

The Power of Your Story



District 35 Spring Conference

May 2-3, 2025
Hilton DoubleTree
Neenah, WI

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FIRST TIMERS

Thank you for joining us at the DoubleTree Hilton in Neenah, Wisconsin for your first of many District 35 Conferences!

You're invited to check in at the First Timers table for a special welcome gift, ask questions, and begin networking!

*"People forget facts but they
remember stories."*

~ Joseph Campbell



WELCOME FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Greetings fellow Toastmasters and guests: Welcome to the 2025 District 35 Spring Conference at the DoubleTree in Neenah! On behalf of the entire District 35 leadership and the conference team, thank you for taking this time to invest in yourselves, network with others, and learn how to “Step Into The Power of Your Story.”

Our conference chair, Teri McGregor, DTM, and her team have been working to put together a fun, educational program for you.

For those of you who have attended our conferences in years past, you may notice a few small changes this time around. We have always provided fantastic education sessions, but we've moved a bit “outside the box” with our keynote speaker. We hope you enjoy the different lens on speaking success.

I know I usually learn as much from conversations in the halls as I do in the formal planned sessions. We've structured extra time for socializing, networking, and connecting with friends—both old and new—this year.

It doesn't matter if you're a leader in your Toastmasters club, your job, or your community, you have a story to tell. Only you can tell it, and there's somebody that needs to hear it.

When our conference winds down on Saturday evening, I hope you leave energized, empowered, and emboldened to go, share your story, and be a difference-maker in somebody's life.

Here's to a weekend of learning, sharing, and growing. Enjoy the conference!

Robert Wall, DTM
2024—2025 District 35 Director



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Whether this is your first conference or you're a seasoned conference-goer, this program has been compiled to help you get the most out of your experience this weekend. Have fun, learn lots, discover something new about yourself and others, reconnect with old friends, and begin building new friendships.



WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 35 SPRING CONFERENCE!

Fellow Toastmasters,

I'm excited to welcome you to Neenah, Wisconsin for this year's District 35 Spring Conference! When I found out the conference would be held here, I jumped at the chance to plan it. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to welcome all of you to my home and share a place that means so much to me.



Our theme this year, “*The Power of Your Story*,” is so appropriate for Toastmasters. Each of us brings something unique to the table. Our backgrounds, experiences, and voices all shape the stories we tell and the impact we make. This weekend is all about embracing those stories, sharing them, and being inspired by the journeys of others.

By being here, you're not just attending a conference, you're now part of my story. I couldn't be happier to share this chapter with you. I hope the next few days are filled with learning, laughter, connection, and a few unforgettable moments that you'll carry with you long after we wrap up. Thanks for being here. Let's make it a weekend to remember!

Sincerely,

Teri McGregor, DTM
2025 District 35 Spring Conference Chair



Thank you for joining us as we celebrate accomplishments and build community!

This weekend is your opportunity to ask questions, to volunteer, to gain knowledge and build skills -- and to make more connections, whether it's for your personal growth or for your professional network.

I'm looking forward to continuing to connect with you!

Theresa Flynn, DTM
2024-2025 District 35
Program Quality Director



WELCOME FROM MAYOR JANE B. LANG

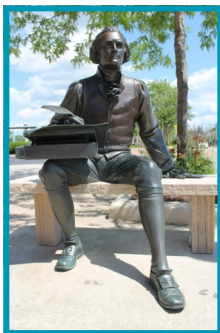
Greetings and welcome to Neenah!

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you—leaders, speakers, and professionals from across Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan—to the District 35 Toastmasters Spring Conference. It's an honor to host this year's conference in our city, a community that thrives on connection, leadership, and growth—values that mirror the heart of Toastmasters.

This year's theme, "**The Power of Your Story**," is a reminder that storytelling is one of the most powerful tools we have as leaders and communicators. Stories have the ability to inspire, preserve the past, bring people together, and create meaningful change. In leadership, the stories we share help us connect with those we serve, build trust, and foster a sense of community.

As you embark on this weekend of learning and growth, I encourage you to embrace the opportunities before you—to sharpen your skills, encourage each other, and to share your own unique voice. We are proud to welcome such a dynamic and dedicated group, and I have no doubt that the conversations and connections you make here will leave a lasting impact.

On behalf of the City of Neenah, welcome! May this conference be a time of inspiration, camaraderie, and transformation. Enjoy your time here and thank you for the important work you do in empowering others through communication and leadership.



AGENDA

Friday, May 2, 2025

5:00—7:00pm	Registration Open	Governor Doty Ballroom
7:15—8:30pm	Table Topics Speech Contest	Governor Doty Ballroom
8:30—10:30pm	Cash Bar & Snacks	Governor Doty Ballroom
8:30—9:15pm	Awards & Recognition	Governor Doty Ballroom
8:30—10:30pm	Raffles and 50/50 Ticket Sales	Governor Doty Ballroom
8:30—10:30pm	Cash Bar & Snacks	Governor Doty Ballroom



Saturday, May 3, 2025

5:30—6:15am	Sunrise Walk	Hotel Lobby
7:00—12:00pm	Registration	Governor Doty Ballroom
7:00—6:00pm	Raffles and 50/50 Ticket Sales	Governor Doty Ballroom
8:00—9:00am	Opening Ceremonies	Governor Doty Ballroom
	<i>Banner Parade</i>	<i>in person and virtual presentation</i>
	<i>Presentation of Colors</i>	<i>Neenah Brigade</i>
	<i>National Anthem</i>	<i>Lois TeStrake, DTM</i>
	<i>Welcome</i>	<i>District Director Robert Wall, DTM</i>
	<i>Youth Leadership Overview</i>	<i>Kathy Shine, DTM</i>
	<i>Youth Leadership Speaker</i>	<i>Fawzy Sulaiman</i>
9:00—9:45am	Keynote Address	Dr. Iain Lampert
9:45—10:00am		Break
10:00—11:45am	Contestants' Briefing	Governor Doty Ballroom
10:00—10:45am		Education Sessions
	Session 1A—John Scott, DTM	Butte des Morts/Fox River
	Session 2A—Jackie Scott	Winnebago/Wolf River
10:45 — 11:00am		Break
11:00 — 11:45am		Education Sessions
	Session 2A—Lacey Heward	Butte des Morts/Fox River
	Session 2B—Audrey Cramer	Winnebago/Wolf River

AGENDA

Saturday, May 3, 2025 (continued)

12:00—12:50pm	Luncheon.....Governor Doty Ballroom
	<i>Invocation..... Judy Bauer, DTM, PDG</i>
	<i>Lunch</i>
	<i>Distinguished Toastmaster Ceremony..... Robert Wall, DTM</i>
	<i>Special Award..... Robert Wall, DTM</i>
12:50—1:00pm	Break
1:00—3:00pm	 District Council Business Meeting ..Governor Doty Ballroom
1:00—3:00pm	 Games & Networking Butte des Morts/Fox River
3:00—3:30pm	 Break and Refreshments
3:30—5:00pm	 International Speech Contest.....Governor Doty Ballroom
5:00—10:00pm	.. Cash Bar.....Governor Doty Ballroom
6:10—7:40pm	 Banquet.....Governor Doty Ballroom
	<i>Welcome, Dignitary Introductions..... Susan Brushafer, DTM</i>
	<i>District Director Welcome Robert Wall, DTM</i>
	<i>Invocation..... Dave Schmitt, DTM, PDG</i>
	<i>Dinner</i>
	<i>Installation of Incoming LeadersJim Kohli, DTM, PID</i>
	<i>Closing Remarks Conference Chair..... Teri McGregor, DTM</i>
	<i>Closing Remarks District Director Robert Wall, DTM</i>
	<i>Remarks from District Director-Elect</i>
7:40—8:00pm	Break
8:00—10:00pm	.. Awards & SocializingGovernor Doty Ballroom
	<i>Hall of Fame Tom Rozga, DTM, PDG and District Trio</i>
	<i>50/50 Raffle drawing.....Lisa Blazek</i>
	<i>Raffle Baskets drawing.....Lisa Blazek</i>
9:00—10pm	 Socializing & Networking.....Governor Doty Ballroom

*"The power of storytelling is exactly this:
to bridge the gaps where everything has crumbled."*

~ Paulo Coelho



BUILDING A PIPELINE OF NEW LEADERS

Toastmasters—Youth Leadership Program

Forbes states the first and most important step in building a leadership pipeline is identifying potential leaders early. That's exactly what the inaugural program of the Al-Quds Youth Leadership Academy achieved. It offered a rigorous and challenging curriculum for 13 future leaders which both the youth and their parents accepted. The result: increased confidence that fosters leadership and leads to civility and citizenship.

Embracing the team spirit from Coach Jalal Sulaiman's competitive soccer academy that builds discipline, teamwork, and excellence, these students invested time in their leadership formation. They committed to weekly assignments that focused on public speaking, critical thinking, and furthering their historical knowledge of their families' homeland: Palestine.

Al-Quds, the Arabic word for Jerusalem, was selected as the academy's name to honor Palestine. For each Ice Breaker speech, participants shared the story of where their parents came from, which helped anchor their Palestinian identity throughout the program.

Cream City Communicators sponsored the program, with Distinguished Toastmaster Kathy Shine conducting exercises with participants, sharing evaluation strategies, and offering one-on-one and small group feedback.

The program concluded with a capstone speech competition in front of a panel of judges in February. Thought provoking and uplifting topics ranged from "Knowing Your Worth" and "The Growth Mindset" to "The Power of Being Yourself" and "The Power of Learning." The first place award was earned by Fawzy, a fifth grade student who also plays the left-forward position on his soccer team. In Fawzy's family, eight generations lived in Palestine. We're honored that he will share his winning speech with Toastmasters in District 35, because this is where leaders are made!



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~ J.K. Rowling

- ◆ Robin Cosgrove
- ◆ Travis Currier
- ◆ Rick Czaplewski
- ◆ Laura Parrino
- ◆ Christine Roalofs

8:30pm Contest Adjourns

The Governor Doty Ballroom will remain available for socializing and networking until 10:30 pm. The cash bar will be available until 10:30 pm.

TABLE TOPICS CONTEST

Friday, May 2, 2025

7:15—8:45 pm

You are invited to score the contestants using the below sample ballot. Will you pick the winner?

JUDGING ITEMS		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES												
		E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y G O O D	G O O D	F A I R									
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Speech Development Opening, Body, Close, Organization, Smoothness	C O N T E N T 5 5	30	23-29	17-22	0-16									
Effectiveness Logic, Directness, Enthusiasm Achievement of Purpose, Audience Response		25	18-24	11-17	0-10									
Physical Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	D E L I V E R Y 3 0	15	11-14	6-10	0-5									
Voice Flexibility, Volume		15	11-14	6-10	0-5									
Appropriateness To Speech Purpose And Audience	L A N G U A G E 1 5	10	8-9	6-7	0-5									
Correctness Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		5	4	3	2									
TOTAL SCORE (100 Points Possible)														



"When we share our stories, we are reminded of the humanity in each other. And when we take the time to understand each other's stories, we become more forgiving, more empathetic, and more inclusive."

~ Michelle Obama

Saturday, May 3, 2025—Keynote

9:00 am — 9:45 am | Governor Doty Ballroom

The Power of Storytelling

Dr. Iain Lampert

Storytelling has the power to inspire, connect, and transform—but only when it's authentic.

In this session, we'll explore the common challenges that get in the way: lack of integrity, fear of vulnerability, and unclear feedback. We'll also examine the real harms of inauthentic storytelling, from burnout to disconnection.

Through thoughtful discussion and practical strategies, you'll learn how to promote honest communication, foster self-awareness, and build feedback-rich environments that support meaningful storytelling.

Whether you're sharing your own story or helping others shape theirs, this session offers tools to make every story more powerful and purposeful.



EVALUATION FORMS

If you have a smart phone, please use the QR reader app and scan these codes to complete the evaluation for each respective speaker. If you are viewing this program online, select the QR icon to link directly to the online evaluation form.

There are a limited number of paper evaluation forms available—just ask at the registration table.

The survey links will expire on May 10, 2025.

THANK YOU



Saturday, May 3, 2025

10:00am—10:45am | Education Session 1A |

Butte des Morts/Fox River Room

How to Write a Great Speech AKA: Crafting a Powerful Speech: Engaging Your Audience Through Storytelling

John Scott, DTM



In this practical, hands-on session, you'll learn tools and strategies to craft speeches that truly connect. Building on a popular presentation, this updated training introduces fresh techniques to create engaging, impactful content. Discover how drawing from personal experience can make your message more authentic and memorable.

Whether you're new to speaking or a seasoned pro, you'll leave with actionable tips to boost your confidence, certainty, and connection with any audience.

Saturday, May 3, 2025

10:00am—10:45am | Education Session 1B |

Winnebago/Wolf River Room

How to Put the Pieces Together to Becoming A Confident Speaker

Jackie Scott



Great speaking is like a puzzle—every skill you learn in Toastmasters is a vital piece. But leave one out, and the picture isn't complete.

In this session, Jackie will show you how to connect those pieces—structure, delivery, feedback, and more—to elevate your speaking from good to great.

Walk away with a better understanding of how to bring it all together for powerful, polished presentations.

"Sometimes reality is too complex. Stories give it form."

~ Jean Luc Goddard

Saturday, May 3, 2025

11:00am—11:45am | Education Session 2A | Butte des Morts/Fox River Room

Tipping the Ladder: How Hierarchical Thinking Is Keeping You Trapped and How Connection Is the Key to True Freedom

Lacey Heward



Explore how hierarchical thinking—rooted in competition and comparison—can hold us back from true collaboration and connection.

In this session, Lacey shares stories, research, and real-world examples to reveal the impact of the "ladder" mentality and the power of shifting away from it. Learn how embracing abundance, interdependence, and shared goals can lead to greater trust, freedom, and belonging.

Leave with fresh insights and practical tools to build stronger, more inclusive relationships—at work, in leadership, and in life.



Saturday, May 3, 2025

11:00am—11:45am | Education Session 2B | Winnebago/Wolf River Room

Sound On: Making Waves with the Power of Your Voice

Audrey Cramer



Your voice has the power to inspire and create change—if you're willing to use it.

In this interactive session, Audrey shares her journey from staying silent to speaking up, offering personal stories and practical strategies to help you do the same.

Learn how to clarify your message, connect with any audience, and communicate with confidence. Whether you're on stage, in a meeting, or having everyday conversations, you'll leave with tools to make your voice heard—and truly felt.

Are you ready to turn the sound on?

NOTES:

The Resource Advanced Tm Club is a
DYNAMIC Club with members in
Toastmasters from 4 to 52 years!

We meet at ***On the Clock Bar & Grill***, located
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ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT,
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DISTRICT 35 CLUBS

CELEBRATING MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

50 years Reedsburg Area Club
45 years Landmark Toastmasters Club
40 years Ayres Associates Toastmasters Club
30 years Eastside Madison Toastmasters Club 1366
20 years Walworth County Toastmasters Club
20 years Wisconsin Rapids Area Toastmasters Club
20 years Cream City Communicators
20 years SpeakEasy Toastmasters
15 years Madison Achievers
5 years Long Story Short Toastmasters
5 years Fiserv Fintech Toastmasters



*"If you wish to influence an individual or a group to
embrace a particular value in their daily lives,
tell them a compelling story."*

~ Annette Simmons

NOTES:

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

Saturday, May 3, 2025 3:30 — 5:00 pm

Governor Doty Ballroom

Contestants *(listed in alphabetical order)*

Speaking order will be determined at the time of the contest

- ◆ Sean Bode
- ◆ Rick Czaplewski
- ◆ Christi Huggett
- ◆ Travis Maruska
- ◆ Laura Parrino

2:15—2:45pm Functionaries' Briefing (judges, timers, ballot counters)
2:15—2:45pm Contestants' Briefing
3:30pm Master Host Susan Brushafer, DTM—Calls Contest to Order
Welcome from District Director Robert Wall, DTM
Introduction of Contest Toastmaster Keith Cumiskey, DTM
Introduction of Chief Judge Paul Freiberg, DTM
Contestant Speeches
Speaker Interviews
Announcements— District Trio
5:00pm Contest Adjourns

Winners will be announced during the Hall of Fame ceremony

Please observe a minute of silence between each contestant and silence after the contest until all ballots are collected. No one will be permitted to enter or exit the room except during the minute of silence between speakers or after all ballots have been collected at the end of the contest.

NOTES:

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

Saturday, May 3, 2025 3:00 — 4:45 pm

You are invited to score the contestants using the below sample ballot. Will you pick the winner?



International Speech Contest

Judge's Guide and Ballot

JUDGING ITEMS		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES															
		E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y G O O D	G O O D	F A I R												
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Speech Development Structure, Organization, Support Material	C O N T E N T	20	14-19	9-13	0-8												
Effectiveness Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception		15	11-14	6-10	0-5												
Speech Value Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		50	15	11-14	6-10	0-5											
Physical Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	D E L I V E R Y	10	7-9	4-6	0-3												
Voice Flexibility, Volume		10	7-9	4-6	0-3												
Manner Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm		30	10	7-9	4-6	0-3											
Appropriateness To Speech Purpose And Audience	L A N G U A G E	10	7-9	4-6	0-3												
Correctness Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		10	7-9	4-6	0-3												
TOTAL SCORE (100 Points Possible)																	

"If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten."

~ Rudyard Kipling



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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the members of the Northern Division clubs, for making 2024-2025 a memorable year. It has been a joy to make new friends and reconnect with old ones.

Though I've moved away, you've reminded me that Northern Division still feels like home—and always will.

Let's finish strong!

Show District 35 we're tough, determined, and ready to grow. We've had a great year—now let's push it over the goal line!

Rhonda Williams, DTM

2024-2025 Northern Division Director

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024—2025 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM!

Robert Wall, DTM District Director
Theresa Flynn, DTM Program Quality Director
Yuriy Ksenidi, VC3 Club Growth Director
DeDe Obuch, EC5 Public Relations Manager
Jill Keating, IP4 Administration Manager
Michael Dill, DTM Finance Manager
Jason Feucht, DTM Immediate Past District Director

Susan Brushafer, DTM Division A Director
Ronda Borowski, DTM A1 Area Director
Evelyn Hunter, TC2 A2 Area Director
Susan Brushafer, DTM Acting A3 Area Director
Sue Kohut, DTM A4 Area Director

Nancy McCulley, DTM Division C Director
Spring Sun, DL5 C1 Area Director
Brent West, PM1 C2 Area Director
Larry Koerber, CC, ALB C3 Area Director

Liz Urban, LD4 Division D Director
James White, CC, CL D1 Area Director
Ken Goltz, CC, CL D2 Area Director
Kelly Martyn, DL4 D3 Area Director
VACANT D4 Area Director

Brandon Birrenkott, IP2 Division E Director
Aaron Lau, SR3 E1 Area Director
Paul VanDyck, PI1 E2 Area Director
Christa Vanderheiden, DL4 E3 Area Director

Rhonda Williams, DTM Division N Director
Robert Lambert, DL5 N1 Area Director
Bryson Bernarde, DL1 N2 Area Director
Dan Otero, IP5 N3 Area Director



"Storytelling is the oldest form of education."

~ Terry Tempest Williams

THANK YOU TO OUR PAST DISTRICT LEADERS

Past District Directors:

2023-2024	Jason Feucht, DTM
2022-2023	Jennifer Kibicho, DTM
2021-2022	Teri McGregor, DTM
2020-2021	Kris Pool, DTM
2019-2020	Rozaline Janci, DTM
2018-2019	Ed Thelen, DTM
2017-2018	Keith Cumiskey, DTM
2016-2017	Cindy Laatsch, DTM, PRA
2015-2016	Rhonda Williams, DTM, PRA



Past District Governors:

2014-2015	Craig Carpenter, DTM
2013-2014	Jennifer Smith, DTM
2012-2013	Dianne Young, DTM
2011-2012	Jim Kohli, DTM, PRA, PID
2010-2011	Joseph Dutkiewicz, DTM
2009-2010	Kathleen (Wesselink) Frederickson, DTM
2008-2009	Andrew Little, DTM, PID
2007-2008	James Hughes, DTM
2006-2007	Paul Hunt, DTM
2005-2006	Daris McLaughlin, DTM
2004-2005	Raymond Matlosz, DTM
2003-2004	Chuck Ebert, DTM
2002-2003	Michael Zelm, DTM
2001-2002	Judy Bauer, DTM
2000-2001	Jerry Kurzer, DTM
1999-2000	Earl Akey, DTM
1998-1999	Pat Akey, DTM
1997-1998	Frank Ingles, DTM
1996-1997	Janet Koss, DTM
1995-1996	Helen Beale, DTM
1994-1995	Dick Koehler, DTM
1993-1994	Justin Gottfried, DTM, PID
1992-1993	Donald Anlauf, ATM
1992-1993	John Hutchins, DTM (D54)



THANK YOU TO OUR PAST DISTRICT LEADERS

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1991-1992	Dave Schmitt, DTM
1990-1991	Darlene Lightfuss, DTM
1989-1990	Dave Wegner, DTM
1988-1989	Dick Hawley, DTM, PID
1987-1988	Ron LaPean, DTM
1986-1987	Stan Graieski, DTM
1985-1986	Fran Weaver, DTM, PID
1984-1985	Dennis Pinkowski, DTM
1983-1984	Harvey Hoernke, Jr, DTM
1982-1983	Jerry Starke, DTM, PID
1981-1982	Richard Seelig, DTM
1980-1981	Edmund Schrang, DTM
1979-1980	Tom Rozga, DTM
1978-1979	Bill Trottier, DTM
1977-1978	Robert Buerki, DTM
1976-1977	Dick Buntrock, DTM
1975-1976	Jim Sauer, DTM, PID
1975-1976	Andy Mazzucco, DTM (D6)
1974-1975	Earl Moss, DTM
1973-1974	William Hayes III, DTM
1972-1973	Norm Maier, DTM, PID
1971-1972	Kenneth Bjorkquist, DTM (D30)
1971-1972	Carl Kopischkie, DTM
1971-1972	Dick Storer, DTM (D30)
1970-1971	Terry Wunsch
1969-1970	Don Costello, DTM, PID
1968-1969	Milan Horvate
1967-1968	Art Garvey
1966-1967	Robert Last, Sr.
1965-1966	Everett Watson, PID
1964-1965	William Schilling
1963-1964	Gorge Kingsley
1962-1963	Gene Haluschak, PID
1961-1962	Gordon Groseth



THANK YOU TO OUR PAST DISTRICT LEADERS

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1960-1961	Richard Garde
1959-1960	Ralph Howland, DTM, PID, PIP
1958-1959	John Turck, ATM
1957-1958	Dr. Victor W. Straacke
1956-1957	Dr. Ralph G. Iverson
1955-1956	Frank Spangler, PID, PIP
1954-1955	Bernard S. Zimmermann
1953-1954	Charles Hagan
1952-1953	Clifford M. Teuchert



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share your experiences with others."*

~ Demi Lovato

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HALL OF FAME AWARDS

Top Club Website—First Place: _____

Top Club Social Media—First Place: _____

Area Director of the Year: _____

Division Director of the Year: _____

Director's Award: _____

Toastmaster of the Year: _____

T-Award _____

International Speech Contest: _____

Third Place: _____

Second Place: _____

First Place: _____

The winner of the District 35 International Speech Contest will advance to the Region Quarterfinals judged via video submission.

Winners of the Region Quarterfinals will proceed to Semifinals held during the Annual International Convention August 20-23, 2025 in Philadelphia, PA.



Learn more about the upcoming Convention and registration:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/events/convention>



*"In the end, we'll all become stories."
~ Margaret Atwood*

THE POWER BEHIND THE SCENES

Thank You to our 2025 Spring Conference Volunteers

Every successful story has a team of heroes working behind the scenes—and this conference is no exception. To our incredible **committee chairs and volunteers**, thank you for bringing "*The Power of Your Story*" to life with your time, energy, creativity, and commitment.



Whether you planned programs, set up spaces, greeted guests, or handled last-minute details, your efforts helped shape an unforgettable experience. **This story couldn't have been told without you.**

From the bottom of our hearts—**THANK YOU.**



Susan Brushafer

Emcee



Lisa Blazek

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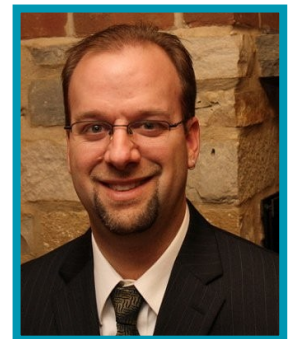
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2026 SPRING CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM—CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

While the date and location for the 2026 Spring Conference are still being finalized, the planning process will begin soon—and **we need your help to make it amazing!**

The Spring Conference is one of the most anticipated events of the Toastmasters year, filled with inspiration, connection, learning, and fun. From coordinating speakers and contests to organizing logistics, hospitality, and promotions, there's a place for every talent and interest on the planning team.

Whether you have a few hours to give or want to take on a leadership role, your contribution will help create a memorable experience for members across the District. Plus, it's a fantastic opportunity to expand your network, develop new skills, and make an impact.

If you're interested in joining the planning team or simply want to learn more, please reach out to **Theresa Flynn, DTM**. We'd love to have you on board!

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2025 SPRING CONFERENCE OVERALL EVALUATION

We'd Love Your Feedback on This Year's Spring Conference!

Please take a moment to share your thoughts by completing our brief survey. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone or select it if you're viewing this program online.

Note: The survey will close on May 10, 2025.

Prefer a paper version? No problem! Hard copies of the evaluation form are available at the registration desk. Once completed, please return your form to Kris Pool or Teri McGregor.



Thank you for helping us make future conferences even better!