

DISTRICT 8 TOASTMASTERS  
**VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

MAY 15-16, 2020



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THE WORLD**



## FRIDAY, MAY 15

5:30 pm	District 8 Memories: The Last 10 Years
5:45 pm	Welcome—Angie Breinin, Program Quality Director
5:50 pm	Master of Ceremonies—Kevin Desrosiers, DTM
6:00 - 7:00 pm	How to Uncover the Glory of your Story—Pres Vasilev, 2013 World Champion of Public Speaking
7:30 pm	Humorous Speech Contest
9:00 pm	Member Awards

## SATURDAY, MAY 16

10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Council Meeting
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Roast of Elaine Curry, DTM, Immediate Past District Director
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Leading with Heart & Courage—Mohamad Qayoom, DTM, International Director, Region 5
4:45 - 6:45 pm	International Speech Contest
7:30 pm	District Awards: Toastmaster, Division & Area Director of the Year DTM Celebration Installation of Officers

Thank you to everyone who helped make this virtual conference a success!!

Conference Co-Chair	Pam Marshall
Conference Co-Chair	Parshu Anantharam, DTM
Conference Treasurer	Tim Spezia, DTM, PDD
Conference Publicity Chair	Kat Mokriakow, DTM, PDD
Conference Registration Chair	Tom Coscia, DTM, PDD
Hospitality Chair	Becky Jordan
Sponsorship Chair	Jennifer Jacobsen
Conference Zoom Master	David Kincade
Conference Zoom Master	Lance Iverson
Zoom Technical Assistance	Veleria Boaten
Zoom Technical Assistance	Suresh Gopalakrishnan
Programs	Alinda Heron

## HUMOROUS SPEECH CONTESTANTS

Speaking Order		Place
_____	Chris Farishon	_____
_____	Shannon Geier	_____
_____	Kenney Hubble	_____
_____	David Kincade	_____
_____	Joseph Taylor	_____

## INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTESTANTS

Speaking Order		Place
_____	Melanie Ciotti	_____
_____	Krystal Clay	_____
_____	Charmin Gans	_____
_____	Logan Howard	_____
_____	Aimee Woodside	_____

Speaking order will be determined before the contest by the Contest Chair and Contest Master, via drawing, in a briefing with the contestants.

## CONTEST ROLES

Contest Chair	Tammy Ablan
Contest Master	Art Stanze
Chief Judge	RJ Stratton, DTM, CGD
Zoom Master	Adrienne Pluss
Zoom Master	Darren Broderick
Zoom Master	David Kincade, DTM
Zoom Master	Lance Iverson
Zoom Master	Patti Howard
Zoom Master	Becky Jordan
Contest Master's Assistant	Dwayne Miller, DTM
Chief Judge's Assistant	Jennifer Jacobsen
Hot Seat Chief Judge/Contest Master	Kevin Derosriers
Timer	Becky Jordan
Timer	Josephine Marino-Emde
Timer (Hot Seat)	Bob Bohn
Ballot Counter	Brad Adams
Ballot Counter	Michael DiRuscio
Ballot Counter	Bev Soltweder
Ballot Counter (Hot Seat)	Aravind Ganapathy
Recording International Speeches	Artie Langston
Recording International Speeches	Andrew Welter
Recording International Speeches	Bob Heaton, DTM

# HUMOROUS SPEECH CONTEST

## JUDGE'S GUIDE AND BALLOT



JUDGING ITEMS		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y  G O O D	G O O D	F A I R										
<b>Speech Development</b> Structure, Organization, Support Material	C O N T E N T  5 5	15	12-14	10-11	0-9										
<b>Effectiveness</b> Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception		10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
<b>Speech Value</b> Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		15	12-14	10-11	0-9										
<b>Audience Response</b> Attentiveness, Laughter, Interest, Reception		15	12-14	10-11	0-9										
<b>Physical</b> Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	D E L I V E R Y  3 0	10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
<b>Voice</b> Flexibility, Volume		10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
<b>Manner</b> Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm		10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
<b>Appropriateness</b> To Speech Purpose And Audience	L A N G U A G E  1 5	10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
<b>Correctness</b> Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		5	4	3	0-2										
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b> (100 Points Possible)															

For more information see Humorous Speech Contest [judging criteria](#).

# INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

## JUDGE'S GUIDE AND BALLOT



JUDGING ITEMS		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y  G O O D	G O O D	F A I R										
<b>Speech Development</b> Structure, Organization, Support Material	C O N T E N T	20	14-19	9-13	0-8										
<b>Effectiveness</b> Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception		15	11-14	6-10	0-5										
<b>Speech Value</b> Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		5 0	15	11-14	6-10	0-5									
<b>Physical</b> Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	D E L I V E R Y	10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
<b>Voice</b> Flexibility, Volume		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
<b>Manner</b> Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm		3 0	10	7-9	4-6	0-3									
<b>Appropriateness</b> To Speech Purpose And Audience	L A N G U A G E	10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
<b>Correctness</b> Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		2 0	10	7-9	4-6	0-3									
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b> (100 Points Possible)															

For more information see International Speech Contest [judging criteria](#).

# CONGRATULATIONS!

to all District 8 Toastmasters who have earned their Distinguished Toastmaster award this past year.

The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award represents the highest level of educational achievement in Toastmasters.



## **ANNETTA CANADY, DTM**

Annetta Canady has been a member of Toastmaster since August 2008. She is currently a member of Primarily Conversation Toastmaster Club. She has also been a member of Shalom Church and a chartered member of Triton Toastmaster (UMSL).

Annetta has served in the following leadership roles: Secretary, Vice President of Membership (2 years) Area 15 Director and her most recent leadership role as Club Sponsor/Mentor for Centene Speaks. She coordinated the Pathway Training January 28, 2010 with Raymond J. Stratton as the presenter.

Other leadership roles included St. Louis Science Center Youth Exploring Science (YES) Program Coordinator for Teen Ambassadors Youth Leadership Program (YLP) Fall 2015, Co-Chair of the Training Learning Institute (TLI), January 16, 2016, Chair Education Sessions Mini Conference Division F on April 8, 2017 and Chair Education Sessions Mini Conference Division B on April 29, 2017, in which Bert Vescolani, Former President and CEO, St. Louis Science Center was the Keynote Speaker.

As a volunteer at the St. Louis Science Center, Youth Explore Science (YES) Program, Annetta mentored Maya McGregory and Nayla Nava on speaking and presentation skills. Maya and Nayla competed in the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), St. Louis Semi-Finals, Youth Entrepreneurial Challenge, on May 7, 2019. Maya and Nayla placed 1st for the St. Louis Region, and advanced to NFTE National, in New York on October 14 – 16, 2019.

Annetta also assisted an instructor with under privileged teenagers in developing job skills to help them build a successful future. This program providing them with college readiness projects centered on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Annetta is currently a graduate student at Webster University completing her MA in Legal Studies with a Paralegal Certificate and will be inducted into the LEX honor society.

Coordinator - Fall 2015 Ambassador Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program (YLP).

Coached teens in speaking and presentation skills for Entrepreneurship Composite for NFTE Regional Competition. Maya McGregory and Nayla place 1st for St. Louis Metropolitan Area and advanced to New York Competition in October 2019.

Annetta has received the following recognition: Membership Sponsor Award, Triple Crown (3) and the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM).

## **BOB HEATON, DTM**

### BIO

- Joined Toastmasters as a Charter Member of Save-A-Lot Toastmasters in 2006
- Served as President, VPE, VPM, and Treasurer
- Worked in grocery retail in a variety of roles for 54 years
- Worked at Save-A-Lot for 23 years mostly as a Sr. Education Coordinator
- Married 48 years, 2 daughters, 2 sons-in-law and 4 grandkids (ages 11 - 19)
- Retired from Save-A-Lot in 2018
- Joined Crossroads Toastmaster in 2019



### Toastmaster Highlights

- Working on a couple of District Conferences as committee chairperson
- Mentoring (officially and unofficially) a variety of new members and watching them improve leadership roles as evidenced by promotions.
- Completing all of the steps incrementally in the traditional TM program and then finally earning DTM in less than 14 years!
- Joining Crossroads - the best club in the District!
- Being disqualified in a speech contest for going over time - Let me explain. I gave a contest speech praising my Mom who had passed away about a year before the speech. Even though I was disqualified I apparently connected the audience in a way I had never done to that point. Numerous people on that day and at subsequent TM events, approached me and thanked me for that speech and told me how much it meant to them. Connecting with the audience in that way was way more important to me than winning a contest.



## **RICK HOELSCHER, DTM**

Richard (Rick) L. Hoelscher has been a Toastmaster since 2012 and has been a member of three clubs during that time: Square Talkers, MilliporeSigma and West County. He is currently a member of West County 2905 serving as the club's VP-PR. Rick is from St. Louis. He enjoys teaching alpine skiing, hiking and bicycling. His current social interest is sustainability via space exploration. Rick works at Charter Spectrum in the IT Finance Program Management area. In addition to Toastmasters, Rick is a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America where he is certified as a Level II Alpine Ski Instructor. He is also a member of The Project Management Institute.

Rick has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management Information Systems and a Master's degree in Business Administration. He advocates Toastmasters for improving communication and leadership skills. He has continued to learn how to grow these skills through his Toastmasters journey and enjoys the process of improvement and mentorship the program employs for all of its members.



## ELLEN KIRCHDOERFER, DTM

- Joined High Noon Toastmasters #2072 in August 2012.
- Currently VPE of High Noon Toastmasters.
- Held several club officers positions for High Noon Toastmasters and served on several committees for District 8.
- Assistant Area 5 Director 2017-2018.
- Division C Director 2018-2019.
- District 8 Division Director of the Year 2019.
- Worked with club officers and members to host first virtual online meeting for High Noon.
- Completed Effective Coaching Path February 2020.
- Biggest accomplishment – Stepping outside my local club to attend division and district events.

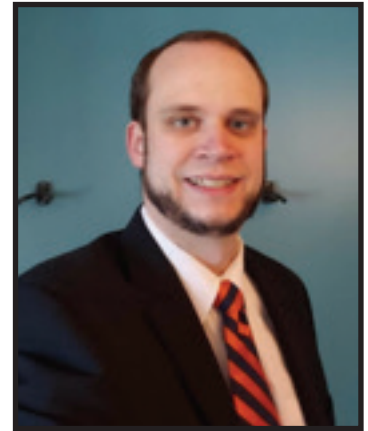


## JUNE JEFFRIES, DTM

Highlights: I was a member of Creve Coeur Toastmasters for 10 years, and of Aerospace Orators for one year. I served as Club President several terms, and as Area 13 Director and Division B Director. It was my privilege to serve as club coach for Aerospace Orators. I'd like to thank Sandy Kardis for mentoring me in Toastmasters, Yutaka Ikeda for helping me during my Club Coaching experience. I am enjoying retirement from the US Army Corps of Engineers, and I hope to be able to travel again soon with my husband when it is safe to do so.

## SAM KLOESE, DTM

Sam Kloese was originally born in the Chicago suburbs and graduated college from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Sam has worked as an Actuary for the Horace Mann insurance companies in Springfield, IL since graduation. He holds multiple professional designations including "Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society". Sam is an expert in data science in addition to more traditional actuarial topics. Sam and his wife Nicki have 4 year old twins, Timmy and Daisy. Sam's hobbies include strategic board games, Batman, and playing guitar. He originally joined Toastmasters to improve his presentations at work. However, he has stayed a member for nearly a decade because it's FUN!



Toastmasters Highlights:

- Founding member of Horace Mann Toastmasters in 2010
- Division C Speech Evaluation Contest Winner Spring 2019
- Prior Club Coach for League Of Our Own Toastmasters
- Earned Innovative Planning Level 3 Award in August 2019
- Recipient of the first DTM award earned at Horace Mann Toastmasters





## **KAREN LEINGANG, DTM**

Karen joined Toastmasters as a charter member of Toast of WU in 2014. Since that time she has had the privilege to serve in multiple officer roles. During the 2017-2018 term she was the Area 17 Director. That experience allowed her to meet many interesting people and appreciate the leadership opportunities offered within Toastmasters. She served as a club coach to WashU Med Masters and has enjoyed the club so much that she has joined that club in 2019. She currently is serving as the Area 12 Director and is again finding it to be a rewarding experience. As it takes a village to raise a family, it takes a village to earn one's DTM and with support of family and friends, Karen earned her DTM in August 2019.

## **DON MARTINDALE, DTM**

In late 2010 Don Martindale was invited by a friend to attend a Shelter Insurance Toastmasters club meeting over a lunch hour in Columbia, Missouri. He liked what he saw and visited a few more times. He was even encouraged to join, but hesitated because he didn't want "yet another thing" on his plate to worry about.

Several months went by and in February 2011, his friend invited him to come again. He did and continued to see the value in what Toastmasters had to offer. After a couple more visits, Don decided to "take the plunge," and take the plunge he did!

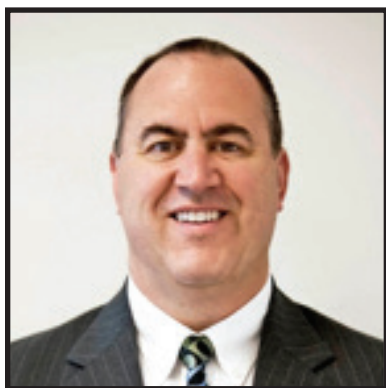
Within the first 2 years he achieved his CL, then CC, and ALB, and ACB. He was asked to serve multiple rounds as the Vice President of Education, and President of the Shelter Insurance Toastmasters club #7349, which he poured his heart into. He also served multiple times as Area 21 Governor/Director. The Toastmaster experience proved to fulfill everything that Don saw as valuable from the beginning.

Don served as Club Coach to the many dedicated people surrounding the Good Neighbor Club #4043. He most recently completed his High Performance Leadership project, thus rounding out all requirements for the Distinguished Toastmaster honor.

Don has a beautiful wife and 4 kids. He loves movie editing, the Rocky Mountains, and is very active in his church as a council member and teacher where he regularly utilizes his growing communication and leadership skills honed in the Toastmasters laboratory.



## **DWAYNE MILLER, DTM**



Dwayne began his Toastmasters journey at the Anheuser Busch Toastmasters club in November 2000 and has credited a lot of his successes in his life to Toastmasters. Dwayne was a founding member of the Crossroads club in 2009. (The name of the club, 'Crossroads' almost didn't happen. Ask Dwayne and he'll tell you the story. ;) He mentored the Mercy IT Toastmasters in 2013, started the RGA Toastmasters club in 2015 and is planning to restart BJC Toastmasters this year, 2020. In July 2018 he became the Area 9 Director and on April 14, was awarded Distinguished Toastmaster. Currently he is President Elect of Crossroads Toastmasters club for the 2020-2021 Toast-

masters' year. Toastmasters is a big part of Dwayne's life and it impacts every facet. Go TM!



## MOHAMMED SHAHIDULLAH, DTM

Accepting DTM Award

My Toastmasters journey started in August 2016. I have come a long way from that time learning about body language, vocal variety and how to say it. My club and Toastmasters International provided all necessary help to continue improving my confidence, speaking and leadership skills. I am determined to continue this journey and provide help to new and existing members to achieve their Toastmasters goals.

Bio

My Toastmasters journey started in August 2016. It took me 36 years to learn about Toastmasters international from my younger son. I became a member of the McBrian Lincoln Douglas Toastmasters Club and planned to stay for three months. I got hooked up with it and I am still there as an active member. I served as an Area 1 Director under Division C. I had the opportunity to work with five clubs under Area 1 to exchange ideas and addresses challenges of these clubs. Currently I am the President of our club. I have organized speechcraft and Demos at the University of Illinois, Springfield. Also participated in campus wide exhibits at UIS. I gave speeches on the benefits of Toastmasters International in universities in Bangladesh and also at UIS. I have learned and practiced body language, vocal variety and how to say it. It also gave opportunities to develop leadership skills. I feel more confident in communicating with an audience of one or one hundred. This improvement is incremental but confirmed. The club and Toastmasters International offered me opportunities to develop confidence and techniques to improve my speeches in meetings and classrooms. My Toastmasters journey continues.

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

District Director	James Childress
Program Quality Director	Angela Breinin
Club Growth Director	RJ Stratton, DTM, CGD
Immediate Past District Director	Elaine Curry, DTM, IPDD
Public Relations Manager	Annetta Works Salley
Finance Manager	Tim Spezia, DTM, PDD
Administration Manager	Donna Seidel

## DIVISION DIRECTORS

Division A	Adrienne Pluss
Division B	Suresh Gopalakrishnan
Division C	Kamara Owens
Division E	Artie Langston
Division F	Angela Brown

## AREA DIRECTORS

Area 1	Kathy Brennan
Area 2	Richard Radasch
Area 3	Tonya Rivers
Area 4	Kevin Desrosiers, DTM
Area 5	Andrew Welter
Area 6	Beverly Soltwedel
Area 7	Meenakshi Sharma
Area 8	Phil Munro
Area 9	Michelle Sturdivant
Area 10	Phil Munro
Area 11	Caren Turner
Area 12	Karen Leingang
Area 13	Will Rivers
Area 14	Umanga De Silva
Area 15	Veleria Ann Boaten
Area 16	Daniel Coker
Area 18	Veleria Ann Boaten
Area 19	Chidu Subbiah
Area 20	Jennifer Jacobsen

## DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Alignment	Patti Howard
Audit Committee	Kat Mokriakow, DTM, PDD
Bookstore	Tim Spezia, DTM, PDD
Club Extension Chair	John Barry
Communic~8	Dennis Fiorini
Conference Site – CO	Cynthia Scroggins
Conference Site – CO	Kat Mokriakow, DTM, PDD
Corporate Liason	Phil Munro
Historian	Elizabeth Link
Leadership Committee	Elaine Curry, DTM, IPDD
Parliamentarian	Tom Coscia, DTM, PDD
Past District Director	Kat Mokriakow, DTM, PDD
Advisory	
Pathways – CO	Andrew Welter
Pathways – CO	Debbie Young
Photographer	Tom Coscia, DTM, PDD
Procedures	Lora Mather
Roberts/Drummond	Curtis Scroggins
Fund	
Speaker's Bureau	John Barry
Speechcraft	Phyllis Thesier
Virtual Task Force	Adrienne Pluss
Youth Leadership	Greg Phillips
Webmaster	Tom Coscia, DTM, PDD

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**Summer TLI  
JUNE 13, 2020  
Virtual on ZOOM**

More information to follow,  
check the D8 website for details!