

Greetings fellow Toastmasters!

My first Toastmaster meeting was in Portland in 1991. Even though I resisted using my lunch hour, when I finally attended I was hooked. I became an Electric Toaster. I was an active member for two years, achieving the rank of Able Toastmaster Bronze under the old, old educational system. I participated in contests and helped host. I was a contract employee at the electric company, and when my assignment was over so was my Toastmaster attendance. I missed the meetings, but wasn't able to find a meeting that met my time and location.

When I moved to Bend in 2007, the first thing I did was find Communicators Plus. I quickly embraced all the club had to offer. In order to complete my DTM, I served as Area Governor and coached the Prime Time Club in Prineville. I received my DTM in 2010.

My next speech was an ice-breaker and I began the journey for a second DTM. My favorite club officer role was VP of Education. I really enjoy encouraging members to make progress towards their personal and Toastmaster goals. Once again I was Area Governor and this time I served as a mentor for the G5 Marketing club. I received my second DTM in 2018.

Now on the path – or pathway – to my third DTM, I find myself as VP of Public Relations. I was initially uneasy about this role, until I received my training. There I was told to think of myself as Chief Club Storyteller. Awesome. That's a role that I want. I plan to continue in this role for another year. Because of our membership success I have joined a second club, Toastmasters of Redmond, because I want additional speaking opportunities.

I am always working as a mentor to new members. Being a resource and getting new members up to speed with all the meeting roles is my specialty. I love hearing everyone's stories. And regardless of how I feel before the meeting starts, I always feel better when I leave. Why wouldn't you want to be a part of a club that makes you laugh?

My joy of mentoring and educating will make me an excellent Division Director. Plus it will put me a step closer to that third DTM.

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