

Leading in a Virtual World



**TOASTMASTERS**  
INTERNATIONAL®

---

# District 8 Toastmasters Leadership Institute

January 9, 2021

# Schedule of Events - Morning

(click on the session to learn more details)

Leading in a Virtual World



	8:30	9:00	10:00	10:45	11:45
Room 1 Mtg. # 922 9482 7035	Welcome and Games	<u>Networking Like a Boss Online: Strategies for a Digital World</u>	<u>Keynote</u>	<u>Everything Toastmasters Q&amp;A Panel</u>	<u>Better Club Meetings Online – Zoom 201</u>
	<u>Join Session</u>	<u>Join Session</u>	<u>Join Session</u>	<u>Join Session</u>	<u>Join Session</u>
Room 2 Mtg # 955 1873 9598		<u>Sgt. at Arms Join Session</u>		<u>VPPR – Corporate Clubs Join Session</u>	<u>Conflict Resolution Join Session</u>
Room 3 Mtg.# 893 9243 5283		<u>VPPR –Community Clubs Join Session</u>		<u>VP Education Join Session</u>	<u>Better Evaluations Join Session</u>
Room 4 Mtg.# 823 6350 1241		<u>President Join Session</u>		<u>Treasurer Join Session</u>	<u>Networking Like a Boss Online: Strategies for a Digital World Join Session</u>
Room 5 Mtg. # 869 0127 6942		<u>VP Membership Join Session</u>		<u>Secretary Join Session</u>	<u>Hands-on Zoom Training 101 Join Session</u>

# Schedule of Events - Afternoon



	12:45	1:30	2:30	3:30
Room 1 Mtg. # 922 9482 7035	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trivia</li> <li>• Roundtable with Specialty Clubs Future District Leaders</li> </ul>	<u>Membership Building</u>  <u>Join Session</u>	<u>How to Create a Podcast for Your Pathways Elective</u> <u>Join Session</u>	<u>Ready, set, launch! How to take your Pathways journey to new heights</u> <u>Join Session</u>
Room 2 Mtg # 955 1873 9598	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Conference Information</li> </ul>	<u>Sgt. at Arms</u>  <u>Join Session</u>	<u>VPPR – Corporate Clubs</u>  <u>Join Session</u>	
Room 3 Mtg.# 893 9243 5283	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Networking</li> </ul>	<u>VPPR –Community Clubs</u>  <u>Join Session</u>	<u>VP Education</u>  <u>Join Session</u>	
Room 4 Mtg.# 823 6350 1241	<u>Join Session</u>  All lunches will be in breakout sessions in Room 1. You will be able to move yourself around.	<u>Treasurer</u>  <u>Join Session</u>	<u>President</u>  <u>Join Session</u>	
Room 5 Mtg. # 869 0127 6942		<u>VP Membership</u>  <u>Join Session</u>	<u>Secretary</u>  <u>Join Session</u>	

# Networking Like a Boss Online: Strategies for a Digital World

Leading in a Virtual World



**Sarah  
Wiley**



The world has become increasingly digital, and so have the ways that we network. Is it possible to network without leaving your house? The answer is YES. Learn how to use social media and other tools to make meaningful connections online.

Sarah is an award-winning fundraising professional, certified social media strategist, and accomplished public speaker located in St. Louis, Missouri. She works with nonprofits across the United States and Canada to raise money for important causes, and helps people around the world use social media to build meaningful relationships. She is President of the Toastmasters Plus Factor Club (1229) in District 8.

[Back to  
Schedule](#)

# Seargent At Arms – Your Facilitators

Leading in a Virtual World



**Art  
Stanze**

Art Stanze rejoined Toastmasters in 2010 when he joined Crossroads Toastmasters. He served Crossroads as Sergeant-at-Arms, Vice President Public Relations, Vice President Membership, Vice President of Education, and President. He served as Area 12 Director in 2016-2017. He is honored to have been elected Division A Director for the 2020-2021 year

**Wayne  
Allen**



Wayne was the charter president for MasterToasters Toastmasters club, which started in 1995 and has held every club office, at least twice. He has helped his club achieve the President's Distinguished award for 21 consecutive years. He has served as: Area Governor, Conference Chair, District 8 Club Coaching Chair, District 8 Audit Committee Chair, and District 8 Treasurer. Wayne's experience and passion for Toastmasters drives him to share with anyone, anytime, anywhere, the ideas that will help them become a better speaker and club officer.

[Back to  
Schedule](#)

# VP-PR Community Clubs – Your Facilitators

Leading in a Virtual World



**Elaine  
Curry**

Elaine Curry, DTM, PDD retired four years ago from corporate life and is currently the St. Clair Toastmasters Club President. She has been a Toastmasters International member since 2011 and has been successful in climbing the Communication and Leadership ladder in District 8 and in her personal journey to becoming a motivational speaker. Her professional career spanned 43 years in the Financial Services industry. Toastmasters was instrumental in assisting her to successfully become the leader and communicator she is today.



**Herman  
Koester**

Herman Koester is the current Vice-President Education of St. Clair Toastmasters, Club 496. He joined Toastmasters in April 1991. He's held all club offices, served as District 8 Finance Manager, served and is serving on the audit committee and also as chairman of the audit committee. Herman has served as Chair or Co-chair of TLI three times and more recently served as one of District 8's Pathway Guides/Ambassadors. One of his passions is Club 496, which finish as President's Distinguished for 3 consecutive year and now with the rest of the members to get the Club back to Distinguished

[Back to  
Schedule](#)

# President – Your Facilitators

Leading in a Virtual World



**Barbara  
Kryvko**

Barbara is a member of Noontime Toastmasters at Bayer Crop Science. She has been President of five different clubs, both community and corporate, and is a Past District Governor of District 8. She is also the co-chair of the District 8 virtual conference, April 9-10, 2021. Mark your calendars!

**Umanga  
DaSilva**



Umanga De Silva started to get involved with the Toastmasters in 2012 while working at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. Currently, she is a member of three clubs, Ozark Orators, Fairview Heights, and Crossroads Toastmasters club. Toastmasters provided Umanga with confidence in personal and professional speaking as well as a lot of opportunities for growth in professional life. Also, Toastmasters has guided to build leadership skills in her life.

[Back to  
Schedule](#)



# VP-Membership – Your Facilitators



**Cindy  
Larm**

Cindy Larm, DTM, joined the Good Neighbor Toastmaster Club in 1990. During her Toastmaster years, she has been a member of a corporate, community and prison club. In 1994 she served as the first Area 21 Governor, which began her continued involvement in District 8 Toastmasters, serving in various roles. Cindy served as the District Governor in 2000-2001.



**Curtis  
Scroggins**

Curtis Scroggins has been a Toastmaster since 2002 and involved in District 8 Toastmasters since 2004. Curtis began his Toastmasters experience as a member of Austintatious Toastmasters until transferring his membership to Capital 503 Toastmasters. He currently is the Prison Liaison/Volunteer-In-Corrections for the Alpha Toastmasters Inmate Club. Curtis has served in each of the Club Officer roles, Area Director, Division Director, Club Growth Director, Program Quality Director and District Director.

[Back to  
Schedule](#)





# Keynote Address – Get Out!

Don't even think of the movie! This is the best piece of advice that Rupinder received. We hope this presentation will make you think, reflect on how to be even better in the coming year(s), and have some fun at the same time!

## Rupinder Singh



Rupinder has a lot of life experience, including taking second in the International Speech Competition representing District 45. To gain a little insight into Rupinder – please enjoy the [video](#) he created for us.

[Back to Schedule](#)

# Everything Toastmasters Q&A Panel

Leading in a Virtual World



Join Tom Coscia DTM PDG as he moderates a distinguished Toastmaster panel featuring Immediate Past Region Advisor Farzana Chohan DTM PDD, Club Extension and Speakers Bureau Chair John Barry DTM, and Club Quality and past Pathways Co-Chair Debbie Young. With their combined breadth and experience, they will be able to answer all of your Toastmaster questions from Pathways to how the organization is evolving.

## Tom Coscia



Tom Coscia joined Toastmasters in 1996 and earned his DTM 3 times. A past District 8 Governor, Tom has completed all 15 advanced manuals and has served as an Area Governor, Division Governor, District Treasurer and District Conference Chair twice. A member of Capital T, an advanced club, in 2018 Tom was recognized as the District 8 Toastmaster of the Year. Tom is currently serving as District Webmaster, Parliamentarian, Photographer, and Logistics Manager.

Continue

# Everything Toastmasters Q&A Panel (cont.)

Leading in a Virtual World



Dr. Farzana Chohan is a Multidisciplinary Thought Leader focused on strategic leadership inclusion within work cultures. Her professional background includes Doctorate in Business Management, Leadership in Non-profit and Healthcare Architecture.

Dr. Chohan's Toastmasters credentials include, DTM, Presidential Citation Award, Past Region Advisor (2 times) and a "Select-Distinguished District Director"

John has served as the District 8 *Club Extension Chair* and has started over 100 new clubs for corporations, associations and community groups. John also serves as the *Chair of the Speakers Bureau* and helps match qualified speakers with speaking requests received within the District area.

Serving as the District marketing officer, John has received the *Marketing Excellence Award* helping lead the District to worldwide *Select Distinguished* recognition and has been recognized as *Retired Toastmaster of the Year* for lifetime achievement and contributions to the Toastmaster mission.



Continue

# Everything Toastmasters Q&A Panel (cont.)

Leading in a Virtual World



**Debbie  
Young**

Debbie Young has been a member of the South County Toastmasters Club since 2016. She has held leadership positions at both the club and district level. She credits Toastmasters with making her a more confident speaker and leader, and wants to help other clubs inspire their members. Debbie has an MBA from Saint Louis University. She is currently a project manager working in healthcare IT..

[Back to  
Schedule](#)

# VP-PR Corporate Clubs – Your Facilitators

Leading in a Virtual World



**Nancy  
Adrian**

Nancy Adrian has been a Toastmaster since 1998 in Club 4431, MasterToasters. She is the Assistant to the EVP of the Global Business Services Center for Mastercard. In addition, she is an author, freelance speaker and workshop leader. She has a passion for communicating and teaching and is currently the President of Club 4431, the original on site club for Mastercard.



**Clifton  
Copeland**

I've been with the Square Talkers Toastmasters Club for approximately 3.5 years, and have served on the board for just over 2.5 years now. I'm in the middle of my second term as VP PR In May I'll graduate with a dual MBA / MS Marketing. Working alongside Marketing in my job role, combined with my educational background, tips & tricks from fellow Toastmasters, and the support of my wife and boys have fueled my passion for public speaking and the promotion of it.

[Back to  
Schedule](#)

# VP-Education – Your Facilitators

Leading in a Virtual World



**Dan  
Darnall**

Dan Darnall has been a Toastmaster since 1998, District Governor (2006-2007), Toastmaster of the Year 2009, has earned 6 DTM's, working on the 7th.

Toastmasters has given me the ability to communicate to all levels of an organization. I attribute this skill to my last 6 promotions / new opportunities in my career. Through the experience of Toastmasters, I have been able to accomplish tasks that I would have thought not possible both in my personal and professional lives.



**Nate  
Randall**

Nate Randall Joined Lincoln Douglas Toastmasters in December of 1986

He has earned three DTMs and has served his clubs in all offices and the District from Area to Division level multiple time.

His joy in Toastmasters is to mentor those wishing to expand their Toastmaster experience.

[Back to  
Schedule](#)

# Treasurer – Your Facilitators

Leading in a Virtual World



**Lawson “Cal”  
Calhoun**

Lawson (Cal) Calhoun, MA, DTM. Married, Cynthia Jones, wife. Two adult Children. Member of Free Speakers TM Club 970718. Currently serve as Treasurer and Sergeant of Arms. Retired Not for Profit Administrator. Member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Ruling Elder. Serves as Clerk of Session. Serves as a Board of Trustee of Presbyterian Children’s Home Services.

**Becky  
Jordan**



Rebecca Jordan is a member of Toast of WU and Fairview Heights Toastmasters. She has been a Toastmaster since 2015 and is a member of Fairview Heights Toastmasters and Toast of WU. During her time with the clubs, she has held the offices of President, VPE, Secretary, Treasurer and is currently VPE and Sgt at Arms. She has been active in helping with Area and District contests and with the District 8 conferences. This year, she was honored as Toastmaster of the Year for her contributions to the District.

[Back to  
Schedule](#)

# Secretary – Your Facilitators

Leading in a Virtual World



**Karen  
Leingang**

Karen joined Toastmasters as a charter member of Toast of WU in 2014. Since that time she has held multiple club offices (President, VP of Ed, VP of PR, Secretary) with her favorite one being Secretary. She has also been involved in the District by being an Area Director twice and is the current Division F Director. She earned her DTM in 2019 and is diligently working her way through Pathways. She has reaped many rewards by taking on leadership roles at all levels within the District and she is eager to help you get your 2020-2021 Toastmaster year off to a great start.



**Marilou  
Brickner**

Been in Toast Master for about 2 years, in the secretary roll for 1 year.

For those who know the Boy Scouts, I am Wood Badge Trained.

I like working with people, talking and cooking

[Back to  
Schedule](#)





# Better Club Meetings Online - Zoom 201

Want to learn more about Zoom?

Aaron guarantees that you will not only learn something new about the features of Zoom – but better yet – you will learn how to refine your communication skills using the Zoom tool.

Zoom is the wave of the future. Virtual and hybrid meeting will become the new norm.

Sieze the day! Learn all you can to have great virtual meetings!

**用心打造  
你的演讲风格**

#OPENTOWORK

Aaron Leung · 3rd  
TEDx & Experiential Public Speaking Coach |  
International Keynote Speaker & Corporate Trainer |  
Founder of Aaron Public Speaking Studio | Tele-  
Presence Master | Connecting your voice, Creating  
your choice  
TEDx · Cardiff University / Prifysgol Caerdydd  
Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR · 241 connections

[Back to  
Schedule](#)



# Conflict Resolution

## Tim Scarborough



Whenever we work or live with other people, conflict is inevitable. However, when we apply the skills we learn and continue to refine in Toastmasters, those very communication and leadership skills can help us reduce conflict to lead us to happier and more productive relationships.

Tim Scarborough is a regional Facility Manager responsible for up to thirty state facilities in the southernmost area of the State of Illinois. He manages maintenance, procurement, oversight of work crews, and planning and execution of capital upgrade projects. He is an Army veteran and a single father of 4 children. Tim is a member of Southern Illinois Toastmasters in Carterville, IL and a Charter Member and Club Sponsor for Mount Vernon Toastmasters.

[Back to  
Schedule](#)

# Better Evaluations

Leading in a Virtual World



## Carla Martin



Do you want to build your confidence and improve your speaking skill AND help others in the process? Attend the evaluation class and learn why evaluations are so important to growth and self-esteem. Learn how to inspire, dissolve fears, motivate and educate all while giving a 2 to 3 minute evaluation.

Carla is a charter member of the Marion VA Toastmasters club since September 2011. She received her DTM on April 25, 2020. Carla has served as club President, VP membership, and treasurer, several times each. She has also served as Area 5 Director, club coach to Poplar Bluff TM club and club mentor to Mt. Vernon TM club. Carla has participated in several speech and evaluation contests. She received first place in the District 8 evaluation contest in 2018.

[Back to Schedule](#)

# Zoom 101



Are you scared of Zoom, and want a basic introduction? Do you want to stump our in-house Zoom Master with your questions? If you answered Yes, you should attend Zoom Training 101. Darren will show and tell you how to manage basic audio, video, and type controls for the desktop app, web browser, and cellular devices. Before you think this is just another Zoom How-To video, think again.

## Darren Broderick



Darren Broderick has been in Toastmasters for almost two years. He has served in the capacities of Sergeant at Arms and Vice-President of Membership at McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Club 51. Within District 8, he has served as a Zoom Master for two contests.

[Back to Schedule](#)



# Membership Building

Struggling to grow your membership? In this session, we will be sharing ideas about:

- Why we want more members in our club
- How to be found by new members
- Events to bring in visitors
- Getting visitors to join
- Member retention

By the end of this session attendees will have solid discussion points and action plans for their clubs.

**Debbie Young**



Debbie Young has been a member of the South County Toastmasters Club since 2016. She has held leadership positions at both the club and district level. She credits Toastmasters with making her a more confident speaker and leader, and wants to help other clubs inspire their members. Debbie has an MBA from Saint Louis University. She is currently a project manager working in healthcare IT..

[Back to Schedule](#)

# How to Create a Podcast for Your Pathways Elective



The “Create a Podcast” elective is one of the most exciting projects offered within Pathways. However, it can also be a daunting challenge. Today, you will gain practical advice on planning, producing, and publishing your podcast based on Sam and Rob’s recent experiences completing the project.



**Sam  
Kloese**

- Sam Kloese earned his DTM in 2019 in the old educational system and recently completed Level 4 in the Innovative Planning path. Sam Kloese is an insurance professional living and working remotely in Springfield, IL. His 5 year old twins keep him busy and things are only going to get busier as his wife is due with child #3 in March.



**Rob  
Coker**

Rob enjoys being able to combine things he's interested in. For the Level 4 Persuasive Influence project of making a podcast, he was able to use the recording skills (and equipment) from his work as a solo rock musician to create a few episodes of his forthcoming podcast, Reads for Revolutionaries, where he gives overviews of classic books in political philosophy and economics.

[Back to  
Schedule](#)



# Making the Most of Pathways

In this workshop, you will learn how to gain the most value from Toastmasters' next evolution in its education program. Join the world's first Pathways DTM as we explore how the different paths and projects can enhance your personal life and career, how to select the best path for your goals, and help you acquire tools and strategies to make your Pathways journey simple yet rewarding. By the end, you will have everything that you need to take back to your club and start your own journey to becoming a better communicator, leader, and human being through the Pathways education program.

## Mark Snow



Mark Snow DTM is the world's first Pathways DTM, and is now working on his third. Since joining Toastmasters in Australia six years ago, he has served the organisation at many levels, and is currently District 69's Program Quality Director. Mark has a keen interest in strategy, developing future leaders, and making connections with clubs and members around the world. Outside of Toastmasters, he works as a government financial analyst, and in his spare time, he is an avid theatre-goer, history buff, city explorer, and wine enthusiast

[Back to Schedule](#)