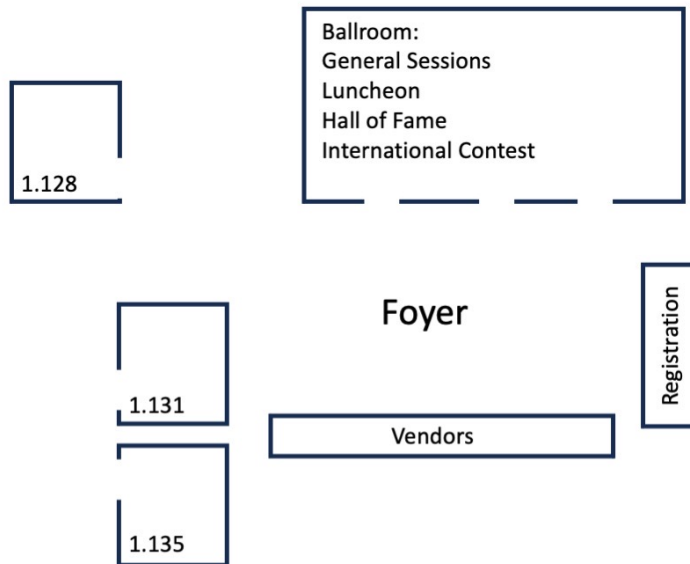
 **7:05 pm** International Speech Contest

Visit Vendor Showcase during breaks



Education Sessions

Session 1 <i>10am - 10:50am</i>	Room
Start Building Relationships	1.128
Creating a First Class Experience	1.131
Lead Here, Lead Everywhere	1.135
Session 2 <i>11:00am - 11:50am</i>	
Enhanced Pathways	1.128
AI For Everyone	1.131
From Survival to Strategy	1.135
Session 3 <i>2:45pm - 3:35pm</i>	
Crafting a Memorable Speech	1.128
Master Your Capstone Project	1.131
Table Topics with Friends	1.135





Education *Speaker Bios*



Mss Francois, DTM

Stop Collecting Business Cards – Start Building Relationships

10am, 1.128

Mss. Francois, known as the “*Get Your Groove Back Coach*,” is a dynamic entertainer, humorous keynote speaker, and bestselling author dedicated to helping people rediscover confidence and purpose. A TEDx speaker, Toastmasters humor champion, and founder of the Thriving Goddesses community, she blends humor, storytelling, and decades of leadership experience to inspire audiences to embrace their next chapter.



Gene Gray, DTM

Creating a First Class Experience

10am, 1.131

Ready to elevate your club to Destination Excellence? Join your pilot, Gene Gray, DTM, in this high-energy session. You’ll learn how to design a first-class guest experience that attracts guests and inspires them to join. Whether your club is struggling to get off the ground or ready to soar, this session will equip you with practical tools to create an unforgettable guest experience.

Gene Gray believes that every Toastmaster deserves a first-class experience—one that inspires them to stay, grow, and bring others along for the journey. As a leader in a club that has averaged 24 new members over each of the past three years, Captain Gray focuses on practical, people-centered strategies that help clubs chart their own course toward Destination Excellence.



Tiffany McPherson,
IP5, PI3, PM1

Lead Here, Lead Everywhere: Turning Toastmasters Leadership into Real-Life Impact?

10am, 1.135

With nearly six years of experience in Toastmasters, Tiffany has transformed from someone who once feared speaking up into a confident leader, speaker, and mentor passionate about helping others grow. Since joining Toastmasters, she has served as Club President, taken on multiple leadership roles at both the club and District levels in Toastmasters and Rotary, and is currently sponsoring a new Toastmasters club. Her journey of stepping outside her comfort zone has led to significant personal and professional growth—including being promoted to Executive Director of Meals on Wheels, speaking to the media, delivering presentations ranging from 5 to 20 minutes, teaching public image classes, and leading effective meetings. Her presentations have not only inspired audiences but have also helped raise tens of thousands of dollars to further her nonprofit’s impact in the community. She is also preparing to serve as President of her Rotary Club and has recently been invited to take on a Regional leadership role within Rotary.

Through each of these experiences, she has built confidence, credibility, and a strong belief that leadership is developed—**not something you have to feel ready for before you begin.** Today, Tiffany is passionate about empowering others to step into leadership, find their voice, and become the best version of themselves. Her message is simple: when you choose to step up—even before you feel fully ready—you open the door to growth, impact, and opportunity far beyond what you imagined.



Education *Speaker Bios*



Kris Mackay, DTM

Enhanced Pathways

11 am, 1.128

Kris Mackay is a software professional with more than 20 years of industry experience including IT, Telecommunications, and Semiconductors. Skilled in full life cycle application software development, quality assurance automated testing, technical writing, and project management. Handled aggressive deadlines for new product functionality, such as Web and PC applications, command line and graphical user interfaces (CLI and GUI), and C/C++ work on embedded firmware device drivers. Built customer relationships by assessing their needs and aligning software solutions to address key objectives.



Parth Bhingarde, MS5

AI for Everyone

11 am, 1.131

Parth Bhingarde is a Project & Engagement Manager with a background spanning business consulting, IT startup, and market research. He is deeply passionate about leveraging emerging technologies like AI.

In his session on AI in Toastmasters, Parth aims to spark curiosity and excitement around integrating AI into personal and professional life, while conveying awareness of its limitations and ethical considerations.

Parth has served as Club President for JSOM Friday Toastmasters and Area 65 Director. He has completed Level 5 in the Motivational Strategies Pathway. Outside of work and Toastmasters, Parth enjoys gaming, outdoor activities, and spending quality time with friends.



Vivian Cobb, DTM

From Survival to Strategy: Goal Setting When Everything Has Changed

11 am, 1.135

Vivian Cobb is a speaker, author, and conversation advocate who helps people find the courage to talk about what truly matters, especially when it's uncomfortable.

As a multifaceted entrepreneur, first in video and film, then as the owner of a boutique real estate brokerage, Vivian knows firsthand both the uncertainty and the freedom that come with creating one's own path.

Her life changed dramatically after the sudden loss of her husband, when she discovered their finances were in crisis. That experience propelled her on a mission to help others avoid the devastating consequences of silence around money and emotion.

Through keynotes, workshops, retreats, and her book *Unspoken Costs: How to Have Relationship-Saving Money Conversations*, Vivian guides couples to face their fears, replace avoidance with understanding, and strengthen the trust that sustains relationships. A repeat TEDx speaker, she is known for her storytelling, warmth, and authenticity on stage.

Vivian has been a proud Toastmaster for nine years. She earned her Distinguished Toastmaster designation in 2020, won the District 26 Speaking Contest in 2021, and has served her club in every officer role—including three terms as President. She calls Colorado Springs home when she's not traveling the world in search of new experiences, cultures, and conversations.



Education Speaker Bios



Sarfaraz Nazir, DTM

Speech by Design: How to Craft Memorable Messages 2:45, 1.128

How many speeches have you heard and forgotten before you even reached your car?

Now, a more important question: what made the few you still remember impossible to forget?

In this high-impact, insight-rich session, you will discover a powerful truth: memorable speeches do not happen by chance, they are intentionally designed.

“Speech by Design” goes far beyond tips, techniques, and templates. It reveals the hidden architecture behind speeches that win contests, move audiences, and remain vivid long after the applause fades. Blending humor, real-world examples, and practical frameworks, this session pulls back the curtain on what truly separates a *good speech* from a *memorable experience*.

You will explore why many well-prepared speeches fail to leave an impression, how emotional timing shapes audience connection, and what judges are truly responding to, often instinctively. Whether you are a new Toastmaster preparing your Ice Breaker or a seasoned competitor striving for the next level, this session will transform how you think about speaking and elevate how you design it.

Because in the end, your audience will not remember every word you said, but they will remember what your speech *made them feel*. And that is not preparation. That is design.

Sarfaraz Akber Nazir, DTM, is an international keynote speaker, master storyteller, and independent consultant. A Toastmaster since July 1993, he is a seven-time Distinguished Toastmaster and is currently completing the final requirement for his eighth DTM—an extraordinary testament to his lifelong commitment to excellence.

A three-time World Championship of Public Speaking semifinalist, Nazir is also a two-time second-place winner at the semifinals. At the district level, he has competed in the International Speech Contest nine times, earning first place three times, second place three times, and third place three times, an exceptional record of sustained competitive achievement.

Demonstrating remarkable dedication to mastery, Nazir has completed 19 educational paths in the Toastmasters Pathways program, including all 11 of the original learning paths.

He was featured as a showcase speaker at the 1995 Toastmasters International Convention in San Diego and has been recognized as Toastmaster of the Year in District 25 and Area Director of the Year in District 50. His honors include the District 25 Distinguished Service Award and the Legacy Award. Beyond Toastmasters, Nazir has received the Professional Excellence Award from the American Society for Training and Development, as well as the National Leadership Award and Outstanding Service Award from the Institute of Industrial Engineers. He also received the Outstanding Service Award from the National Leadership Association. He was also named U.S. Analyst of the Year. He is the co-author of *Go Ahead and Laugh*, a book exploring the effective use of humor in speeches.

He holds an MBA in Management and a Bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering.

Nazir’s journey reflects resilience and vision. He arrived in the United States as a teenager with a \$180 cashier’s check and one twenty-dollar bill.

Guided by his philosophy of “Quiet Living” which includes Quiet Excelling, Quiet Impacting, and Quiet Sharing, he has built a life defined by purpose, contribution, and financial independence.

Sarfaraz Nazir is an inspirational storyteller whose journey from Pakistan to the United States reveals how dreams, courage, and perseverance can transform an ordinary life into an extraordinary journey. Through powerful stories and practical insights, he inspires audiences to take the wheel of their lives and drive their dreams.



David Adams, DTM

Master Your Capstone Project 2:45, 1.131

David Adams is a seasoned professional and engaging speaker with a mechanical engineering degree from Georgia Tech and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. His career spans aerospace, food production, and industrial gas industries, where he has served as a project manager, business director, and professor at East Texas A&M. A dedicated Toastmaster for over 13 years, David achieved his Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) in 2023, reflecting his commitment to communication and leadership excellence. Drawing on this rich experience, he now inspires others to “Master Your Capstone Project” with clarity, purpose, and impact. Currently, David is traveling the world, capturing stunning images of landscapes, nature, and wildlife while embracing diverse cultures with a spirit of adventure.



Amy Bemis, DTM

Table Topics with Friends 2:45, 1.135

Amy Bemis is a proud member of Richardson Icebreakers and Super DTMs in District 50. A Toastmaster for more than 12 years, she credits the organization with transforming her confidence, communication skills, and sense of connection. What Amy values most are the relationships she’s built through Toastmasters. She currently serves as Public Relations Manager for District 50, where she helps members and clubs connect by showcasing the many inspiring initiatives happening across the district.

Table Topics with Friends is a casual, high-energy session designed to bring us together for spontaneous speaking fun. Join Toastmasters from across District 50 for lively Table Topics featuring creative twists, improv-inspired prompts, and plenty of chances to meet new people, think on your feet, and share a few laughs.



Friday *Keynote*



Johnny Ortiz, DL5

Find Your Voice, Find Your Freedom: Activating Ur L.I.F.E. Advantage

Johnny Juan Ortiz is a dynamic leadership strategist, executive coach, and professional speaker dedicated to developing high-impact leaders across East Texas and beyond. With a background spanning entrepreneurship, real estate lending, community leadership, and organizational development, Johnny Juan equips professionals with the mindset, skillset, and discipline required to build thriving teams and sustainable success. He has served in key leadership roles within regional nonprofits, professional associations, and business networks, consistently championing collaboration, growth, and community impact. Known for his energy, clarity, and ability to connect vision to execution, Johnny Juan challenges leaders to move from intention to implementation.

As a Leadership Conference Emcee, he brings professionalism, presence, and momentum to events—ensuring audiences remain engaged, aligned, and inspired throughout the entire experience.

Johnny Juan's mission is simple: develop leaders who create lasting influence in their organizations, families, and communities.



Saturday *Keynotes*

Breakfast



Monica Dirden, DTM

EXCElence in Motion

Distinguished Toastmaster and Past District 50 Director, Monica Dirden has been a Toastmaster for over 13 years. She has won the District 50 International Speech Contest twice and was a Toastmasters International Semifinalist 3rd place in 2015.

She has been a member of several clubs in many districts.

What sets Monica apart is her unwavering passion for helping people. For her, speaking and leading is not just a hobby or profession, it is her life's work. She believes that anyone can develop the skills to become a great leader and she has dedicated her life to helping others do just that.

Monica has served in various leadership roles in Toastmasters, including Club Growth Director, Program Quality Director, and District Director for District 50. Her extensive experience, knowledge, passion for public speaking, and leadership skills make her an invaluable addition.

By day, Monica is a Global Accounting Manager for a non-public company. By night, she is a mom of 3 teenagers and married for 25 years.

Lunch



Mss Francois, DTM

Building Resilience: From Within and Together

Mss. Francois, known as the “*Get Your Groove Back Coach*,” is a dynamic entertainer, humorous keynote speaker, and bestselling author dedicated to helping people rediscover confidence and purpose. A TEDx speaker, Toastmasters humor champion, and founder of the Thriving Goddesses community, she blends humor, storytelling, and decades of leadership experience to inspire audiences to embrace their next chapter.

Dinner



Willie Johnson, DTM, PDG

Destination Excellence: It's Possible

Willie Johnson began his Toastmasters career in June 1993. Willie is proud to have held all district top leadership roles in District 43, including that of District Governor. Willie is passionate about mentoring and helping fellow Toastmasters become better speakers and leaders. Outside of Toastmasters, Willie is a member of the Northwest Arkansas Adult Education Committee, a member of the National Speakers Association – North Texas, and a business owner. He enjoys old western movies, the TV shows *Bones* and *NCIS*, reading, and trying new methods related to Personal and Professional Development...

In this energizing keynote, Willie Johnson inspires attendees to take charge of their personal and leadership journey toward excellence. Through engaging stories and practical insights, participants will discover how mindset, focus, and intentional action can elevate their leadership and move them confidently toward Destination Excellence.



HALL OF FAME

Prepare for takeoff...
Fasten your seatbelts

Hosted by



LaToya Dyer DL5

“Let us honor our Hall of Fame honorees – members who remind us of what excellence truly looks like!”

We will embark on our journey—one defined by passion, commitment, and extraordinary service. Across District 50, Toastmasters have gone beyond the expected, elevating their clubs, their members, and the very standard of excellence.

Each nominee represents a milestone along this journey. Each winner is a destination achieved through dedication, leadership, and heart. Welcome to Destination Excellence—where we celebrate not just what has been accomplished, but the path taken to get there.

“We honor not just achievements, but the spirit of growth and generosity that defines a true Toastmaster” - Toastmasters International



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HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

Top candidates in each category

Immediate Past President



Seldon Short, PM3
Leadership Lambda

President



Rheanna Bowsman, EH2
Richardson Icebreakers

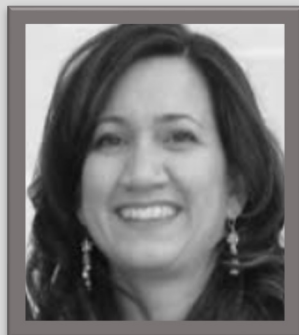


Maryssa Crew, LD3
Leadership Lambda



Chiyang Smith, IP5
Plano Toastmasters

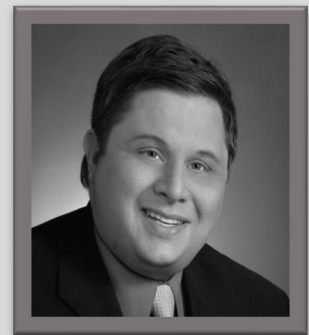
Vice President of Education



Melissa Mims, EH
Waxahachie Toastmasters



LaToya Dyer, LD5
Talk of the Town
Desoto Toastmasters



Mark Holtz, DTM
Plano Toastmasters



HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

Top candidates in each category

Vice President Membership



Caroline Hughey, DTM
Talk of the Town
Desoto Toastmasters



Charles Smith, TM
SHWR Toastmasters

Vice President of Public Relations



Lametra Off, DL5
Arts District



Ivan Paulino, IP5
Talk of the Town
Desoto Toastmasters



Brittany Van Cleave, PM1
Verbal Expressions

Treasurer



Kevan Bauer, IP3
Rose Toasters



Steven James, PM4
Plano Toastmasters



David Gray, MS1
Leadership Lambda



HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

Top candidates in each category

Secretary



Sonia Romanos, PM1
Toastmasters of Rockwall



Levi Richardson, PM2
Leadership Lambda

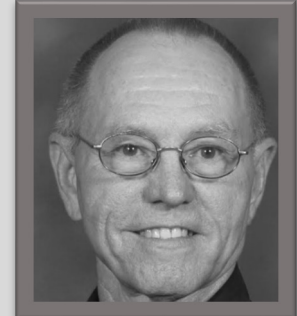
Sergeant at Arms



Anthony Hanson, TM
Verbal Expressions



Jason Zeikowitz, PM2
Leadership Lambda

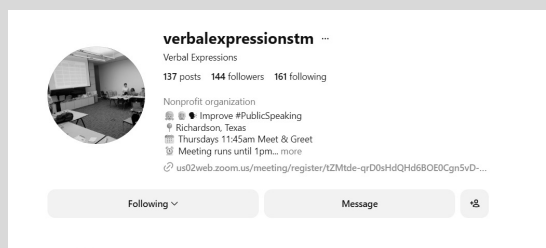


Roger London, TM
Plano Talkers

Social Media



Connor French, PM1
Leadership Lambda
Facebook



Brittany Van Cleave, PM1
Verbal Expressions
Facebook and Instagram

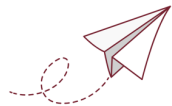


Adeyinka Yarbough, PM2
Plano Talkers
LinkedIn

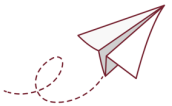


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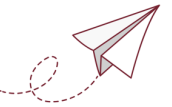
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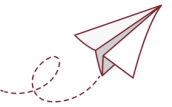
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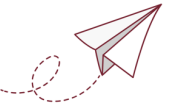
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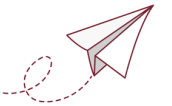
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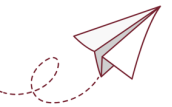
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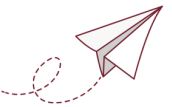
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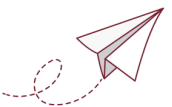
Club Anniversaries



Demo Meeting Participants





Club Coaches



Distinguished Toastmasters



Education Awards

 **Triple Crown Awards** 
**Members who achieved 3 or more education awards from
October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026**

Bisola Onajin-Obembe, VC3
Carmilla B. Bradshaw, DTM
David H. Folarin, DL5
Debra D. Cadet, PI4
German R. Cayabyab, VC4
Hanan Ismail, IP3
Jennifer L. Hoch, DTM
Jun Jia, DL4

Kellie J. McMaster, DTM
Kristy K. Pedersen, DTM
Lametra Off, DL5
Maggie Roth, EH5
Naomi Lawler, DTM
Rashida N. Wright, DL5
Stacey M. Ray, PM3
Vijay Balasubramanian, LD3

 **“Super 7” Clubs** 

With 100% Officers Trained during Winter TLI

Arts District Club
BCBSTX Toasties
Bossier Speakers
Eloquent Articulators Club
Eloquent Orators
Environmentally Correct TM Club
McKinney Motivators
Metrocrest Toastmasters
Park Central Toastmasters
PMI Dallas Toastmasters
Richardson Icebreakers
Speak 2 Lead and Prosper
Speak EZ
Super DTMs
Talk of the Town Toastmasters
Texas Tech Talk
Verbal Expressions Club



Winter TLI



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Trainers

Amy Bemis, DTM
Anne Barab, DTM, AS
Cecilia Oakeley, DTM
Chester Chambers, PI4
Daniel Foyt, EH5
Dan Reeder, LD5
David Dunn, DTM
DaWane Wanek, DTM
Debra Cadet, PI4
Deepa Vancat, DTM
Denise Castille, DTM
Diana Clark, VC5
Don Everly Smith, PM2
Felicha Stanley, MS5
Gene Gray, DTM
Greg Muckelroy, VC5

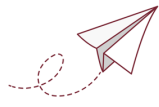
Jennifer Hoch, DTM
Juan (Johnny) Ortiz, DL5
Kellie McMaster, DTM
Kristy Pedersen, DTM
Lue Drummand, DTM
Michelle Chadwick, DTM
Monnica Rose, DTM, PID
Nancy Manning, DTM
Naomi Lawler, DTM
Paloma Schmidt, TM
Ram Vankat, DTM
Rhonda Bunte, DTM
Richard Goodrum, DTM
Sally Matthews, EH2
Shane Gilmore, EC5

Zoom Masters

Tommy Kenyon, SR5

Herb Kulp, PI5

Nadum Charles, PM5



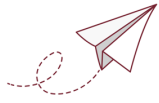
Club Renewals

Through March 31, 2026



200 Watt Speakers Club
Abbott Toast for Neuro
Allen Toastmasters
Anointed Oak Cliff Orators
Argano Toastmasters
Arts District Club
Bank of America Texas Talkers Club
BCBSTX Toasties
Best of Dallas Toastmasters
BH365 Presenters Toastmasters
Big "D" Toastmasters
Bossier Speakers
Broadly Speaking Toastmasters Club
Chase Legacy West Toastmasters
Cisco Richardson Toastmasters
Confident Leaders Toastmasters
Conquerors Club
COPART TOASTMASTERS
COS Freedom Speakers
Counselors Club
Covenant Voices
Crefmasters Toastmasters Club
Dallas College Talks
Dallas ISD Talk It Up!
Dallas Online Toastmasters
Dallas Social Toastmasters
Dallas Speaks Plano
Dallas Sunrise Toastmasters
Divine Nine and Family Toastmasters
Eagle Club
Easy. Really. Speakers Club
Eloquent Articulators Club
Eloquent Orators
Environmentally Correct TM Club
Evening Orators
Executive Toastmasters Club
Expressive Toastmasters
Frisco Speaks Up
HARMAN Loudspeakers
Hillcrest Club
Leadership Lambda Toastmasters
Lennox International Toastmasters
Let's Talk Club
Literary Legends Club
Longview Evening Toastmasters
LUV Toastmasters

McKinney Motivators
Metrocrest Toastmasters
New Beginnings Toastmasters
Oncor Dallas Toastmasters
Park Central Toastmasters
Pepsico Presenters
Pitch Masters
Plano Talkers Club
Plano Titans
Plano Toastmasters
PMI Dallas Toastmasters
Preston Persuaders
Richardson Evening Toastmasters
Richardson Icebreakers
Richardson Noon Toastmasters
RKT Toastmasters
Roaring Speakers
Rose Toasters Club
SFG
Shreveport Club
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Speak EZ
Speakers at The Star
Speak-Up Frisco
Super DTMs
SWHR Toastmasters
T Masters
Talk of the Town Toastmasters
Texas Dragon Toastmasters Club
Texas Tech Talk
Texoma Toastmasters
The Storytellers
TNT Toastmasters Club
Toastmasters of Rockwall Club
Toastmasters Techno
Toastmasters@Toyota
Transit Talkers
Trinity Toastmasters Club
Tyler Evening Toastmasters
Tyler Morning Toastmasters Club
Unique Toastmasters
UTSW Toastmasters
VA Speakers Extraordinaire
Verbal Expressions Club
Waxahachie Toastmasters
Word Wranglers Club
Wylie Wisecrackers



Member Anniversaries



November 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

5 Years

Ajay Ghimire, PM5
Akiko Furusho, PM1
Amy Nelson, DL1
Bethany Mortonson, VC5
Corey Henderson, PM4
Earl Jones, DL2
Kimberly Wilson, TM
LaToya Dyer, DL5

Luis Uribe Gonzalez, TM
Marjorie Williams, IP2
Mordechay Marom, TM
Niti Raodeo, IP1
Paul Pass, PM5
Tiffany Damskov, IP5
Timothy Johnson, PM1
Virginia Wolber, TM

10 Years

Allen Smith, ACB, ALB
Anjali Patel, DTM
Brenda Martinez, VC5
Chris Yang, TM
Daniel Yang, DL3
Daniela Neacsu, DL3
David Alpuche, EH3
Jerome Baskett, IP1
Jerry Fuentes, TM

Justin Duke, TM
Ken Miller, DTM
Mahesh Vermula, DTM
Manjeeta Sitaula, CC
Nagarajan Narayanaswamy, DTM
Shawna Hogan, EH2
Tamela Moody-Wade
Venkata Garikapati, TM
Yvonne Broach, DTM

15 Years

Allan Wren, PM5
Christine Williams, CC
Deborah Haynes, DTM
Howard Daniel, PI5

Joan Bradee, PM4
Scott Colvert, ACS
Wajahath Quraishi, TM

20 Years

Ankur Bora, PM5
Hazel Cotton, DTM
Jun Fu, PM3

LaShonda Phelps, LD2
Lois Mueller, EH3
Monnica Rose, DTM, PID

25 Years

Carolyn Jefferson, CTM

Wade Cox, PM1

30 Years

Carol Donovan, CTM
Judith Miller, IP5

Lori Hughes, DTM



Demo Meeting Participants



October 7, 2025 through March 31, 2026

Levi Richardson, PM2
Chester Chambers, PI4
John Caldwell, DTM

Debra Cadet, PI4
Jen Hoch, DTM
David Adams, DTM

Amy Bemis, DTM
Shane A. Gilmore, EC5



Club Coaches



Through March 31, 2026

Kris Mackay, DTM
OCC Speaks Toastmasters

Cle D. Kimble, MS5
OCC Speaks Toastmasters

Sarfaraz A. Nazir, DTM
VA Speakers Extraordinaire

Venkateswara Pasumarthi, TC5
VA Speakers Extraordinaire

Lucille Reddic, PM5
Mesquite Club

Sathya Kandasamy, DL4
Roaring Speakers

Raga S. Eripilla, SR4
Roaring Speakers

Michelle Campbell, PI2
Covenant Voices



Education Awards



October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

Dynamic Leadership

Angelica M. Rodriguez, DL1, DL2
David H. Folarin, DL5
DaWane A. Wanek, DTM, DL1, DL2
Hemalatha Rajaram, DL1, PM5
Johnson Tu, DL1

Jun Jia, DL4
Kischa D. Howard, DL2
Lawrence M. Traub, DL5
Mark Becker, DL1
Pamala Drungo, DL1, DL2

Phylis Stromile, DL4
Rashida N. Wright, DL5
Samantha Reynolds, DL1, PI5
Swetha Karadi, DL1, SR3

Effective Coaching

Brandi Deere, EC1, EH5
Juan A. Ortiz, EC2, EC3, DL5
Nancy H. Nelson, EC3

Rhea LaFrance, EC4
Eileen Elledge, PM5

Dagan Newland, EC3, EC4
Nancy A. Manning, DTM, EC3, EC4

Engaging Humor

Asky Li, EH1
Bethany Mortonson, EH2, VC5
Carmilla B. Bradshaw, DTM, EH3
Carol L. Walker, EH2
Catherine Ortiz, EH1, EH2
Daniel Foyt, EH5
David P. Haney, EH4, EC5
DaWane A. Wanek, DTM, EH4, EH5

Deric Kennedy, EH5
Don Carter, EH2
Dr. Veera B. Dasari, EH4, VC5
Hazel B. Cotton, DTM, EH2
Jerry Caspell, DTM, EH1
Judy E. Binder, DTM, EH3
Julia May, EH5, VC5
Kellie J. McMaster, DTM, EH5

Maggie Roth, EH3, EH4, EH5
Marty May, EH1
Marvin J. Battley, EH1, EH2, LD3
Naveen Chatlapalli, EH1, EH2
Patricia R. Guerra, EH4, IP5
Paul R. Gorman, DTM, EH2
Victor Hemard, EH2, IP5

Innovative Planning

Bianca Lilavois, IP4
Byron Wright, IP2
Chiyang Smith, IP5
Cindy Horton, IP2, IP3, PM5

Daniel D. Baumgartner, DTM, IP1
Don Teague, IP5
Gary Moore, DTM, IP3
Hanan Ismail, IP2, IP3

Jun Fu, PM3
Lametra Off, IP2, IP3, IP4, DL5
Madeleine Thom, IP1

Leadership Development

Amber M. Temples, LD2
Vijay Balasubramanian, LD3

Srividya Duvva, LD4
Jennifer L. Hoch, DTM, LD4

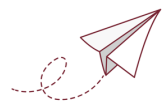
Felicha K. Stanley, LD4, MS5
Dan Reeder, LD5

Motivational Strategies

Anna E. Nelson, MS1
Ashley D. Jyles, MS2
Bella I. Palacios, MS1
Bosong Liu, MS1, MS2
Christopher Davila, MS1
Gwensheka Brown, MS2
James D. Zheng, MS3

Moomina S. Sideek, MS3
Nadya Tatsch, MS3, MS4
Parth M. Bhingarde, MS5
Rebecca D. Ray, MS1
Stephan Freeman, MS2
Travis M. White, MS1

Jennifer L. Hoch, DTM, MS1
Katrina Nelson, MS3
Lisa Herrick, DTM, MS2
Maggie Roth, MS1, MS2, MS3, MS4, EH5
Martin Osaе, DTM, MS5
Matthew Mortonson, MS2, DL5



Education Awards



October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

Persuasive Influence

Brett A. Sterley, PI1
Carmilla B. Bradshaw, DTM, PI1
Celeste Byrd, DTM, PI1
Debra D. Cadet, PI1, PI2, PI3, PI4

Erasmo Salima, PI1, PI2, IP4
James Fadel, PI2, PM5
Kristy K. Pedersen, DTM, PI4
Morgan Block, PI4, IP5

Rikki Cheung, PI1
Shibu Thomas, PI1, PM1
Vishnuvarth Subramanian, PI4

Presentation Mastery

Adeyinka Yarbough, PM1, PM2
Adrian Chavez, PM1
Adriana Valladolid, PM1
Aimee Ransom, PM5
Albert C. Tsai, PM2
Brittany Van Cleave, PM1
Caroline G. Pollard, PM3
Christopher Thomas, PM4
Dan Reeder, PM3, LD5
Danielle Robertson, DTM, PM1
David C. Haring, PM1
David Griffin, PM2
DaWane A. Wanek, DTM, PM5
Divya Lakshmi Nethi, PM2
Elizabeth Metcalf, PM1, PM2
Fnu Nupur, PM1
Forrest Tian, PM1
Greg Muckelroy, PM1, VC5
Han Li, PM1, PM2
Hari Nagisetty, PM4
Hui Sheng, PM1

Jaclyn Saito, PM2
Jason Zeikowitz, PM1, PM2
Jennifer L. Hoch, DTM, PM3
Jinali Shah, PM1
Jinglan (Emily) F. Stacy, PM5
Joan Bradee, PM4
Jordyn K. Fulbright, PM1
Kellie J. McMaster, DTM, PM2
Kristy K. Pedersen, DTM, PM1, PM2
Latasha Watson-Thornton, PM1
Lisa Farmer, PM4
Mark Edge, PM1, PM2
Matthew Ramsay, PM1
Michael Alvey, PM1
Michael Noll, PM3
Molly Wang, PM1
Nancy S. Bateman, DTM, PM3
Parul Jain, PM2
Patrick McCleary, PM2
Prardhana Itham, PM1

Pratik Chemburkar, PM1
Rebecca A. Walker, PM1, PM2
Rodney Crawford, PM3
Sarah Johnson, PM1
Scott Sheaffer, DTM, PM3
Shane Anderson, PM1, PM2
Shayla George, PM1
Shelby Smith, PM1
Shibu Thomas, PM1
Shujaat Ali, PM2
Sri Krishna Ravulapalli, PM1, PM2
Stacey M. Ray, PM1, PM2, PM3
Stan W. Marshall, PM1
Susan Ellingburg, PM5
Tim D. Houston, PM1
Tony L. Johnson, PM1
Uriel E. Alcalde, PM2
Veera Lenin Thulluri, PM3, PM4
Victoria Silvani, PM1, PM2
Yodit Wondaferew Weldegeorgise, PM1

Mentor Program

Naomi Lawler, DTM

Strategic Relationships

Angelica Rodriguez, SR2, PI4
David H. Folarin, SR2, DL5

Monnica B. Rose, DTM, PID, SR4
Naomi Lawler, DTM, SR5

Yuki Ohashi, SR2

Team Collaboration

Ken Miller, DTM, TC2
Merla Semiean, TC5

Shanna David, TC4

Venkateswara Pasumarthi, TC5

Visionary Communication

Aimee Ransom, VC1, PM5
Andrew Parry, VC1, PM5
Bethany Mortonson, VC5
Bisola Onajin-Obembe, VC3
Breana Love, VC3
Daniel Foyt, VC1, EH5
Dewey E. Magar, DTM, VC1

Gerald P. Dietz, VC3, PM5
German R. Cayabyab, VC3, VC4
Grail Gao, VC1
Greg J. Adams, VC1
Hazel B. Cotton, DTM, VC2, VC3
Janet Adams, DTM, VC2
Lacey Wofford, VC2

Nadum I. Charles, VC3, PM5
Nancy Gan, VC1, VC2
Naomi Lawler, DTM, VC4
Scott F. Jordan, VC1, EC5
Velynda Fultz, DTM, VC1
William R. Bodwell, DTM, VC3

Distinguished Toastmasters

We're celebrating the achievement of Distinguished Toastmasters who have reached the pinnacle of leadership and communication excellence within Toastmasters International.

Join us for a special event as we honor their dedication and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.



Don Deadman, DTM

How has Toastmasters and your journey to DTM changed your life?

It gave me the confidence to go for the jobs I wanted such as District Manager of Dallas District for Holiday Inn.

What's next?

Writing books of my life for my kids to explain to my kids why I was on the road a lot.

Which Toastmasters have helped you the most on your journey to completing your DTM?

Too many to name but the person who started it all Ed McCamey in Garland

Member since 1975

Home Club: Toastmasters of Rockwall



Monnica Rose, DTM, PID

How has Toastmasters and your journey to DTM changed your life?

It has pushed me beyond my comfort zone by serving in higher leadership positions. It has also reshaped how I think, speak, and connect with others, creating lasting personal and professional growth.

What's next?

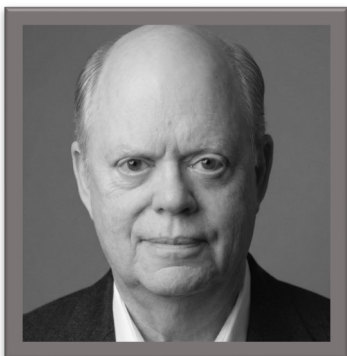
My next step is to scale my impact by developing people, expanding influence, and driving innovation; ensuring that we not only grow, but grow with purpose and sustainability.

Which Toastmasters have helped you the most on your journey to completing your DTM?

Nancy Bateman, David Dunn, and Nancy Manning

Member since 2006

Home Club: Speak EZ Toastmasters



Christopher Lee Williams, DTM

How has Toastmasters and your journey to DTM changed your life?

I am so glad that when I retired, I had a wonderful activity to engage in right after my retirement from 45 years as a public service attorney. I also wish that I had had TM before I began the practice of law; it would have helped me so much as an advocate for the public law clients I worked with for at least 45 years. I represented those individuals who had been discriminated against because union membership or lack thereof, their race, sex, and age, and I also served for 25 years as a Social Security Federal Administrative Law Judge who awarded benefits to claimants.

What's next?

Rest.

Member since 2013

Home Club: Allen Toastmasters



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Conference Team

DISTRICT 50

District Director	Denise Castille, DTM
Program Quality Director	Rhonda Bunte, DTM
Club Growth Director	Shane Gilmore, EC4
Conference Chair	Kellie McMaster, DTM
Conference Co-Chair	DaWane Wanek, DTM
Conference Mentor	Naomi Lawler, DTM
PR/Communications	Amy Bemis, DTM
PR/Communications	Paloma Schmidt, TM
Graphics Chair/Booklet	Daniel Foyt, PM5
Master of Ceremony	Johnny "Juan" Ortiz, DL5
District 50 Chief Judge	Chester Chambers, PI4
Evaluation Contest	Sally Matthews, EH2
International Speech Contest	Cle Kimble, MS5
Friday Night	Kellie McMaster, DTM
Hall of Fame	LaToya Dyer, DL5
DTM Ceremony	Johnny "Juan" Ortiz, DL5
Education	Hazel Cotton, DTM
Minute by Minute	David Adams, DTM
Facilities	Alice Stewart, DTM/David Haney, EC5
First Timers	Cindy Horton, PM5
Raffle	Paloma Schmidt, TM
Sponsorship/Vendor	DaWane Wanek, DTM/John Mottram, PM5
Registration	Bisola Onajin-Obembe, VC3
Technology/AV	Jerry Baskett, IP1/Tommy Kenyon, SR5
Conference Web Designer	Tommy Kenyon, SR5

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