DISTRICT NAVIGATOR

Quarterly OCT 2025



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STATE OF THE DISTRICT 2025-2026

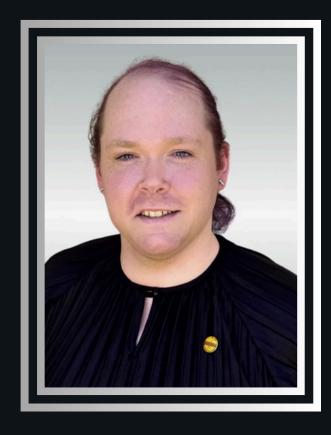


Below is the current progress towards our goals as a District.

District 100 2025-2026 DCP Goals							
Oct 2025	Paid Clubs	Payments	Distinguished Clubs (Projected)				
As of Oct 15	66	1341	4				
March 31, 2026 Goal 87		2908	48				
Percentage Complete	75.90%	46.10%	8.30%				

ANGEL LARENA

DISTRICT DIRECTOR



District 100, what an incredible start!

Out of 80 clubs, 77 submitted their Club Success Plan, 76 trained four or more officers, and we've welcomed 101 new members. Already, four clubs are projected to be Distinguished or better, and we've achieved 46% of our District payment goal.

These milestones reflect your dedication, teamwork, and commitment to growth. You've proven that when we unite around a shared purpose, we create extraordinary results.

As we enter Quarter 2, our focus is New Clubs and Thrive with Five - helping every club add 5 new members and reach 5 DCP points by December 31. We're also supporting 14 clubs in completing renewals to keep every member's journey thriving.

Together, let's keep inspiring, growing, and Reaching for the Stars!

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UMANGA DE SILVA

PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR



We Are Reaching Our Goals Together, One Step at a Time! We are proud to share that our district is making tremendous progress, just as we envisioned! Here's where we stand today:

- 100% of club officer lists have been submitted
- 95% of our first round of Club
 Officer Training (COT) is complete
- 96% of club success plans have been submitted

These are remarkable achievements, and we thank each of you for your dedication and hard work!

We are now focusing on membership renewals. Please encourage your club members to renew their membership for both October and April terms. Remember, there are exciting incentives available for both clubs and individual members—don't miss out on these opportunities to be rewarded for your commitment.

Our clubs are well on their way to achieving "Thrive in Five" status before the end of the Toastmasters year in 2025. Let's cheer them on—and aim high together!

UMANGA DE SILVA

PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR

To all members: Make the most of our Learning Labs. These sessions are designed to empower you with valuable skills and insights. Participation helps you grow personally and professionally, don't miss this chance to learn and lead!

Additionally, we urge all members to start or continue working on the Pathways learning experience. Without Pathways completions, clubs cannot qualify for Distinguished status. Encourage your fellow members to pursue both their public speaking and leadership journeys. Being a Toastmaster opens doors to personal growth, confidence, and meaningful achievements.

If you haven't started yet, you are not late. Start today! By taking that first step, you're helping not just yourself, but also your club, area, division, and our entire District.

It's in your hands. Together, we can and will make District 100 a Smedley Distinguished District!

Let's unite, support one another, and build a strong, empowered community of leaders. Together, let's learn, grow, and achieve excellence. Let's show the world that District 100 is a strong, number one team!

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ED RAMIREZ

CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR



In Toastmasters, We Change the World — One Speech at a Time Every life is a rich tapestry — threads of laughter, struggle, triumph, and transformation woven together by time and experience.

In every Toastmasters meeting, we are given a space to share these threads — to turn the fabric of our lives into stories that inspire, connect, and heal.

Each meeting becomes a living gallery of human experience. One member shares a lesson that shaped their character; another reveals a failure that led to growth. As we listen, we begin to see how all our stories interweave, forming something larger than ourselves.

As we look ahead, our vision together is to strengthen these connections and extend them even further — by welcoming new members, supporting our clubs, and planting the seeds for new ones across the district. The upcoming realignment offers us a chance to rediscover our shared purpose and ensure that more people, in more places, can experience the transformation that Toastmasters brings.

ED RAMIREZ

CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR

So, the next time you stand before your club, own the stage. Remember — you're not just delivering a speech; you're sharing a story that could touch a life, spark change, or open a new door of possibility. And somewhere in the audience, someone's world may change simply because you chose to share your story.



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CHANGES TO THE DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM

As of July 1, 2025, Toastmasters International has updated and implemented the new Distinguished Club Program shown below.

New Distinguished Club Program:

Requirements							
Level	Club Success Plan	Membership as of June 30	Goals				
Distinguished	Submitted bySeptember 30*	20 total members or net growth of 3**	5				
Select Distinguished	Submitted bySeptember 30*	20 total members or net growth of 5**	7				
President's Distinguished	Submitted bySeptember 30*	20 total members**	9				
Smedley Distinguished			10				

^{*}For newly chartered clubs, the due date is 90 days after charter date. Clubs that charter after Aprill will automatically receive credit for submitting the Club Success Plan for their charter program year.

^{**}Total member count consists of renewing, dual, new, charter, and reinstated members. Transfer members do not count toward this total.

UPCOMING CHANGES

TI NEW MEMBER FEE

As of October 1, 2025, Toastmasters International has increased the new member fee from \$20 to \$25. This is only for new members and will not impact the dues of \$60 every six months.

NEW PATHS

Within the next few months, Toastmasters International will be adding projects and paths from the legacy manuals to enhance and increase the content available in Pathways. Along with this, they are also adding in additional steps to complete your levels, including club role participation and giving curated speeches on content related to speaking and increasing the quality of your club. If you have any questions during this transition, please let us know.



DISTRICT 100 VISION

REACHING FOR THE STARS!

District 100 will Reach for the Stars to become the #1 District in the world and achieve Smedley Distinguished!

#1 and Smedley are a representation of the teamwork and unity of our District.

This year's plan is designed to strengthen clubs and support members earlier, so you have more opportunities to grow, lead, and connect. With focused goals each quarter, we're building momentum, not pressure, giving you the space to thrive. When clubs succeed, members succeed. And when every member is supported, we all shine together. Let's make this our strongest year and show the world what the MEMBERS of District 100 can do.

Goals					
Quarter	Club Growth Goals	Club Quality Goals			
Q1	• 1 New Club Per Area by Sept	All Club Success Plans			
(July - September)	30	Submitted All 7 Officers Trained All Clubs Renewed			
Q2	• 1 New Club per Division by	5 New Members in Each Club5 Goals Completed in Each			
(October - December)	Dec 31	Club			
Q3	• 1 New Club per Division by	5 New Members in Each Club3-5 MORE Goal Completed in			
(January - March)	March 31	Each Club			
Q4 (April - June)	Chartering any new clubs pending	 Helping any clubs not Distinguished cross the line Help All clubs reach for 20 members 			

DISTRICT 100 GOALS

QUARTERLY STRATEGIC PLAN

Securing Our Success Early

In Quarter 2, we want to focus on ensuring our clubs have the best chances of success that is possible and continue to work on building new opportunities for members yet to be.

Goals for the Quarter:

- Every Club Adds 5 New Members
 by December 31, 2025
- Every Club Achieves 5 DCP Goal
 Points by December 31, 2025
- 1 New Club per Area
- Every Club Renewed
- Area Director Visits to Every Club



Member & Club Tips to Achieve This:

- Talk to the Club Growth Team to learn about club building opportunities.
- Plan Open Houses or Speechcrafts to build your membership.
- Submit your Pathways levels and completions.
- Encourage members to renew their membership who haven't.
- Reach out early for assistance.
- Become a Club Coach.
- Get a Club Coach if eligible.
- Promote your club on relevant social media: Meetup, Facebook, LinkedIn, Eventbrite, NextDoor
- Attend Learning Labs, Workshops and the PR Workshops to help you elevate your role.

INCENTIVES



Get ready to launch into a period of unprecedented growth and achievement. This quarter, we're setting our sights high, aiming to reach new pinnacles in communication and leadership. Let's blast off together and make this the most stellar year yet!



My club officers and members finished some of the Quarter 1 incentives. Do we have any for Quarter 2?

Great job! Yes we do! There are club and member incentives that will make you and your club more successful!



INCENTIVES FOR Q2 CLUB INCENTIVES

Thrive with Five

5 DCP Points & 5 New Members by December 31, 2025.

Why: Completing Thrive with Five helps your club build strong momentum early by focusing on member achievement, growth, and club vitality. Achieving 5 DCP goals and adding 5 new members by December 31, 2025, strengthens your club's community, attracts new energy, and sets you on the path to Distinguished. Early success means less stress later and more opportunities to celebrate and grow together.

Rewards: Every member in the club gets a custom D100 Lanyard.



INCENTIVES FOR Q2 MEMBER INCENTIVES

New Club Sponsor

Sponsor a New Club in District 100 Before December 31, 2025.

Why: Sponsoring a new club before December 31, 2025 lets you grow as a leader, expand your network, and create something meaningful that lasts beyond your own journey. It's a chance to pass on the same opportunity and gift of growth that Toastmasters gave you, helping others find their voice and leadership potential. You don't just build a club, you build futures.

Rewards: All Sponsors receive a 2025-2026 Reaching for the Stars T-shirt. (Limited to once per person, eligible to give to another member if you sponsor more than one.)

Any Person who charters a club by December 31, 2025 will receive 2 tickets to Universal Studios on April 9, 2026. Anyone wishing to travel can attend Universal Studios on April 9, 2026 and the conference on April 11, 2026 in the same timeframe.

All others will receive a Gift Box of equitable value.



INCENTIVES FOR Q2 MEMBER INCENTIVES CONT.

Level Up Challenge:

Complete 5 Levels in Pathways by March 31, 2026.

Why: Most people join Toastmasters to become more confident and clear communicators and completing 5 Pathways levels by March 31, 2026 helps you do exactly that. Each level builds real skills that make speaking, leading, and connecting with others easier and more natural. It's the best way to maximize the investment you made in yourself and fully benefit from the Toastmasters program.

Reward: Reaching for the Stars Cross-Body Bag.

Star Coach Challenge:

Sign up by November 30, 2025 to be a club coach and help the club reach 20+ members and be distinguished by March 31, 2026.

Reward: Reaching for the Stars Cross-Body Bag.



Let's Reach For The Stars and make this the best year yet!



Incentive Tracking Thrive With Five Incentive Winners

(Q1) - Kepler Astrologers, La Palma Toastmasters, Speechcrafters Club

Ten to Win Incentive Winners (Q1) - Anaheim Club 2 & Kepler Astrologers

HALL OF FAME

EDUCATION AWARDS JULY-SEPTEMBER 2025



July 2025:

Amy L. Jaffke, DTM - DL5

Andrea Jones - PM4

Andrew Munoz - PM1

Billy Lim - PM4

Brandon Hansen - PM4

Calvin Wong - PI3

Calvin Wong - PI4

Deepak Sangani - MS3

Don Corley - LD5

Doreen Galli, DTM - SR4

Doreen Galli, DTM - SR5

Ede Ferrari-D'Angelo, DTM, PID - VC4

Eleanor I. Johnson - EH2

Eleonora P. Schonhofer - PM5

Howard Hardaway - DL4

Jan Rudolph - PM4

Jeanne Cassidy, DTM - DL5

Joseph Lee - VC3

Kathleen M. Hughes, DTM - PM2

Katy V. Wright - VC3

Katy V. Wright - VC4

Laura E. Kim, DTM - EH4

Leia Marie - PM3

Loni T. Huff - VC2

Maria Madsen - PM2

Masih Tukhi - PM1

Nicole Schneiter - LD3

Patrick M. Guilfoyle, DTM - PM2

July Cont.:

Paul Pinon - EC3

Rosario Delfin, DTM - MS2

Samuel B. Chun - MS1

Taffy Bishara - PM3

Virginia Hanagami, DTM - IP4

August 2025:

Amanda M. Cano - PM2

Bakhtiar Hasan - PM2

Brian Hsu, DTM - VC1

Catherine Cheung - PM1

Clesia Van Zyl - PM1

Daniel Fiverson - PM3

David I. Liu - TC1

Don Corley - EH5

Ed Hidalgo - PM3

Ed Hidalgo - PM4

Eduardo Solares - PM2

Emily Dunkel - PM3

Erica T. Smith - PM4

Gloria M. Miller, DTM - DL4

Heather Osborn, DTM - PM4

Ionut D. Breb, DTM - DL3

Jeanna Kindle, DTM - VC3

Jessica M. Regalado - PM2

Jessica Razo - PM1

Joella N. Holbrook - EH4

Jonni Taylor - PM5

EDUCATION AWARDS CONTINUED



August Cont.:

Joseph Kwon - PM2

Joseph Kwon - PM4

Masato Takakusaki - PM3

Patricia (Pat) Rogers - PM4

Ramelyn T. Tiangco - DL1

Ramelyn T. Tiangco - DL2

Rene Estrada, DTM - PM4

Rosario Delfin, DTM - MS3

Scott Brown - PM3

Seth Walworth- PM2

Sharla Ozen, DTM - PI5

Sonya E. Vasquez, DTM - PM1

Sophia Aldana - PM2

Sue Minahan - PM5

September 2025:

Angel Larena, DTM - VC1

Angel Larena, DTM - VC2

Brian D. Laskey, DTM - DL3

Brianna Goldberg - TC5

Catalina Salazar - PM4

Charley Patton, DTM - MS2

David Edgar Ramirez, DTM - SR5

Gary S. Jones - DL3

Glenn I. Yasukochi, DTM - DL3

Heather Osborn, DTM - PM5

Helen Brenner - PM3

Jacob Domingue - PM3

Jeanna Kindle, DTM - VC4

Julie C. Murphy, DTM - PM5

Katie A. Puckett - LD1

Katy V. Wright - PM3

Leslie Martel, DTM - EH1

Loretta Favela - LD2

Masih Tukhi - PM2

Maurice Lawson - PI1

Michael A. Solis - PM2

Michael V. Duncan, DTM - PM5

Ming Jiang, DTM - LD2

Natalie Thomas, DTM - VC5

Ramelyn T. Tiangco - DL3

Robert Martin - PM3

Terri Sebastian, DTM - DL1

Umanga I. De Silva, DTM - EH1

Virginia Hanagami, DTM - PM1

Virginia Hanagami, DTM - PM2

Von Eric M. Tandoc, DTM - IP5

DTM AWARDS JULY - SEPTEMBER 2025



Angel Larena **7/1/2025**



Doreen Galli **7/3/2025**



David Edgar Ramirez **7/17/2025**



Viki Kinsman, PID **7/26/2025**



Mark Lucas, ID 9/30/2025

Congratulations!



ANNIVERSARIES CLUBS | OCT - DEC 2025

October:

Dynamic Whittier Toastmasters Club - 75 Years Covina Breakfast Club - 64 Years Yorba Linda-Placentia Club - 59 Years Whittier WordCrafters Toastmasters Club - 41 Years Bre'Ahs Toastmasters - 38 Years Monterey Park Club - 34 Years ISD Toastmasters Club - 22 Years

November:

Past District Governors/ Directors Club - 47 Years Eclectic Dialectics Toastmasters Club - 44 Years Rise and Shine Together Toastmasters Club - 3 Years

December:

PRIMO Toastmasters - 10 Years RCCB - Downey Toastmasters - 1 Year Quantic/Valar Toastmasters Club (QVT) - 1 Year

HAPPY CHARTERVERSARY

ANNIVERSARIES MEMBERS | OCT - DEC 2025

October:

James Marr - 44 Years

Joella Holbrook - 43 Years

Charles Christ - 39 Years

Rosa Zambrano - 32 Years

Sharon O'Brien - 31 Years

Sam Sampat - 30 Years

Tom Orr - 27 Years

Elisa Tolentino - 24 Years

Julie Broady - 24 Years

Stuart Horn - 23 Years

Alexander Ruiz - 22 Years

Terri Sebastian - 22 Years

Janice Coleman - 22 Years

Gangaikondan Krishna - 22 Years

Efrain Gonzalez - 21 Years

Lindsey Sayers - 20 Years

Kim Lee - 20 Years

Joan Macalalad - 20 Years

Weihua Zhang - 19 Years

Kent Burnett - 19 Years

Daniel Ramirez - 19 Years

Amy Jaffke - 18 Years

David Liu - 17 Years

Sarah Shum - 16 Years

Howard Hardaway - 16 Years

Salvador Cervantes - 15 Years

Kathleen Hughes - 15 Years

Larry Wong - 13 Years

Daphne Wong - 13 Years

David Hosmer - 13 Years

Carlos Rodriguez - 12 Years

HONG TENG - 10 Years

Calvin Wong - 9 Years

Elise Brown - 9 Years

Ming Jiang - 9 Years

Tigran Simonyan - 8 Years

Upasana Arora - 8 Years

Lawrence Sanchez - 7 Years

Heidi Tona - 7 Years

Dominique Pena - 7 Years

Beatriz Perales-Villa - 7 Years

Tim Luk - 7 Years

Charlene Ung - 6 Years

Joanna Barreras - 6 Years

Sue LaChance "Sula" Porter - 6 Years

Stephanie Olaque - 6 Years

Bed Dawadi - 6 Years

Louis Tasselli - 6 Years

Marcie Jones - 5 Years

Ma. Natalie Firmeza - 5 Years

Andrea Jones - 5 Years

Mark Alexander - 4 Years

SACHI MOHANTY - 4 Years

Christina Nagel - 4 Years

John Flores - 4 Years

Todd Hickman - 3 Years

Keven McDaniels - 3 Years

Aaron Faanes - 3 Years

Vignesh Alwar Muthuram - 3 Years

Yuri Nagano - 3 Years

ANNIVERSARIES MEMBERS CONT.

October Cont:

Hector Gutierrez - 3 Years

Joe Devine - 3 Years

amit jaswal - 3 Years

Paul Guardado - 2 Years

Frederic Voyer - 2 Years

Sampath Kaliyamurthy - 2 Years

Masato Takakusaki - 2 Years

Katrina Ren - 2 Years

Vickie Williams - 2 Years

Sherry Shaw - 2 Years

Jeffery Lewis - 1 Year

Scott Cowan - 1 Year

Lilian Bennett - 1 Year

Claire Song - 1 Year

Joseph Kwon - 1 Year

Allen Lee - 1 Year

Alex Munoz - 1 Year

Cory Bodda - 1 Year

Karen Keenan - 1 Year

Rhys Domingo - 1 Year

Shinoy Sebastian - 1 Year

Moeko Fukada - 1 Year

November:

Randy Schoellerman - 25 Years

Mark Coger - 21 Years

Ken Jarantilla - 20 Years

Nonalyn Dredge - 19 Years

Gloria Chen - 18 Years

Melanie Wilson - 15 Years

Reba Liggett - 12 Years

Monica Lee - 12 Years

Amjad Khanmohamed - 11 Years

Carol Davis - 9 Years

Jessica Razo - 9 Years

Eleanor Johnson - 8 Years

Li Xin Xiao - 7 Years

Michael Seastrunk - 7 Years

Elena Podkorytova - 6 Years

Nick Selak - 5 Years

Susan Wright - 5 Years

Rechetta Williams - 5 Years

Francis Villalpando - 4 Years

Jacob George - 4 Years

Thi Huong Ly Vo - 3 Years

Amanda Cano - 3 Years

Andrew Robbins - 3 Years

Jason Scott - 2 Years

Edward Lopez - 2 Years

Cristina Venturoso - 2 Years

Makenna Song - 2 Years

Maureen Garza - 1 Year

John Doyle - 1 Year

John Babcock - 1 Year

Ismail Abbas - 1 Year

Catalina Salazar - 1 Year

Rabida Abduwali - 1 Year

Jim Madden - 1 Year

Carlos Gallegos - 1 Year

ANNIVERSARIES MEMBERS CONT.

December:

David Flores - 42 Years

Alfred Herzing - 33 Years

Jodi Rifkin - 31 Years

Ursula Bell - 29 Years

Ken Diep - 24 Years

Glenn Yasukochi - 24 Years

Byron Hirata - 22 Years

Ann Valleroy - 21 Years

Charley Patton - 19 Years

Anthony Clement - 12 Years

Kenneth Bradshaw - 11 Years

Loretta Favela - 11 Years

Maria Madsen - 10 Years

Jose Zambrano - 10 Years

Raymond Jones - 10 Years

Mike O'Neil - 10 Years

Annetta Works Salley - 8 Years

Tom Hsieh - 8 Years

Timothy Basalone - 6 Years

William 7ain - 6 Years

Rose Marie Garcia - 6 Years

Carolina Gonzalez - 5 Years

Angel Larena - 5 Years

Joe Soran - 3 Years

Benjamin Heng - 2 Years

Julia Tubert - 2 Years

Judith Dunaway - 2 Years

Carly Quevedo - 2 Years

Kristin Hiranaka - 2 Years

Hugo Danilo - 2 Years

Thomas Rogers - 2 Years

Michael Solis - 2 Years

Linda Birch - 1 Year

Adrian Coroian - 1 Year

Michael Akosah - 1 Year

Anthony Cruz - 1 Year

Kelsey Burgos - 1 Year

Frank Schave - 1 Year

Ted Wilhelm - 1 Year

Preeti Ghuman - 1 Year

Christine Williams - 1 Year

Michelle Perreault - 1 Year

Sara Jahromi - 1 Year

Daniel Fuentes - 1 Year

Vicente Prado - 1 Year

Shantel Hale - 1 Year

Marilyn Martinez - 1 Year

Veronica Rodriguez - 1 Year

Jeanette Solorio-Sanchez - 1 Year

Christine Smith - 1 Year

Enrique Ayala - 1 Year

Eduardo Solares - 1 Year

Ramon Abreo - 1 Year

Calett Caballero - 1 Year

Grecia Albisurez - 1 Year

Deepa Anumarlu - 1 Year

Maurice Lawson - 1 Year

NEW MEMBERS JULY - SEPTEMBER 2025

July 2025:

Alicia Mejia Cecilia Dinh

CJ Jing

Cynthia Joe

Edward Choi

Elizabeth Mattes

Haotian Wu

Jesse Nicasio

John Matthias Tran

Kassandra Botello

Leo Nima

Mohammad Shehata

Roxane Ramos

Samitha Wijayaratne

Sara Ip

Susana Rodriguez

Vickie Dang

Vivian Fernandez

August 2025:

Alex Dubon

Alice Ping

Amelie Gebhard

David Beadle

Erica Choi

Eriko Nakajima

Fei Gao

Franklin Scott Small

Hamza Rehman

Ivett Vazquez

Jazmin Reyes

Jeffrey Favretto

Jerry Montes

Jimmy Tran

John Parcher

Jose Negrete

Julie Mojica

Justin Richardson

Kharold Ivonne

Rangel- Contreras

Lara Saikali

Lex Hesperus

Linh Diep

Marissa Garay

Norma Jean Ream

Pierce Powers

Rene Gonzalez

Richard Oh

Sonia Cucal

Steven Chin

Yunzi Wu

September 2025:

Alan Chen

Beth Scannell

David Chien

Emily Morris

Eric Galvan

Jenny Jenewein

Jesus Rivera

Jill Shih

Jonathan Kim

Karina Jimenez

Kishani J

LaKindral Spencer

Lily Chin

Lizette Chaidez

Marc Santos

Mary Andranikyan

MaryJane Chaidez

Myla Contreras

Nicolas Dang

Nicole Maylett

Olasunkanmi

Abodunde

Paulina Davie

Rachel Castro

Sandra Jung

Seth Boutsaboualoy

Sirintip Wright

Sylvia Bier

Victor Loza

CLUB SUCCESS PLANS SUBMITTED

- AAPA Toastmasters
- ACTS Club 416
- Anaheim Breakfast Club
- Anaheim Club 2
- Arcadia Toastmasters
- Becoming Professional Speakers Toastmasters Club 9
- BPLS Toastmasters (Buena park leaders and Speakers)
- BrewMeisters
- Caltech Debate
- Caltech Toastmasters
- Catholic Communication Toastmasters
 Club
- Century 21 Allstars
- Chambers Toastmasters Club
- Communicators Toastmasters
- Covina Breakfast Club
- DCFS and Friends
- Dungeons & Toast
- Dynamic Forcemasters Club 587
- Dynamic Whittier Toastmasters Club
- Eclectic Dialectics Toastmasters Club
- Edison Loquacious Club
- Edison Power Lines Club
- Emcee 20
- ESL Masters
- Faithful Voices
- Figures of Speech Toastmasters Club 2565

- First International Expressions
- GO Masters
- Humor Masters Toastmasters
- Innovative Speakers
- ISD Toastmasters Club
- J. B. Hunt SoCal Toastmasters
- JediMasters
- JPL/Caltech Toastmasters Club
- Kaiser Toastmasters
- Kepler Astrologers
- Knotts Speak Easy Toastmasters Club
- La Mirada Toastmasters Club
- La Palma Toastmasters
- LACSD Toastmasters
- Leaders Without Borders
- Living Spaces Corporate
- Minimum Viable Speakers
- Monterey Park Club
- Non-Profit Leaders
- Orange County Communicators
- Panda Toastmasters
- Parsons Toastmasters Club
- Pasadena Arts Culture History and Science Toastmasters
- Pasadena Club 6
- Past District Governors/ Directors Club
- Positive Energy
- PRIMO Toastmasters
- Quantic/Valar Toastmasters Club (QVT)

CLUB SUCCESS PLANS SUBMITTED CONTINUED

- Queermasters
- RCCB Downey Toastmasters
- Rise and Shine Together Toastmasters Club
- Rockstar Women Speakers
- SAINTS ALIVE! Toastmasters Club
- San Gabriel Valley Wine and Dine
- Speechcrafters Club #1699
- Sully-Miller Toastmasters
- Table Talkers
- Talk of the Town Toastmasters Club
- Tetra Tech Toastmasters (T3)
- The Friendly Toastmasters Club
- The Standard Bearers
- Titan Toastmasters
- Toastmasters at Fullerton Free
- Topics USA Toastmasters
- True North Toastmasters Club 7849
- Unfiltered Toastmasters
- Valley Speakers Club
- Virtual Masters
- Whittier WordCrafters Toastmasters Club
- Yorba Linda Achievers Toastmasters Club
- Yorba Linda-Placentia Club

2025-2026 Projected Distinguished Clubs

- Kepler Astrologers Select Distinguished
- La Palma Toastmasters Select Distinguished
- Arcadia Toastmasters Distinguished
- Speechcrafters Club Distinguished





SPOTLIGHTS

We are inviting clubs and members to share photos, stories and achievements, in their club settings and personal life to be featured in this section. Please use this link to submit your photos and information.

Club Photos Submissions

Member Photos Submissions

RESOURCES & TIPS

Learn about your club's why, how to get started with PR, and a handy glossary!

DISCOVER YOUR CLUB'S WHY

WHO ARE YOU AND WHY SHOULD PEOPLE JOIN?

BY ANGEL LARENA, DTM



Every great club has a heartbeat, a shared purpose that unites its members and draws others in. Yet many Toastmasters clubs struggle to express what makes them different. When a guest visits, they should leave knowing exactly who you are and why they belong with you.

Why Your "Why" Matters

Your club's identity isn't about one person's energy or leadership, it's about the collective spirit of your members. When everyone understands and communicates your "why," it becomes easier to attract the right members, strengthen your culture, and keep your club thriving.

A clear identity helps your club:

- Craft consistent messages for PR, websites, and social media
- Build stronger first impressions with guests
- Create a sense of belonging and shared purpose
- Empower every member to be an ambassador

WHO ARE YOU AND WHY SHOULD PEOPLE JOIN?

How to Discover Your Club's Why

Set aside 15-20 minutes in your next meeting or club officer meeting for a "Club Identity Discussion." This is a collaborative conversation that helps everyone participate and feel ownership of your club's message.

Step 1: Open the Discussion

Ask members to share what they love most about your club. Capture every idea on a shared document or whiteboard.

Exploratory Questions:

- What makes our club different from others in the area?
- Why did you join the club?
- What makes you stay in the club?
- What kind of people thrive here?
- What do guests usually say after visiting?
- What moments make you proud to be part of this club?
- How do we support growth, learning, or connection in unique ways?

Step 2: Identify Common Themes Look for patterns: do people mention friendship, mentorship, fun, professionalism, creativity, or community? Highlight key phrases that resonate with most members. **Step 3:** Craft Your 2-Sentence Message Your goal is to create a unified, memorable answer to this question:

Who are you, and why should I join your club?

This statement should capture your club's essence in two sentences making it simple enough for every member to remember and share.

Example:

"We're a club for professionals who want to build confident leadership through powerful storytelling. Join us if you're ready to grow your voice and inspire others to do the same."

Use your discussion themes to complete this framework:

"We are a club for [describe your audience or focus].

We help members [state what transformation, skill, or experience they gain]."

Keep refining it until everyone nods and says, "Yes, that's us."

WHO ARE YOU AND WHY SHOULD PEOPLE JOIN?

Step 4: Practice and Use It

Once finalized, use your club's "why" everywhere:

- Club website and social media bios
- Guest invitations and open house flyers
- Officer introductions and meeting openings
- Member introductions at events.

When every member can confidently share the same message, guests will remember your club as clear, consistent, and purpose-driven.

Always Ask and Always Follow Up

Every interaction with a guest should end with two things:

- 1. An invitation to join. Don't assume they'll come back ask them directly.
- 2.A follow-up message. Thank them for visiting, remind them of what they said they wanted, and show how your club helps them reach that goal.

When your club knows its why, people will see your how, and they'll want to be part of it!



PRACTICAL PR A LITTLE CAN GO A LONG WAY

BY JONNI TAYLOR

For many Toastmasters clubs, the idea of public relations (PR) can feel overwhelming. You may be conjuring images of press releases and large-scale media campaigns. However, effective PR doesn't have to be a monumental task. Instead, it's about starting small with sustainable, practical actions that can be built upon over time. By focusing on three key areas, your website, a newsletter, and a single social media platform, your club can create a PR foundation that's manageable and effective.

Starting Small & Sustainable

Your Club Website

Your club's website is often the first point of contact for potential new members. It's crucial to treat it as a primary PR tool by ensuring it is up-to-date and user-friendly. Regularly update key information like meeting times, locations, and contact details. Most importantly, your website's front page should have a clear and prominent call to action, such as "Visit Our Next Meeting" or "Sign Up For Our Newsletter." This simple step guides visitors on what to do next, turning a casual browser into a potential guest.

The Club Newsletter

A newsletter, whether created using a service such as Mailchimp or sent via your club's email, serves a dual purpose. It's a powerful tool for keeping current members engaged and informed, sharing club news, and celebrating achievements. It's also an excellent way to nurture interest from guests. By including a clear signup option on your website, you can build a list of people who have shown interest. An email reminder with the upcoming meeting's theme and a brief overview of what to expect can be the gentle nudge that finally gets them to show up, transforming a curious guest into a new member.

"YOU CAN JUMPSTART YOUR CLUB'S PRACTICAL PR BY FOCUSING ON JUST THREE EASY ACTIONS, MAKING SUCCESS ACHIEVABLE AND NOT OVERWHELMING."

Strategic Social Media

When it comes to social media, don't feel pressured to be everywhere at once. The most sustainable approach is to start with a single platform that aligns with your club's culture and goals. If your club has a more professional focus, a LinkedIn page is a great starting point for connecting with local business communities. For a more relaxed or social club, an Instagram account might be better suited for sharing vibrant photos and capturing the energy of your meetings. Focusing on just one platform makes it much easier to maintain a consistent presence without feeling overwhelmed.

Starting your PR journey with these three manageable action items can provide a strong, sustainable foundation for growth. They are simple to implement, easy to maintain, and can deliver tangible results. By focusing on these practical steps, your club can effectively spread its message and attract new members, one small action at a time.



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GLOSSARY ACRONYM CHEAT SHEET

HPL - High-Performance Leadership

DTM - Distinguished Toastmaster

PRES - President

VPE - Vice President of Education

VPM - Vice President of Membership

VPPR - Vice President of Public

Relations

SEC - Secretary

TREAS - Treasurer

SAA - Sergeant at Arms

IPP - Immediate Past President

AD - Area Director

DvD - Division Director

PRM - Public Relations Manager

CGD - Club Growth Director

PQD - Program Quality Director

DD - District Director

IPDD - Immediate Past District

Director

DCP - Distinguished Club Program

DDP - Distinguished District Program

WHQ - World Headquarters

TI - Toastmasters International

TLI - Toastmasters Leadership Institute

COT - Club Officer Training

TM - Toastmasters

TMOD - Toastmaster of the Day

TT - Table Topics

GE - General Evaluator

OTMOTY - Outstanding Toastmaster of

the Year

DC - District Council

DEC - District Executive Committee

RA - Region Advisor

PRA - Past Region Advisor

ID - International Director

PID - Past International Director

2VP - Second Vice President

1VP - First Vice President

IP - International President

IPIP - Immediate Past International

President

PIP - Past International President

D100 - District 100

QS - Qualified Speaker

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Upcoming events for District 100. Officer training, Learning Labs, and so much more is happening this year!

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LEARNING LABS

District 100 Learning Labs are your monthly opportunity to expand your Toastmasters knowledge and leadership skills. Held on the first Sunday and fourth Saturday of each month, these sessions dive into practical topics like club success strategies, speechwriting tips, leadership development, and more. They're designed to help members at all levels grow, connect with fellow Toastmasters, and bring fresh ideas back to their clubs. It's the perfect way to keep learning and stay inspired!

• Register for Learning Labs

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SPEAKERS BUREAU

District 100 Speakers Bureau is your gateway to elevating your speaking journey beyond the club. Held on the **first Saturday of each month at 6 PM PT**, this hybrid event offers members a platform to showcase their skills, gain broader exposure, and receive valuable feedback from diverse audiences. Participating not only sharpens your presentation abilities but also opens doors to speaking opportunities within and outside Toastmasters. It's an invaluable resource for anyone eager to grow as a confident, impactful communicator.

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CONVENTION MEMORIES PHILADELPHIA, PA - AUGUST 2025

This year's convention in Philadelphia came with many memories and experiences. From the moment we stepped into the city's historic heart, we were surrounded by the spirit of leadership, learning, and connection that defines Toastmasters around the world. The energy was electric, a true celebration of what it means to grow, serve, and lead together.

We reunited with friends and leaders from across the globe, each with their own stories of perseverance, innovation, and passion for helping others succeed. Conversations in hallways turned into lessons in leadership. Meals shared became moments of inspiration. Every handshake reminded us that Toastmasters is not just an organization, it's a worldwide family.



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The election of our International Officers and Directors was a highlight, showcasing leadership in action and the strength of our shared mission. We proudly welcomed Aletta Rochat as our new International President - a leader who embodies grace, wisdom, and a deep commitment to keeping "the main thing, the main thing." Her message reminded us that our purpose remains clear: to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders, no matter where they come from.

Workshops and training sessions challenged us to think bigger and lead better. Each session deepened our understanding of what it takes to sustain excellence, in our clubs, in our District, and in ourselves. Through it all, District 100 was met with incredible support and encouragement from fellow leaders across the world who celebrated our progress and success. Their words reminded us that what we are achieving and working to build is being noticed, and that our journey toward greatness has only just begun.

As we look ahead to next year's convention in Vancouver, let's carry that same spirit of unity, excellence, and purpose forward. Let's continue to thrive, grow, and inspire. Together, we can take the next step as we Reach for the Stars, standing proudly on that stage as District 100, Smedley Distinguished, and #1 in the world!

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