

DISTRICT 4 TOASTMASTERS



Saturday May 30

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Speech Contests

Welcome



I love speech contests! They are a great way to build bridges between your home club and the greater Toastmasters community.

Contests offer an extra challenge and motivation to improve our skills as speakers and leaders, whether participating as a contestant, functionary, or audience member. Contestants seize the opportunity to share their stories with a bigger audience and empower them to become better versions of themselves.

It takes a lot of hard work to prepare for a contest, both for contestants and organizers, but the rewards are worth it. You too will play a crucial role in making this contest a success, by being part of our supportive audience. Warm up your hands and get ready to be generous with your applause, as we witness our contestants own the stage and empower us into action with their inspiring speeches and encouraging evaluations.

Kitzy Avilés DTM
DISTRICT DIRECTOR



Our District's Toastmasters year reaches its crescendo with the District Contest, with the best of our story tellers showcasing their artistry.

If that is not exciting enough, add the challenge of the online format to the mix, and you get a potent combination. Let us cheer on the contestants who have worked through the year, fine tuning their craft to get to this grand stage.

In a year, when the Legacy education program phases out, we truly bridge over to the new technology driven world, with virtual collaboration and the live feed on YouTube. For me, it has been an honor and privilege to work with a team of tremendously skilled and dedicated volunteers organizing this event.

Let us together build bridges and drive each other towards excellence. Let us celebrate our District's illustrious past, charter the future, and fly high.

Kalidas Cheroolil DTM
PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR



Never before have we been challenged to re-imagine our contest season while we were in the middle of it. But our contestants and

contest functionaries rose to the challenge and quickly became pioneers in engaging this new process of conducting virtual speech contests. This was an arduous process at times, but in true Toastmasters fashion, volunteers came out of the woodwork to make these contests successful.

And that's what Toastmasters is all about! We push ourselves out of our comfort zones in order to become better versions of ourselves. Thank you to all the contestants, the volunteers, and our audience cheerleaders who dove in headfirst to be a part of these virtual contests. It truly takes a village and I'm proud to be a part of this village with you.

Catrina Jorene Meyers
CONFERENCE CHAIR



An effective evaluator is a great coach! Learning to evaluate effectively in a way that lands well with the recipient is the most transferable skill we learn in Toastmasters. It translates to our personal and professional lives.

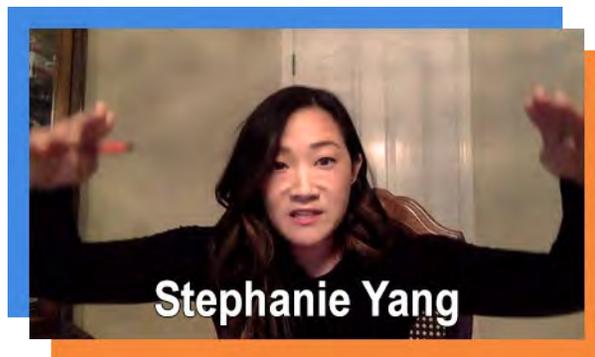
Great leaders are great coaches and great coaching comes from learning to be an effective evaluator.

I love the evaluation competition because we all get to learn from the best of District 4 and to see how to be even better the next time we do an evaluation.

Evaluations – there is no better example of the best that Toastmasters has to offer.

Bill Gordon

EVALUATION CONTEST TOASTMASTER



Evaluation Contest

Hosted by **Bill Gordon**
Toastmaster

Neil Shapiro
Chief Judge

Awards presented by **Kitzzy Aviles** DTM
District Director

Kalidas Cheroolil DTM
Program Quality Director

Unofficial Ballot <i>Practice your contest judging skills</i>		Analytical Quality <i>40 points</i>	Recommendations <i>30 points</i>	Technique <i>15 points</i>	Summation <i>15 points</i>	Total <i>100 points</i>
Speaking Order	Contestant	Clear, Focused	Positive, Specific, Helpful	Sympathetic, Sensitive, Motivational	Concise, Encouraging	
	Aaron Samson					
	Ky-Van Lee					
	Max Kukartsev					
	Stephanie Yang					
	Stewart Murrie					

One minute silence after each contestant's speech to score ballot

The contestants (one per Division) are listed alphabetically by first name. The speaking order is chosen randomly and will be announced by the Toastmaster at the start of the contest.

The contestants will hear a 5 to 7 minute test speech. The Sergeant at-Arms will then escort the contestants from the room and they'll have five minutes to prepare their evaluations. The contestants will return one at a time to deliver their 2 to 3 minute evaluation.



Dear Toastmasters and Honored Guests, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our District 4 International Speech Contest. As a Toastmaster for 5 years, I am proud to be part of this supportive, growth-minded, and inspirational group.

I joined Toastmasters late in my career, thinking I could provide an example to early-career colleagues and help them improve their speaking and presenting skills. I quickly found that I had a lot to learn! I am a much better speaker now and much more effective in leadership roles than when I started. And there is always more to learn and plenty of room for growth. Now retired, I keep showing up for my own growth and to encourage and support others.

I'm excited to hear our stellar speakers today. They are Toastmasters who have striven to get here. Because of their efforts and talents, they have won their club, area, and division contests. They have been working to hone their speeches for about three months. Congratulations to each of our contestants for being here! We look forward to hearing your stories.



Ellen Petrill

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST TOASTMASTER



Aaron Samson



Nicole Medina



Noemi Gonzalez



Stewart Murrie



Tasha Ford

International Speech Contest

Hosted by **Ellen Petrill**

Toastmaster

Neil Shapiro

Chief Judge

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District Director

Kalidas Cheroolil DTM

Program Quality Director

Unofficial Ballot <i>Practice your contest judging skills</i>		Content <i>50 points</i>			Delivery <i>30 points</i>			Language <i>20 points</i>		Total <i>100 points</i>
Speaking Order	Contestant	Speech Development Structure, Organization, Support Materia	Effectiveness Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception	Speech Value Ideas, Logic, Original Thought	Physical Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	Voice Flexibility, Volume	Manner Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm	Appropriateness To Speech Purpose and Audience	Correctness Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection	
	Aaron Samson <i>The Next Moment</i>									
	Nicole Medina <i>Outside the Box</i>									
	Noemi Gonzalez <i>Give Into It</i>									
	Stewart Murrie <i>Sorry!</i>									
	Tasha Ford <i>GLO</i>									

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