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Denise McConnell, DTM

District Director, 2025-2026
District 25 Toastmasters

Hello District 25,

As your District Director, I am thrilled to welcome you to the annual D25 Summit! Our powerful theme this year is “Rising as One,” a crucial call to action that directly supports our district focus: Becoming One.

We’ve curated an incredible lineup of Summit keynotes and education sessions today, all designed to build collective strength and foster unified growth. You will dive into dynamic workshops covering advanced leadership techniques and innovative strategies for effective team communication. These sessions are specifically structured to provide you with practical tools and insights that you can immediately apply in your roles, helping us break down organizational silos, recognize the unique value each member brings, and prepare us to ascend together.

This Summit is your chance to engage, network, and fully embrace the power of unified effort. When we commit to Rising as One, we leverage our diverse talents for unmatched excellence across the entire district. The networking opportunities here are boundless, and I encourage you to make the most of them.

Let the learning and collaboration begin! I want to express my sincere gratitude for your commitment and active participation in this Summit. Your dedication is what makes our district strong and united.

2025 D25 District Director,
Denise McConnell, DTM





Kelsey Dean, SR5

Summit Manager, 2025-2026
District 25 Toastmasters

Welcome to the 2025 Summit, District 25!

It is my honor to serve as your Summit Manager and to celebrate this inspiring day of growth, connection, and achievement. The success of this event is the result of many dedicated members uniting their talents, ideas, and enthusiasm—truly exemplifying our theme, Rising As One.

In Toastmasters, we rise together through shared learning, mutual encouragement, and a collective commitment to excellence. We strengthen not only our communication and leadership skills, but also the bonds that connect us as a community. Each member's contribution lifts us all higher.

This Summit provides a unique opportunity to learn from one another, expand your skills, and celebrate your progress. As you participate in sessions, engage with fellow members, and draw inspiration from our speakers, remember that every step forward helps us all continue Rising As One.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Enjoy the event, and may the spirit of unity and growth continue to guide you throughout your Toastmasters experience.

2025 D25 Summit Manager,
Kelsey Dean, SR5



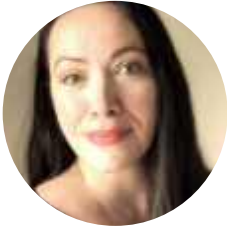


2025 Fall Summit Schedule

Time	Events	Location	Role Assignments	Role Holders	Scope
7:00- 10:00	Registration Opens	Inspire Ball Room (ABC)	Welcome	Denise McConnell	
8:00 -9:40	Area Council	Inspire Ball Room (ABC)	Welcome	Denise McConnell	Stoic Strength: Rising Together Through Resilience
			Keynote	Krystal Besaw	
			AD Exercise		
9:40 -9:50	Group Photo and Clear the Objectives				
9:50 - 9:55	Summit	Inspire Ball Room	Welcome	Denise McConnell	Welcome
				Nojaf Dostaliyev	Announcements
9:55 - 10:00	Transition Break				
10:00 - 10:50	Education Sessions				
	RISING AS ONE	Inspire EIF	Leadership	Kim Story Haagen	Elevate All: The Collective Power of Creating and Communicating Value
		Engage	Communication	Bindu Chintha	Rise Above: Turning Life's Pressure into Your Greatest Strength
		Innovate	Success	Jessica Chang	Beyond Words: Rising As One Across Cultures & Communication Styles
10:50 - 11:00	Transition Break				
11:00 - 11:50	Education Sessions				
	RISING AS ONE	Inspire EIF	Leadership	Jamie Pickering	The Language of Leadership: Mindset, Words, and Impact
		Engage	Communication	Lawrencia Mason Gramalu	Using EQ to Soar through Life's Transitions
		Innovate	Success	Jen Romaszowski	Charting the Course to Joy: Leadership That Inspires and Engages
11:50 - 12:00	Transition Break				
12:00 - 1:20	Lunch	Inspire Ball Room (ABC)	Toastmaster		Hot Air Always Rises
Keynote			Robi Ley		
1:20 - 1:30	Transition Break				
1:30 - 2:20	Education Sessions				
	RISING AS ONE	Inspire EIF	Leadership	Jamie English & Mark English	Just Keep Dancing: Leading, Following, and Rising Together
		Engage	Communication	Keith E Boepple	From Blank Page to Presentation
		Innovate	Success	Shuhdi Hashim	Grow your club: Inside out
2:20 - 2:30	Transition Break				
2:30 - 3:50	Leadership Keynote and Leadership Panel at Inspire Ball Room (ABC)			Jesse Ford	
3:50 - 4:00	Transition Break				
4:00 - 4:45	Judges Training at Inspire Ball Room (Innovate)			Tracy Speyer	
4:45 - 6:00	Transition Break - Summit closes				
5:30 - 6:30	DTM Practice				
6:30 - 6:45	Dignitary LINE- UP				
6:45 - 7:00	Dignitary Parade				
7:00 - 9:45	Dinner	Inspire Ball Room(ABC)	Keynote	Richard Hinckley	How to be a Jack (or Jill) of All Trades
			Toastmaster	Michelle Bayes	



2025 Fall Summit Keynote Speakers



Krystal Besaw, SR5
Area Council Keynote Speaker
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Robi Ley, DTM
Lunch Keynote Speaker
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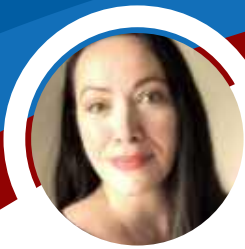


**Richard Hinckley, LD5, DL5,
EH5, SR5, PM5, MS4**
Dinner Keynote Speaker
Sponsored by
Top of Texas



Chuck LeBlanc, DTM
Region 3 Advisor
Leadership Panel
Keynote Speaker





Krystal Besaw, SR5

**Title: Stoic Strength:
Rising Together Through Resilience**

Objectives:

- Discover how emotional regulation enhances leadership and team cohesion and apply Stoic journaling and reflection practices to build long-term resilience
- Disappointment is inevitable—but defeat is optional. In this empowering session, we'll explore how timeless Stoic principles can help individuals and teams rise stronger after setbacks. Drawing from the writings of Marcus Aurelius, Epictetus, and modern thinkers like Ryan Holiday and Mark Manson, this talk bridges ancient wisdom with modern psychology to offer a practical framework for emotional resilience.

Bio:

Krystal Besaw is a strategist and speaker with a background in psychology and a passion for personal growth through timeless wisdom. Drawing from Stoic philosophy and modern behavioral science, she helps individuals and teams build emotional resilience, navigate adversity, and lead with clarity. Her work blends insights from thinkers like Marcus Aurelius, Ryan Holiday, and Mark Manson with practical tools from cognitive psychology and game theory.





Robi Ley, DTM

Title: Hot Air Always Rises

Objectives

- **Debunking the statement “full of hot air”; it’s not an insult. Hot air always rises.**
- **Using the examples of a hot air balloon mass ascension and a symphony orchestra to demonstrate how “hot air” produces beautiful sights and sounds that can inspire and lift others.**
- **Encourage the audience to not only produce their own “hot air” but to encourage others to find their voice and message.**

Bio:

Robi Ley is a Past District 25 Director with nearly 15 years Toastmasters experience. She is a published author, experienced leader and speaker, and someone familiar with being told they “talk too much”. The theme of “Rising as One” resonates with Robi, as the past year and a half has taken her to a place where the only direction to go was up. After a months’ long battle with cancer, she lost her husband in October 2024. Without the support of friends and family, she’s not sure she would have risen at all. This take on the “full of hot air” phrase is one she can personally attest to, and is grateful for those who helped, and continue to help her as she seeks to rise as one who has come through the fire, stronger and better than before.





Richard Hinckley, LD5, DL5, EH5, SR5, PM5, MS4

**Title: How to be Jack (or Jill) of
All Trades**

Objectives:

- To inspire the audience to believe in themselves, appreciate their accomplishments, and to seek to constantly improve, no matter where they are at present.
- I would seek to uplift the audience by sharing personal triumphs and disappointments, giving insight into how I choose to focus on the path ahead and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.
- Challenge the audience to consider their personal journey and reflect on those that have helped them along the way. Encourage them to look at the sphere of people around them and find ways to connect and learn from others.

Bio:

Richard Hinckley is currently the Division E Director, is IPP of LM AeroSpeakers and Top of Texas Toastmasters, and a prior Area Director for Area 53. He has held several club officer roles and served as a Club Coach, Club Sponsor, and Club Mentor. He has earned the Triple Crown award each of the past 4 years.

Professionally, he is an 8-year employee at Lockheed Martin and has experience in IT management and professional consulting across multiple industries. He has been a Texas Real Estate broker since 2012.





**2025 Fall Summit
Education Sessions –
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM**



Kim Story Hagen, DTM

Morning Education Speaker
Sponsored by
Arlington Nooners Toastmasters Club



Bindu Chintha, DTM

Morning Education Speaker
Sponsored by
Motor Mouths



Jessica Chang

Morning Education Speaker
Sponsored by
D25 Member
Experience Team





Kim Story Hagen, DTM

**Title: Elevate All:
The collective Power of Creating
and Communicating Value**

Objectives:

- **Define Collective Values - “The Fellowship Forms”**
- **Create Value in an Organization - “Forging the Ring — But for Good”**
- **Communicate Value Within and Beyond - “The Beacon Is Lit”**
- **Toastmasters members who want to more clearly define the value of the club membership, clubs that want to create more value for their members, officers and members who want to better communicate those values to promote Toastmasters and their club, and any members who want to duplicate this process and these principles in the workplace.**

Bio:

Public speaking has always been a passion for Kim. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a BA in Speech Communication. She later taught public speaking at Wake Forest University and has been a member of Toastmasters for over a decade. She is a two-time DTM recipient, speech contest winner, keynote speaker, member of the Speakers Bureau, TLI trainer, and former district leader.





Bindu Chintha, DTM

Title: Rise Above: Turning Life's Pressures into Your Greatest Strength

Objectives:

- Inspire participants to see life's pressures not as obstacles but as opportunities for growth and resilience.
- Equip attendees with practical tools to transform personal and professional stress into clarity, confidence, and forward momentum.
- Foster a sense of shared strength and community by encouraging participants to rise together, supporting one another in leadership and personal growth.
- This session is designed for anyone ready to rise above life's challenges and create meaningful change. Whether you are pursuing personal growth, seeking renewed motivation, or looking for practical ways to thrive in work and life, this presentation will provide the inspiration and tools to unlock your inner strength.

Bio:

Bindu Chintha is a TEDx speaker, technologist, and yoga researcher who inspires audiences to transform insight into their greatest strengths. With over two decades of leadership experience in the tech industry and currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Yoga and Spiritual Science, she bridges ancient wisdom with modern science to create actionable strategies for growth.





Jessica Chang

Title: Beyond Words: Rising As One Across Cultures & Communication Styles

Objectives:

- Help participants recognize common cross-cultural communication traps, then practice small, repeatable techniques to transform misunderstanding into mutual respect.
- Demonstrate practical Toastmasters tools—feedback methods, storytelling frames, and meeting roles—that align with the Summit vision of uniting, uplifting, and empowering members.
- Toastmasters of all experience levels—club officers, members, and guests—who work or volunteer in multicultural teams and want concrete strategies to communicate inclusively and inspire collective growth.

Bio:

Born and raised in Taiwan, Jessica moved to the United States when she was 15. She now serves Texas Woman's University as Academic Advisor & Recruiter for the Doswell School of Aeronautical Sciences while pursuing an MBA in Business Analytics. A year after being a member of Toast with Confidence, the Toastmasters student chapter at TWU, Jessica decided to take on the role of VPPR. She is passionate about helping students build confidence in their communication abilities, the same way that Toastmasters helped her,





**2025 Fall Summit
Education Sessions –
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM**



Jamie Pickering, DTM

Lunch Education Speaker
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Highway To Excellence



Lawrencina Mason Oramalu, DL4

Lunch Education Speaker
Sponsored by
Electric Toasters



Jen Romaszewski, DTM

Lunch Education Speaker
Sponsored by
Lakeside TAC Leaders





Jamie Pickering, DTM

**Title: The Language of Leadership:
Mindset, Words, and Impact**

Objectives:

- This session will provide transformative education on the language of leadership, showing members how to foster a culture of trust, psychological safety, and open communication.
- To empower attendees with a new mindset and specific vocabulary to uplift others, demonstrating how vulnerability and empathy strengthen our bonds.
- To provide a roadmap for continuous growth, showing how the consistent application of these leadership skills strengthens our community bonds and propels everyone upward.
- The audience who would most benefit from this presentation are Toastmasters members who are in or aspiring to leadership roles—both inside and outside of Toastmasters.

Bio:

Jamie believes in the transformative power of the “ah-ha” moment, a feeling she discovered when she found her own potential to lead and speak publicly. As a Past Region Advisor, she has a proven record of leadership and continues to serve in various capacities. Jamie is an IT Manager with a unique background that blends Sound Design and Computer Science, giving her a creative yet structured approach to problem-solving.





Lawrencina Mason Oramalu, DL4

Title: Using EQ to Soar through Life's Transitions

Objectives:

- Participants will be able to identify their current emotional responses to personal or professional transitions by applying self-awareness tools from Emotional Intelligence (EQ).
- Participants will be able to apply strategies for maintaining optimism, reframing obstacles as opportunities, adapting to change, and building resilience during challenging seasons.
- All attendees could benefit from this session, but especially those who have recently gone through a personal or professional transition and would like to learn tools and hear stories about how to navigate life's transitions and rise above the storms.

Bio:

In a world often filled with hopelessness, fear, anxiety, and negativity, Lawrencina Mason Oramalu seeks to be a vessel for hope, love, faith, and optimism. Her prayer is that God will use her written and spoken words to shine His light into the lives of others.

Throughout her life, Lawrencina has been on a mission to encourage, empower, educate, and equip people to reach their potential. She is a self-described hope dealer and seed planter and is committed to helping others shine, bloom, and grow.





Jen Romaszewski, DTM

Title: Charting the Course to Joy: Leadership That Inspires and Engages

Objectives:

- Identify sources of joy and barriers to well-being.
- Apply evidence-based strategies to improve engagement and resilience.
- Amplify a culture of recognition, connection, and purpose.
- Individuals who have an interest in addressing the level of joy in their environment - be that a toastmaster club, a workplace, another volunteer organization, or home. Individuals who are action-oriented with a desire to combine communication and leadership skills to dig deeper to uplift themselves and others. Individuals desiring to become supervisors/managers or who may be new to a leadership role may also benefit from my session.

Bio:

Jen Romaszewski integrates clinical, academic, and public health expertise (D-ABDPH) to support systems-level changes and organizational excellence in her professional life. Her skill set includes project coordination, quality improvement (LSSGB), data analysis, strategic thinking, cross-functional collaboration, public speaking (DTM), and policy development. He has enjoyed being an active member of Toastmasters International since 2011, has served as an Area Director and Division Director, and is motivated by the opportunity to make a difference by responding to needs and empowering others.





Education Sessions – 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM



Jamie English, PMI & Mark English

Afternoon Education Speakers

Sponsored by:
Southlake Club (x2)



Keith E Boepple, DTM

Afternoon Education Speaker

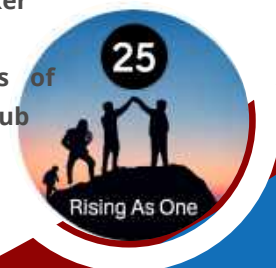
Sponsored by:
Power Communicators



Shuhdi Hashim, DTM

Afternoon Education Speaker

Sponsored by:
IT Leaders and Speakers of
Tomorrow Toastmasters Club





Jamie English, PMI & Mark English

**Title: Just Keep Dancing:
Leading, Following, and
Rising Together**

Objectives:

- Invite participants to reflect on leadership, communication, and personal growth through the metaphor of ballroom dance.
- Provide interactive experiences and shared stories that highlight the power of trust, timing, and connection in both dancing, life, and leadership.
- This presentation is ideal for Toastmasters of all experience levels who are seeking inspiration, encouragement, and practical tools for leadership and personal growth. It's especially meaningful for those navigating change, struggling with perfectionism, or looking to reconnect with joy and community in their Toastmasters journey.

Bio:

Dr. Jamie English, LCSW-S, is a therapist and college professor who brings heart, humor, and insight to every stage she steps on. She owns a private practice in Grapevine, TX, where she specializes in body image, trauma, and self-trust. As a Toastmaster, Jamie believes in the power of story, presence, and letting go of perfection.

Mark English is a former Secondary Social Studies Teacher of 16 1/2 years and a former 1Lt in the U.S. Army Reserves, where he served as a Platoon Leader and a Detachment Commander. He loves to read, write, dance with Jamie, and make people laugh. He has been a member of Toastmasters for five years.





Keith E Boepple , DTM

Title: From Blank Page to Presentation

Objectives:

- The participants will learn a methodology for defeating Writer's Block when creating a presentation.
- To give the participants a step-by-step method to create a presentation to meet any purpose and any audience while strengthening the evidence (proofs) they use within their presentation.
- To give the participants the chance to try this method in a fully active seminar. They will do each step and create the outline of a presentation by the end of the seminar.
- Anyone who needs to create a presentation for any purpose, ages 15 and over will benefit from this seminar.

Bio:

Keith Boepple, DTM, has lived an interesting life. He travelled throughout Canada, the USA, the Bahamas, China, and parts of Europe as a missionary. He has been a Middle School Teacher of Speech, Communication, and Writing the last 14 years (currently teaching in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD). He celebrates his 20th year in Toastmasters in June 2026 (hopefully gaining his second DTM). Member of Power Communicators and Lakeside TACmasters, he lives in Coppell with his wonderful wife Laura. He is the proud stepdad of 5 older children, and step granddad to 3 kids.





Shuhdi Hashim, DTM

Title: Grow Your Club: Inside Out

Objectives:

- A workshop on membership development that solicits the audience for club membership issues and then addresses ways to resolve them through audience participation.
- Ideas on how to successfully engage the community to recruit guests (active audience participation, experience and challenges sharing).
- How to fire up the club by converting guests to members, members to officers, officers to district officers (active audience participation, experience and challenges sharing).

Bio:

A founding member of Smiling Stars Toastmasters, he caught the Toastmasters spark, progressing from a member to a club officer and ultimately to Club President. Under his leadership, the club sustained its distinguished status throughout the pandemic. He then advanced to Area Director and Division Director. A Distinguished Toastmaster, he is passionate about spreading the Toastmasters magic to the public and humbly reignited a Prison unit Toastmasters Club as part of his DTM project.





Leadership Panel





Jesse Ford, DTM

**Immediate Past District Director
Leadership Panel - Speed Dating Style**

Have you ever thought about getting involved in leadership? Whether you are interested in club level or think you want to be the District Director one day it is our pleasure to invite you to an amazing and inspiring Leadership Panel to be held live at the Summit on Saturday Nov 1. We are excited to bring together a diverse panel of visionary leaders who are driving positive change across clubs and the district. This dynamic conversation will give you the chance to hear from a variety of experiences and roles and get all the information you can handle.

Whether you're a brand-new member or been in the program for 50 years leadership is something we all can learn more about, so you don't want to miss this. The panel will share about their experiences and so much more. This event promises to be all about collective growth and will be a valuable opportunity to gain fresh perspectives, ask meaningful questions, and engage with changemakers who believe in the strength of rising together. Let's come together to learn, grow, and be empowered—because leadership isn't just about one person at the top; it's about how we lift each other up and say it with me... RISE!



Chuck LeBlanc, DTM

**Region 3 Advisor
Leadership Panel
Keynote Speaker**





Tracy Speyer, DTM

**Judges Training
First Command Club**

Judges Training in Toastmasters is more than just learning how to score a speech—it's a gateway to becoming a trusted steward of excellence. This engaging and empowering session equips members with the tools to evaluate fairly, confidently, and consistently across all levels of competition.

Whether you're judging a club contest or a district championship, you'll learn:

- How to interpret the judging criteria with clarity and precision
- How to minimize bias and uphold the integrity of the contest
- How to listen actively and assess speeches with a discerning ear
- How to contribute meaningfully to a speaker's growth journey

Why Become a Judge?

- **Sharpen Your Listening Skills:** Judges learn to tune in to structure, content, and delivery with laser focus.
- **Boost Your Confidence:** Making decisions under pressure strengthens your poise and judgment.
- **Serve Your Community:** Judges uphold fairness and inspire excellence—your role matters.





Congratulations Distinguished Toastmasters





Jim Jameson, DTM

Home Club & Number:
Keller Communicators,
621025

What was your DTM project?

“Pathways Coordinator: Change Management for Toastmasters”

What did you learn through your DTM project?

People join Toastmasters for many different reasons, which often evolve as they grow. By providing Pathways training I was able to help many people understand how Toastmasters can help them pursue a wide variety of goals

How has your Toastmasters participation affected your life?

Toastmasters has changed my outlook on Leadership (especially Servant Leadership), and has also taught me the importance of Community and cross-cultural awareness.

What advice would you give to other Toastmasters?

Don't rest on your laurels -- Keep looking for new goals and opportunities as you grow in your communication and leadership abilities!





Christopher A. Lalik, DTM

Home Club & Number:
Mansfield Toastmasters,
28678015

What was your DTM project?

I taught three job search classes for both Toastmasters and non Toastmasters who were trying to find their next position

What did you learn through your DTM project?

People appreciate learning difficult lessons from others rather than learning them on their own.

How has your Toastmasters participation affected your life?

As a hard-core introvert, Toastmasters has helped me become more confident and adept at communications. In my current role as a Sales Manager, this is profoundly impactful.

What advice would you give to other Toastmasters?

Be persistent in spite of the doubt and frustration. The end result is worth it.





Emily Murray, DTM

Home Club & Number:
Highway to Excellence Club,
3332446

What was your DTM project?

Created and implemented quarterly leadership development training for the 6 Division Directors who served during my District Director year 2023-2024

What did you learn through your DTM project?

How to connect a group of people and create varied, engaging training that encourages participation and leads to discernable, actual growth

How has your Toastmasters participation affected your life?

This is my 3rd Distinguished Toastmasters award! This is an achievement that has provided opportunity for me to grow in a wide-range of fields that I would not ever have had access to either personally or professionally elsewhere, including: self-development; leadership; growing others; training; project development; collaboration; event management, etc. I am very proud of each DTM as each journey was a significant amount of work and each had major impact on who I have become.

What advice would you give to other Toastmasters?

When an opportunity arrives- say yes.

The opportunity wouldn't arrive if you weren't ready for it- even if you think you aren't yet.

You are. It's when you think you aren't ready, but say yes and then put in the work that you will have the most growth through the opportunities that come your way.





Chris Raneri, DTM

Home Club & Number:
Strategic Communicators,
3331520

What was your DTM project?

Creating a New Member Orientation presentation template

What did you learn through your DTM project?

How important the information provided during orientation is to new Toastmasters and to veteran Toastmasters joining our club

How has your Toastmasters participation affected your life?

Toastmasters has been life changing. It has helped me become a more effective communicator and leader. It has grounded me and provided insightful feedback that has helped me grow.

What advice would you give to other Toastmasters?

Don't settle for doing the minimum. To get the most from the program, you have to invest in yourself. I guarantee it will be worth it.





Karen Shadden, DTM

Home Club & Number:
Something to Talk About,
5518497

What was your DTM project?

Manage and exhibit in our local mall plus at the city building bringing awareness to victims of assault.

What did you learn through your DTM project?

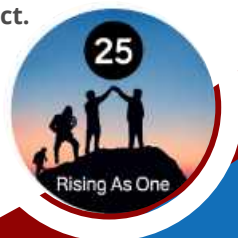
I was able to use my leadership styles as well as communication styles working with different people on my team. Also learned a lot about assault and who is affected that it can be anyone. Learn to set small goals. Keep pushing forward and saw the fruition of the project. It was carried out by other members going forward. This was a highlight for me just knowing I put something together and then it can be carried on by other people.

How has your Toastmasters participation affected your life?

Toastmasters has changed my life. It has been a place I can come. I have found my voice on friends, have grown and continue to grow. I have loved learning to serve on teams, mentor, and coach. All of these things are possible within Toastmasters.

What advice would you give to other Toastmasters?

Set goals. Let others help you as you move through these goals. Serve in your clubs in the district. Participate in district events. This is a great way to meet new friends. Be a part of something bigger which is the Toastmaster family.





Donna Young, DTM

Home Club & Number:
IT Leaders and Speakers of Tomorrow
Toastmasters Club,
1483991

What was your DTM project?

Lead a team to redesign a website and identify a Case Management System to replace excel tracking for First 3 Years, in a local non-profit that nurtures early relational and mental health of infants and toddlers in Texas.

What did you learn through your DTM project?

The importance of meeting people where they are and respecting that each person has something unique to bring to the effort.

How has your Toastmasters participation affected your life?

I've learned to look at people when THEY are talking. It helps me slow down and spend more time listening rather than talking.

What advice would you give to other Toastmasters?

It's OK not to have an answer or immediate response. Pausing shows that you are sincerely considering your words and shows respect for your audience.





Map to Conference Rooms

**DoubleTree by Hilton Fort Worth South
Hotel & Conference Center**
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LEVEL 1

Floor Map Key

- Meeting/Conference Rooms
- Amenities/Service Areas
- Foyer Space
- Pool

