



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Karen Shadden

Assess the struggles in your life and learn how to succeed in hard times.



Renée Marietta

Learn how the skills cultivated in competitive figure skating translate directly into effective leadership.



Jake Robison

Level up your leadership with just three lessons: be happy, tell great stories, and put people first.

FALL SUMMIT

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 9TH
2024**

**Texas
Wesleyan
University**



Jesse Ford, DTM District Director

**Hello, Hola, Bonjour, Shalom
Zdravstvuyte, Nǐn hǎo, Salve,
Guten Tag, A salaam alaikum,
Namaste, Namaskar...**

Welcome to the District 25 2024 Fall Summit where the best presenters from the four corners of District 25 get together and put on a fun-filled day full of education, growth, and so much more. I am so glad you decided to join us. District 25 may be known for our amazing events, but even better and more importantly, we are known for having the best members. Today you will get a chance to hear from several of them.

We have three keynote speakers, education sessions, a leadership panel and more. All of it is designed to help inspire, encourage, empower, and help you grow. Simply put...We hope this event helps you “Level Up” in every way you can. I am so proud of Jai Erwin and the team, and I want to say from the bottom of my heart thank you, thank you, thank you and thank you some more. Jai and his team have done an amazing job putting together this event and we hope this year, as we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Toastmasters International, that you build, renew, strengthen, and gain all the experience points you can muster.

Now let's make sure we have fun. but before you go I have a few requests for our event today.

- 1. If you see a committee member in the hallway, be sure to say thank you for all their hard work.**
- 2. Find somebody new you have never met or get somebody you have known and attend an education session together.**
- 3. Take every opportunity you can to learn, listen, and level up any way you can.**
- 4. Come find me and tell me about any WINS you, your club, and members are doing.**

Now with all that in mind whose ready to Level Up?

On your mark, Get Set, GROW!

Jesse Ford



Jai Erwin

Summit Manager

Welcome to the 2024 D25 Fall Educational Summit
-Level Up!

Fellow District 25 Toastmasters, today marks a significant gathering designed to strengthen our speaking community through focused learning and connection. Our summit creates a space where members unite to share expertise while advancing speaking and leadership abilities.

Level Up represents our path toward excellence through deliberate practice and shared wisdom. From mastering audience engagement to refining impromptu speaking, each session offers practical tools across essential development areas. The summit schedule delivers opportunities to build speaking techniques, refine leadership approaches, and broaden professional networks.

This program stems from the heart of District 25. Our speakers, organizers, and facilitators bring forward expertise gained in local clubs and communities. Their insights reflect an understanding of our district's specific needs and aspirations.

Through interactive workshops, focused sessions, and expert panels, participants will engage in hands-on practice while receiving targeted feedback. These practical experiences transform speaking concepts into refined skills.

The summit fosters meaningful discussions among members, building connections and mentoring relationships which extend beyond this single day. Our collective experience becomes a foundation for ongoing growth.

We invite your active participation in every session. Your questions and insights enrich the experience for all attendees. As individual members strengthen their abilities, our clubs grow stronger. Through this collaborative effort, District 25 moves forward.

We recognize the dedicated volunteers, knowledgeable presenters, and engaged participants who bring this event to life. Together, we create an environment where learning flourishes and skills advance.

Let's Level Up together.

Jai Erwin

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

GAME CLOCK	QUEST GIVER	DUNGEON	THREAD OF DESTINY	GAME MASTER	ACHIEVEMENT UNLOCKED	
08:00 - 09:10	Area Council	The Grand Arena	Welcome	District Director		
			Key Note	Karen Shadden	It Seems Impossible	
			AD Exercise	Area Directors		
09:10 - 09:35	Squad Level Up! Photo and Clear the Objective					
09:35 - 09:40	Summit	The Grand Arena	Welcome	Jesse Ford	Welcome	
				Phylliss Christian-Daniels	Announcements	
09:40 - 10:00	Respawn Point					
10:00 - 10:50	Skill Upgrade Sessions					
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		Lore Library	Communication	Nicole Dogan	Words Matter; Use Them Purposefully	
		Skill Forge	Success	Patty Wyatt & Sarah Tinsley	Harnessing ADHD as a Superpower	
		Quest Room	Purpose	Brandy Miller	The Art of Marketing and Promoting Yourself	
10:50 - 11:00	Respawn Point					
11:00 - 11:50	Skill Upgrade Sessions					
	Level Up!	Strategy Hall	Leadership	Jeffery Mercier	Your Circle Levels Your Playing Field	
		Lore Library	Communication	Kristin Clark	Crafting a Memorable Story	
		Skill Forge	Success	Tim Anderson	How To Be Assertive and Still Have Friends	
		Quest Room	Purpose	Kenneth Ray	Level Up With Professional Presentations	
11:50 - 12:15	Respawn Point					
12:15 - 01:40	Lunch	The Grand Arena	Toastmaster	Karen Coleman		
			Keynote	Renee Marietta	The Leader's Edge: Lessons in Leadership from the Ice.	
01:40 - 02:00	Respawn Point					
02:00 - 02:50	Skill Upgrade Sessions					
	Level Up!	Strategy Hall	Leadership	Lauren Midgley	Overcome Being an Overwhelmed Leader	
		Lore Library	Communication	Alisha McCuan	An Afternoon with Socrates	
		Skill Forge	Success	Tasha White	How to Level Up! Your Mental Focus and Rest	
		Quest Room	Purpose	Ninfa Flewitt	Growing a President's Distinguished Club	
02:50 - 03:00	Respawn Point					
03:00 - 04:00	Leadership Panel The Grand Arena			Emily Murray	Level Up! Your Leadership Game!	
04:00 - 06:00	TRANSFORMATION PHASE					
05:30 - 06:30	DTM PRACTICE					
06:30 - 07:00	DIGNITARY LINE-UP					
07:00 - 07:15	DIGNITARY PARADE					
07:30 - 09:30	Dinner	The Grand Arena	Toastmaster	Denise McConnell		
			Keynote	Jake Robison	Leadership Lessons from an Art Thief	
	DTM Ceremony	The Grand Arena	Toastmaster	Phylliss Christian-Daniels		



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Keynote Speaker



IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE

Karen Shadden

***Sponsored by:
Something to Talk About***

Nelson Mandela once said, "It seems Impossible till it is done". Karen draws on her personal experiences where this was true in her life. She implores us to assess the struggles that seem impossible in our lives and learn how to succeed despite the hard times.

Karen Shadden is an accomplished individual with a diverse background. She graduated from Angelo State University with a BBA in Accounting and has a heart for community service. As a mother of ten children and a foster/adoptive parent, she shares stories of her parenting adventures, especially with her neurodivergent children. Karen is also a community CPR instructor and has volunteered with Meals on Wheels for over 20 years.

In 2020, she joined Toastmasters and has completed three pathways: Persuasive Influence, Motivational Strategies, and Engaging Humor, earning the Triple Crown award each year. Currently, she is pursuing the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) title. Karen is the current Outreach Coordinator for District 25 and outgoing Area 13 Director. She has also served as Sergeant at Arms (SAA), Secretary, and President of her Toastmasters club, Something to Talk About, where she helps others discover the benefits of Toastmasters.



Keynote Speaker

THE LEADER'S EDGE: LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP FROM THE ICE

Renée Marietta

Sponsored by: Oliver Cozby

Learn how the skills cultivated in competitive figure skating - vision, perseverance, and adaptability - translate directly into effective leadership. By providing actionable insights, participants will leave equipped to enhance their leadership capabilities and drive their teams towards success. This aligns with the Summit Vision by fostering resilient, focused, and innovative leaders who can navigate challenges and inspire their organizations.

With a rich background spanning over two decades as an attorney, negotiator, and trainer, **Renée Marietta** brings a wealth of expertise to coaching and public speaking. Her passion for mindset, purpose, and holistic development takes center stage, creating a dynamic and engaging experience. Renée inspires the audience to dig a little deeper and discover reserves of strength and resilience they didn't know they had so they can meet life's challenges head-on with greater ease and grace.

Through her own healing journey to create the life she dreamed of, Renée discovered her passion for helping others cultivate a winning mindset and chart a path to success. Renée's unique and creative style is a key part of her connection with audiences as she interweaves her personal stories of courage and faith. Her high energy, humor, and insightful approach create a dynamic and engaging experience that leaves audiences excited and eager for more.

Keynote Speaker

LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM AN ART THIEF



Jake Robison

*Sponsored by: Keller
Communicators*

Join Jake on a journey of an art thief turned leader as he outlines the three simple rules to Level Up! your leadership skills. He wants you to remember to always be positive, tell great stories, and put people first.

For the past twenty years, **Jake Robison** has served in leadership roles, running businesses, and building teams with his high energy and collaborative approach. Jake operates American Motorcycle Trading Company in Bedford, TX, where his team of hand selected industry experts help him accomplish his vision of changing the way motorcycles are marketed and sold online.



LEADERSHIP

Leadership Lessons From The Walking Dead

Many important lessons can be gleaned from the Walking Dead. Glean how you can better prepare for the leadership challenges you face by reflecting on the type of leadership presented in this famous TV program. Be prepared to discuss concepts such as leading by example, making the hard decisions, and being prepared.



**Tracy
Speyer**

Overcome Being An Overwhelmed Leader
When you as the leader are overwhelmed, those around you feel the chaos and turmoil. Identify what is causing the overwhelm and learn three techniques to being more confident, focused, and in control. Today's fast-paced environment impacts how much is added to our workload and personal life. Prioritizing, being able to say no, and understanding the time constraints each day will lead to less stress and more personal satisfaction.



**Lauren
Midgley**

Level Your Playing Field

Would you rather be told a sweet lie or a harsh truth? Those who you hang around with the most will either tell you what you want to hear or what you need to hear. The difference is getting leveled in your position or Leveling Up your position!

**Jeffery R.
Mercier**





Education Session
Level Up Leadership
LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM
THE WALKING DEAD
Tracy Speyer

Sponsored by:
Bookmasters

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A sixteen year veteran of Toastmasters, **Tracy Speyer** obtained her DTM eleven years ago. She's served as Area Governor, Division Governor, and is now an Area Director again. Tracy's favorite program is the Walking Dead, and she draws many leadership lessons from the program.



Education Session

Level Up Leadership

OVERCOME BEING AN OVERWHELMED LEADER

Lauren Midgley

*Sponsored by:
Southlake Club*

When you as the leader are overwhelmed, those around you feel the chaos and turmoil. Identify what is causing the overwhelm and learn three techniques to being more confident, focused, and in control. Today's fast-paced environment impacts how much is added to our workload and personal life. Prioritizing, being able to say no, and understanding the time constraints each day will lead to less stress and more personal satisfaction.

Lauren Midgley, a DTM of Southlake Toastmasters Club, has been speaking professionally on the topic of productivity to entrepreneurs, employees, and leadership teams since 2013. Her message focuses on how best to use one's time on what matters.

She's published three books, including the most notable *It's 6 a.m. and I'm Already Behind: Strategies to Get Caught Up*. In addition to her speaking, Lauren consults with business owners on running a profitable, growth-oriented business.



Education Session

***YOUR CIRCLE LEVELS
YOUR PLAYING FIELD***

Jeffery R. Mercier

***Sponsored by:
Tarrant County Toastmasters***

Hear the story of a young man influenced by his circle of friends. Unbeknownst to him, he was impacted for many years. When he changed his circle of friends, his mindset, career, and opportunities changed. Changing your circle will Level Up! your life.

Jeffery R. Mercier was born in Florida but after six months he couldn't take it anymore and moved to the greatest state in the union, TEXAS! His rough upbringing altered the path he would take as a young man, and after years of drug use and uncertainty he started to train to fight in cages. A few failed fights and a bad mentor led him back down a dark road, ultimately ending in an arrest.

Jeffery is now VP of Project Management for an up-and-coming construction company where he wears many hats. In his free time, he's an avid gym goer and helps mentor young men with his podcast Sauna Sessions. He also volunteers with Hope Farms and AmeriCorp to advocate for young men who need solid male role models.



SUCCESS

Harnessing ADHD as a Superpower

Are you forgetful? Do you procrastinate? Are you easily distracted? Has goal setting always been a challenge? Do you get anxious easily? Whether you have ADD, ADHD, or just want to manage your life better, get ready to transform these obstacles into your greatest strengths! Master focus, enhance productivity, and achieve your goals by turning your ADHD into a superpower!



**Patty Wyatt
Sarah Tinsley**



**Tim
Anderson**

How To Be Assertive And Still Have Friends
She said. He said. That's how many conflicts start. We think we heard one thing, but the person meant something else. We thought we said one thing, but the person received a totally different message. We'll discuss practical ways we can more effectively be understood and understand others.

How To Level Up Your Mental Focus and Rest

In this informative session, you'll not only discover a form of science that may sharpen your mental capacity to focus during the day, you will increase your ability to rest better at night.



**Tasha
White**

Education Session

LEVEL UP! HARNESSING ADHD AS A SUPERPOWER



Patty Wyatt and Sarah Tinsley

***Sponsored by: Keller
Communicators***



Are you forgetful? Do you procrastinate? Are you easily distracted? Using humorous stories and messy life lessons, this mother-daughter duo will share the positive aspects of living with ADHD. Whether these questions resonate with you or you just want a more productive daily routine, come gain insight into your untapped potential, hear a few tried-and-true personal life hacks, and leave empowered to recognize your neurodivergent brain as a superpower rather than kryptonite.

A six-year member of Toastmasters, **Patty Wyatt** achieved her DTM in February 2024. She is the Vice President of Education for her home club, Keller Communicators, and also a member of Colleyville Toastmasters. In 2022, Patty emerged as the District Champion of the Toastmasters' International Speech Contest with her speech, "Hello Gorgeous." She conducts soft skills workshops and co-facilitates the very popular workshop, "Finding Your Success Partner." Patty's been with her company, Texas Society of CPAs, for thirty-seven years, but she is most passionate about helping those with social or speaking anxiety to find their voice.

The subject of Patty's award-winning "Hello Gorgeous" speech and now speaking alongside her, is her daughter, **Sarah Tinsley**. Sarah is a former Toastmaster who recently returned to the DFW area. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Services with a concentration in Deaf Services. Even though she now works within the health insurance industry, she is still fluent in American Sign Language and enjoys educating hearing people about ASL and the deaf community. Her speaking credentials include facilitating and teaching numerous Christian faith-based classes, workshops, and events. She wants you to tell your dog she says "hi."

Education Session

Level Up Communication



How To Be ASSERTIVE AND STILL HAVE FRIENDS

Tim Anderson

She said. He said. That's how many conflicts start. We think we heard one thing, but the person meant something else. We thought we said one thing, but the person received a totally different message. We'll discuss practical ways we can more effectively be understood and understand others.

Tim Anderson is the proud father of six and the founder of Father & Friend, an initiative dedicated to empowering fathers from all backgrounds to excel in their essential role as a parent. Understanding that family is often the most challenging team to lead, Tim is committed to providing dads with the mentorship skills and practical tools needed to effectively guide their children.

With over 15 years of experience in real estate, construction, and leadership, Tim appreciates the valuable skills fathers can transfer from their professional lives to their personal roles. His mission is to help fathers grow and leverage these skills to succeed in all aspects of their lives.

Education Session

Level Up Communication



HOW TO LEVEL UP! YOUR MENTAL FOCUS AND REST

Tasha White

Sponsored by: Oratory Excellence

In this informative session, you'll not only discover a form of science that may sharpen your mental capacity to focus during the day, you will increase your ability to rest better at night.

Tasha White is a native of the picturesque state of North Carolina. She obtained a Bachelor of Science in Communications with a concentration in Public Relations from Appalachian State University. While there, she joined the Distinguished Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She loves to travel in order to broaden her global awareness and respect for international cultures and cuisines.

She currently works for a Fortune 500 organization that assists national mental health communities in providing reliable and cost-effective resources.

As early as ten years old, she's volunteered with service organizations that assist children, women, and men. Some forty years later, she continues to serve in outstanding organizations like Toastmasters.

Tasha's lifelong goal is to launch a professional Public Speaking platform that utilizes biblical principles to uplift, educate, and sustain the surrounding international community-at-large who struggle in everyday life.



PURPOSE



**Brandy M.
Miller**

The Art of Marketing and Promoting Yourself

No budget? No problem. Uncover the five keys to getting anyone to lean in and listen along with strategies for communicating the vision and value of developing strategic partnerships to achieve your goals.



**Kenneth
Ray**

Present Professionally

Level up to professional presentations with PowerPoint slides that shine. Learn best practices for success and miscues to avoid.



**Ninfa
Flewitt**

Growing A President's Distinguished Club

Learn how YOUR club can grow into President's Distinguished this year. Ask our panel of President's Distinguished Club Officers the hard hitting questions and find out their secrets to success.



Education Session
Level Up Success
THE ART OF MARKETING
AND PROMOTING YOURSELF
Brandy M. Miller

Sponsored by:
IT Egos & Leaders-Speakers of
Tomorrow

No budget? No problem. Uncover five keys to get anyone to lean in and listen to you, along with strategies for communicating the vision and value of developing strategic partnerships to achieve your goals.

Award-winning international speaker and author, **Brandy M. Miller** began learning how to promote and market herself on a \$0 budget out of necessity. She had no money to use to launch her books or her business but a desperate need to bring in revenue to the household. As she struggled to draw awareness to her brand and her business, she developed effective strategies that she would later apply to Path To Connections, an entrepreneurial service organization, and to Denton Toastmasters in her work as the VP of PR. Her strategies prompted the use of events to benefit Denton Toastmasters through a partnership with the Greater Denton Arts Council and helped Path To Connections go from an email list of zero subscribers to 2,000 with a single webinar.

Education Session
Level Up Communication
LEVEL UP!
WITH PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS



Kenneth Ray

Sponsored by:
Mr. Cooper Speaks

Level up your professional presentations with Power Point slides that shine. Learn best practices for success and what miscues to avoid.

Kenneth Ray is a teacher, student, Dive Master, Competent Communicator, Competent Leader, Past Area 64 Governor, Information Security Professional, and movie maker. He's a person you'll want to hear. His presentations are full of golden nuggets no matter the subject. As a student of life, he strives to teach and share knowledge with everyone.



Education Session
Level Up Success
GROWING A PRESIDENT'S
DISTINGUISHED CLUB
Ninfa Flewitt

Sponsored by:
Highway To Excellence

Learn how YOUR club can grow into President's Distinguished this year. Ask our panel of President's Distinguished Club Officers the hard hitting questions and find out their secrets to success.

Ninfa Flewitt is a lifelong learner, leader, and encourager. She's been a member of Toastmasters since 2016. Being a member of a President's Distinguished Club every year of membership, Ninfa believes that every club CAN be President's Distinguished.

A Distinguished Toastmaster and Past District 25 Director, Ninfa Flewitt will lead a panel to offer suggestions and answer your questions to help you GROW your club into a President's Distinguished Club.



COMMUNICATION



Nicole
Dogan

Words Matter: Use Them Purposefully
In this interactive session, be prepared to look at how words are used and how they are attached to us and to others. Being intentional in the usage of words in speeches to bring people together and build confidence. Learn how to heed your words and believe you can do all you believe you are capable of.

Three Key Elements to Crafting A Memorable Speech

Developing a memorable story is the key ingredient to making a lasting impression on your audience. There are three key elements that should be included in every speech to make people remember your story. Do you know what they are?



Kristin
Clark



Alicia
McCuan

An Afternoon With Socrates

Socrates is well known as a philosopher who asked questions, but not many recognize that his methods can help people communicate their ideas and thoughts. Learn to use the Socratic method to better understand yourself and to communicate in an effective and mindful way both personally and professionally.

Education Session

Level Up Leadership



***WORDS MATTER: USE
THEM PURPOSEFULLY***

Nicole Dogan

*Sponsored by:
Progressive Leaders*

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Nicole Dogan is a Toastmasters junkie and especially loves D25. She joined Toastmasters in 2021 and is a member of Progressive Leaders, as well as Highway to Excellence.

Nicole just completed her second Pathway (e.g., Presentation Mastery, Engaging Humor). She also loves visiting other clubs, allowing her to attain the Nemileta 9 incentive award for the past two years. She enjoys growing her Leadership and public speaking skills and has served as Club Secretary (3 years), Area Director (1 year) and is currently the Division B Director.

Education Session
Level Up Communication
CRAFT A MEMORABLE STORY



Kristin Clark

Sponsored by:
Southlake Club

Developing a memorable story is the key ingredient to making a lasting impression on your audience. There are three elements that should be included in every speech to make people remember you. Do you know what they are?

Kristin Clark is a leadership and success coach who loves helping people get confident about listening to their own voice when deciding on a career path. Before becoming a sought-after career exploration coach, she ran corporate marketing departments, has been the most requested mentor through Torch, a professional mentoring company and became a Gallup Certified Strengths Coach. Through these experiences, Kristin found her love for mentoring young people.

Kristin founded College Planning Untangled and works with students to help guide them to identify a career they love. Through Kristin Clark Coaching, she works with young adults and experienced workers to transition into a career that makes them happy. She and her husband, Steve, have two sons, Matt, a recent graduate of Oklahoma State University, Go Pokes. And Chris, a college graduate from the University of Alabama, Roll Tide. Both are enjoying their careers!

Education Session

Level Up Communication

AN AFTERNOON WITH SOCRATES



Alisha McCuan

*Sponsored by:
Mr. Cooper Speaks*

Socrates is well known as a philosopher who asked questions, but not many recognize his methods can help people communicate their ideas and thoughts. Learn to use the Socratic method to better understand yourself and communicate in an affective and mindful way both personally and professionally.

Alisha McCuan is a proud member of Mr. Cooper Speaks. She works as a Claims Analyst at Mr. Cooper and as an Adjunct Professor at Southern Nazarene University for the adult Bachelors of Business Administration program. She currently teaches Business Analytics, Management Information Systems, Finance for Managers, and International Business and Ethics and is an avid user of the Socratic method inside and outside of the college lecture hall.



LEADERSHIP PANEL

Leadership Panel

Speed Dating Style



***Level Up! Your
Leadership Game!***

Emily Murray

**Leadership
Committee Chair**

Ready to unlock the secrets of leadership in District 25? Join us for the Leadership Panel and discover how to level up your role-playing skills in the real-world game of district leadership! Whether you're eyeing the high-score path of the Trio, thinking about crafting the perfect event décor, mastering the art of education at TLIs, or strategizing your way through Public Relations, this is your chance to gain insider tips from those who've played the game before you.

In this dynamic, speed-dating style session, you'll get the chance to ask questions, gather pro-level tactics, and learn how YOU can power up and help D25 Level Up!



DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTERS

JIM CHAPPEL
SHUHDI HASHIM
LARRY PRINCE

DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTER

JIM CHAPPEL

Toastmaster since February 2016

DTM EARNED APRIL 13, 2024



**Home Club:
San Angelo
Toastmasters**

What was your DTM Project?

Developed house leaders for Habitat for Humanity.

What did you learn through your DTM project?

Being a good socializer is not a bad thing!

How has your Toastmasters participation affected your life?

It has improved my speaking, my self confidence, and my ability to think more before I speak.

What advice would you give other Toastmasters?

Set short goals for your speaking path every year, and before you know it you will be a DTM.

Now that you have achieved the Distinguished Toastmaster award, what is your next goal?

For my next DTM, I want to be not to be so much goal focused, but focused more on quality versus quantity.

DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTER

SHUDI HASHIM

Toastmaster since July 2017

DTM EARNED AUGUST 15, 2024



**Home Club:
Smiling Stars**

What was your DTM Project?

Reviving a prison gavel club.

What did you learn through your DTM project?

Toastmasters has the power to transform individuals.

How has your Toastmasters participation affected your life?

It has improved my confidence, improved my communication and leadership skills, and I have been able to inspire those around me

What advice would you give other Toastmasters?

Reach for the stars. Aim high. Commit to giving at least a speech a month.

Now that you have achieved the Distinguished Toastmaster award, what is your next goal?

Getting the next one. Motivating others to do the same.

DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTER

LARRY PRINCE

Toastmaster since April 2013

DTM EARNED AUGUST 19, 2024

**Home Club: Abeline
Toastmasters Club**



What was your DTM Project?

**District 25 Toastmasters' Member Experience
Workshops**

What did you learn through your DTM project?

**Teamwork, organization, interactive
communication, video presentation skills**

**How has your Toastmasters participation affected
your life?**

**It has made me more aware of my public
speaking positives and negatives.**

What advice would you give other Toastmasters?

**Stay in there. Stick with it. Don't give up. If I
can do it, so can you.**

**Now that you have achieved the Distinguished
Toastmaster award, what is your next goal?**

**Keep improving and adding new members to
the Toastmaster family.**

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