

Hello Fellow Toastmasters,

My name is Nansii Downer and I wanted to take a moment to tell you a bit about myself. I am originally from California, but have been here in the great state of Texas for 30 years. I know, hard to believe since I am only 29.

My husband Bryan and I have been married for over 42 years, have 2 grown children and 7 grands and 2 great-grands. I know, I know....29 right??

Most of my fellow Toastmasters know that I love to make quilts, tote bags, home décor and I even enjoy hand stitching and embroidery. I am an avid reader and have published 4 books, with more in the works.

I am the Executive Director of Arts Council of Northeast Tarrant County. We raise awareness and funds to provide artistic, cultural and educational opportunities to improve the lives in our communities. I organize and orchestrate our Masterworks Concerts Series, providing free wonderful concerts and entertainment for our cities. I also oversee the Art on Wheels and our Community Arts Programs for Northeast Tarrant County. My role also allows me to share Toastmasters when I am out networking. I have even been asked to share my speaking techniques with youth groups.

I am serving my second time as an Area Director. I enjoy working with fellow Toastmasters and the fun we have together. There is a certain bond that happens with members in the clubs. I would like the opportunity to serve as a Division Director because I truly believe that by helping others improve and grow, we do too. One of my 5 Leadership Strengths is Hospitality, serving others is my jam.