

DISTRICT LEADER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Office: District Number:

Toastmasters member since:

Education:

See Attached List DTM July 2016
Level 3 in Pathways. Suspended getting L4, to give members who are completing Legacy Programs this year more speaking opportunities. I have given several speeches on Pathways.

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

See Attached List

Area Governor 2014-15, Officer Training 2019-20

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a District leader:

Am retired but trained co-workers on required training for OSHA and HR as well as on-the-job training. I often lead a team of co-workers to make presentations (both marketing and safe-handling) to our clients.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

Helped my supervisor develop a plan and execute it to achieve a ISO 9001 certificate. This required creating procedures for every aspect of procurement, manufacture and quality control of product. A pyrophoric material that self-ignited if exposed to the atmosphere, water caused it to explode. It is a catalyst, 0.01% of all plastic - from a Ziplock bag to the bumper on your car. Procedures were very detailed.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

None.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

In addition to the above, I was Head Analyst and developed the procedures for the handling and analysis of the aforementioned pyrophoric material. I trained incoming analysts as well as guests on these procedures. Personal safety was paramount.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

Leadership is more about servant-hood rather than being boss. A good leader sets the goal, empowers the team to accomplish it and when credit/praise comes acknowledges it was a team effort and the leader is just a member of the team. The greatest skill a leader can have is to listen. The second is to empower. Micro-managing is a deterrent and a nasty habit. No one grows within it.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

When I was an Area Governor, I created many lasting friendships. Many of those friends are now serving in upper District Director roles and look forward to serving with them again. We are sure to have fun and deepen our already strong bond.

In your opinion, what are the District mission's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?

To empower Toastmasters to be the best they can be. Toastmasters does just that. We need to spread that message. I plan to continue to mentor other Toastmasters to be the best they can be by continuing to be Officer Training Chair and part of the Club Growth Team. As time allows I would like to continue to be a contest Chief Judge.

Additional information about yourself:

I like to service quietly and humbly in the background as much as possible, but can stand in front of the room when necessary. In this unusual year of 2020, I served as the primary Virtual Chief Judge. I love meeting other Toastmasters throughout D52 as I offer a heartfelt speech, an empowering training, or efficiency during a contest. I feel like I've learned more in 2 months than the last two years.