

As the district finance manager my role is represent the interests of Toastmasters International and District 8, more importantly the interests of members of District 8. If members are not prospering, then I am not doing my job.

My Toastmasters experience began in early April 1999 and I have been involved over this time. I have served in all club roles; I have served in many district roles. As a past District 8 Governor for 2010-2011, I have seen our district grow in ways that I am proud to be associated with our organization. Our District was distinguished and I was never more proud of our members.

I am currently a member of Little Hills Toastmasters Club and am working on my second DTM. My experience as a club member has prepared me in ways other than just presenting a topic in front of the club. I have acquired methods for presenting topics that I would have never learned on my own. While every presentation is an experience all its own, I have learned what works and what doesn't work in presentations from my Toastmasters work. This is the difference between being trained and learning. As a district leader, I have explored many leadership styles and through Pathways have identified what styles are most effective for me.

My educational back group is in Information Technology. I work with defensive programming, Databases, and systems engineering. My specialty and focus is in Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining. I currently work with Retail Point of Sale systems performing a variety of tasks to support 100% systems operation.

My Toastmasters experience is far from over. I have many new experiences to look forward to. My mission in life is to understand the way the Universe works and that requires me to continue working to become a more effective communicator.