

Wendy Patton has lived in the Pacific Northwest for nearly 30 years which makes her almost a native Oregonian.

She joined Gresham Toastmasters when her only child left for college and she was faced with an empty nest. Deciding to take her life in a new direction, she set her sights on an executive director role for a local nonprofit and joined one of the longest-running clubs in Oregon, to improve her communication and leadership skills. Wendy's competitive nature allowed her to finish the first set of manuals in less than six months.

As a lifelong learner she thrived in the Toastmaster environment and over the past 10 years has served as VP of Membership, VP of Education, VP of Public Relations, and club President in 2012-13. Wendy has conducted officer training, supported annual contests, and mentored members that led to success and growth. Since joining, her club has earned President Distinguished status every year.

Like many clubs, Gresham Toastmasters has transitioned from in-person to weekly zoom meetings during the pandemic. Wendy took the lead in establishing the necessary procedures for the club and attendance has soared in the first month.

Wendy served as the area director of the downtown Portland Division F a few years ago and, if elected, is excited to serve as the Division F Director in 2020-21.

Wendy builds trusting relationships to bring out the best in others, which creates dynamic teams where people feel important, that their voices are heard, and their individual goals are tied to achieving organizational goals. As a division director, she will lead and support the area directors ensuring each of their clubs achieve and fulfill its responsibilities to its members.

As an avid cyclist, you will find Wendy out on long bike rides on the weekends training for her next century ride or a biking adventure in Europe. With a wandering spirit, she is always up to exploring new places.

Statement: As a candidate running for Division Director for D7, downtown Division F in 2020-21, I will support and inspire others to learn and grown and reach not just their clubs goals, but their personal goals as leaders in Toastmasters.

We are all in this together!

