

Biography – Greg Phillips

About Greg

Greg Phillips, DTM, has been a member of Toastmasters since 1996 and is working on his second DTM. He is President of Competitive Speakers STL Toastmasters club. He has been an Area Director twice, and has twice led his previous club, MasterToasters, to President's Distinguished status during his two separate terms as president.

Greg has a wealth of professional, mentoring and teaching experience. With a passion for preparing young people for their future, he is active in several community programs focused on youth leadership, particularly with Toastmasters International. He is currently the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Chairman for District 8. Over the last 12 years, he has led 30 8-week Toastmasters youth leadership training sessions for 7th through 12th graders.

The program focuses on building the children's self-confidence as they develop their communication and leadership skills, so they may become tomorrow's leaders in business, industry and the community.

Greg has been recognized by the organizations he serves:

District 8 Toastmasters – *Outstanding and Dedicated Service* 2017-2018

University City School District – *PACEsetter Award for Positively Affecting Community Education* 2017

Mastercard – *Leadership Award presented for Youth Leadership Program* 2012

More about Greg's Background

Greg served as a Director of Product Development and Innovation with a specialty of Fraud Reduction Solutions at Mastercard, a global payment services company. During his time at Mastercard, Greg became a serial entrepreneur, leading product teams, creating new products, services and innovations with millions of dollars of revenue. He has filed for 5 patents.

Greg's career began as an engineer with his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He then earned his Master of Management from Northwestern University with dual majors in Finance and Management Policy, while making the Dean's List.

Greg has retired from Mastercard but keeps busy with his grandchildren, travel, cultural events, Toastmasters and as Treasurer of his neighborhood association.