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## **First District 4 Toastmasters Speech Contest for Youth Leaders**

**(Sunnyvale, CA, USA, April 19, 2012)** – The Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (YLP) helps young people build their communication and leadership skills so that they may become tomorrow’s leaders in business, industry and the community. As part of this initiative District 4 Toastmasters will conduct its first speech contest for Youth Leaders who previously participated in a YLP sponsored by District 4.

The YLP speech contest will be held on May 5, 2012 at Yahoo! Sunnyvale and is hosted by District 4 and Yahoo’s Toastmasters club, Yahoo! Yapsters. The speech contest will be conducted by Sharon Corgile, DTM, District 4 Youth Leadership Director, Hemang Shah, ACB, ALB, Division C Governor and Rita Barber, DTM, District 4 Lt. Governor Marketing. Several contestants are expected to compete at two different age levels.

In another first, Youth Leaders participated in a taping of the District 4 Toastmasters Bay to Bay cable access program and demonstrated skills they acquired. The show can be viewed online at [www.d4tm.org/Newsroom/bay2bay.php](http://www.d4tm.org/Newsroom/bay2bay.php)

For more information on conducting a Youth Leadership Program, finding a club or starting a Toastmasters club in your company or community contact District 4 Lt. Governor Marketing, Rita Barber [lgm@d4tm.org](mailto:lgm@d4tm.org).

### **About District 4**

District 4 currently comprises more than 230 corporate and community clubs in the San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties of California, USA. To learn more about District 4 please visit: [www.d4tm.org](http://www.d4tm.org).

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### **About Toastmasters International**

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Founded in October 1924, the organization currently has more than 270,000 members in 13,000 clubs in 116 countries. Each week, Toastmasters helps more than a quarter million people of every ethnicity, education and profession build their competence in communication so they can gain the confidence to lead others. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit: [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)