

CALL ME TOAST... TOASTMASTER

DISTRICT 99 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MAY 1-3, 2026

Edmonton, AB



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“Call Me Toast ... Toastmaster”

Greetings from the Conference Chair, Lorraine Wheatley, DTM



Welcome to the District 99 Conference 2026!

It has been an exciting and busy time for the past year serving as your Conference Chair. Our conferences represent the dedication, growth and the shared passion that unite us all as Toastmasters. Whether you are a first-time attendee or a long-standing member, you are an essential part of our Toastmaster community.

Our theme this year, ‘Call Me Toast... Toastmaster,’ encompasses communication, leadership, competition, and growth, as well as the lifetime friendships and fun that truly define our community. Throughout the weekend, you will experience powerful speeches, engaging workshops and meaningful connections that will challenge you to grow as communicators and leaders. Take it all in; look for the shared “aha” moments in our workshops.

Immerse yourself fully in the experience—attend sessions that push your boundaries, connect with someone new and celebrate the achievements of your fellow Toastmasters. Take with you not just new skills, but renewed inspiration.

This event would not be possible without the commitment of our volunteers, organizers, speakers, sponsors and contestants. Their hard work behind the scenes has brought this conference to life, and I sincerely thank each one of you. The conference team is dedicated to ensuring a memorable final conference for District 99.

Thank you for being part of this incredible weekend! Together we continue to learn, grow, lead, and inspire.

Greetings From The District Director

Welcome to an unforgettable District Conference!



This is an exciting and historic moment for our District and for Toastmasters. On July 1, 2026, our District will transition as clubs in Saskatchewan join the new District 210 and clubs in Alberta join the new District 208 – expanding our reach and opening the door to new connections and friendships.

This is where energy ignites, friendships are formed and memories are made.

Whether you are attending your first conference or returning as a seasoned leader, there is something here for you. I encourage you to take it all in – every conversation, every session, every opportunity to grow. Meet someone new – every great experience starts with a simple ‘hello’ and a warm welcome.

This conference would not be possible without the dedication and passion of our organizing team led by Lorraine and the leadership of our senior district team. Thank you for your vision, your countless hours of effort and your commitment to making this an exceptional experience for all of us.

Here’s to a weekend of connection, inspiration and moments we’ll all remember. Enjoy every moment of this remarkable weekend. It is an honour to serve the members of District 99.

Marg Faryna, DTM PDD
District Director, District 99 2025 - 2026

Greetings from the Province of Alberta



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to Alberta's capital for the 2026 District 99 Toastmasters Annual Conference.

For more than a century, Toastmasters International has been transforming lives and careers by empowering individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. District 99 has been a vibrant part of that legacy, with almost 150 clubs in central and northern Alberta and Saskatchewan that provide safe, supportive spaces for members to learn and grow together.

I hope this conference is a great opportunity to connect with friends old and new, share skills and have a lot of fun. Thank you to the leadership and volunteers who have worked hard to make this event possible. Enjoy your time in Edmonton, and don't forget to take advantage of the many sights and attractions during your visit.

Please accept my best wishes for a productive and inspirational weekend, and a joyful celebration of the last decade of District 99.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danielle Smith".

Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Toastmasters International offers a free, nonjudgmental space for people to enhance their speaking and leadership skills;

AND WHEREAS, since 1924, Toastmasters International has transformed nearly 8 million lives through its clubs;

AND WHEREAS, our local District 99 Toastmasters club empowers individuals to find their voices, develop their potential and build confidence that extends beyond the podium;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Edmonton recognizes the profound impact the District 99 Toastmasters club has had on our business community by providing experiential learning opportunities and turning anxious speakers into proficient communicators;

THEREFORE I, MAYOR ANDREW KNACK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 27 TO MAY 3, 2026 "TOASTMASTERS WEEK" IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA'S CAPITAL CITY.

Dated this **27th day of April, 2026**

Andrew Knack

Andrew Knack
MAYOR, CITY OF EDMONTON



Saturday Morning Keynote – Pat Johnson DTM PRA PIP



LEARNING THROUGH LEADERSHIP

In this engaging keynote, Pat Johnson invites you to step into the role of a learning leader—reflecting on your own leadership journey while discovering what it takes to build and inspire strong teams in Toastmasters and beyond.

Through storytelling and real-life leadership moments, you'll meet the people and experiences that have shaped Johnson's growth, while uncovering the key skills, attributes, and behaviors that effective leaders develop over time.

Expect to actively reflect, challenge your assumptions, and leave with practical insights you can immediately apply in your own leadership context.

Pat Johnson joined Toastmasters International in 1983 in rural northern Manitoba, Canada. During her 4+ decades of continuous learning, she has spoken in a long list of countries.

Pat has served in many senior leadership roles and amongst the many are:

- District 21 Distinguished District Governor in 2001-2002.
- International Director, Region 1 in 2004-2006
- International President in 2010-2011
- Learning Master Manager for the curriculum design of our Pathways program

Pat Johnson lives in Conquerall Mills, Nova Scotia and is currently busy building a new Toastmasters club in that community.

**2026 Communication and Leadership Recipient
Dr. Robert Steadward**



Dr. Steadward is internationally respected for his pioneering work in adaptive sport and his role in advancing opportunities for athletes with disabilities. As the founder of the Steadward Centre for Personal & Physical Achievement and a key figure in the development of the Paralympic movement in Canada, his leadership will have a lasting global impact.

Throughout his career, Dr. Steadward has demonstrated the very principles championed by Toastmasters—clear communication, visionary leadership, and a commitment to empowering others. His ability to inspire individuals and communities has transformed the lives of many and elevated the importance of inclusivity in sport far beyond stadium walls.

His legacy directly embodies the Toastmasters mission: “We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.”

Friday Evening Opening Workshop - Robert Manolsen

POWERFUL PLAY EXPERIENCES



At the heart behind POWERFUL PLAY EXPERIENCES, Robert has built something truly special, creating spaces where people are given permission to reconnect, laugh, and most importantly, be human again.

In a world where business and work can feel heavy, structured, and transactional, Robert reminds us that connection starts with

something much simpler: play, conversation, and energy.

His work is not just about fun, although there is plenty of that. It is about opening the door to real conversations, building trust, and supporting mental wellness in a way that feels natural, safe, and engaging, where kind and respectful relationships are the foundation of everything.

Robert does not just facilitate play-based learning workshop experiences. He creates experiences where people feel seen, heard, and connected. And that matters now more than ever, with a little more joy, a little more laughter, and a whole lot of play.

Saturday Luncheon Keynote, Robert McLeod

The Spy Who Said “Not Yet”

What if the secret to confidence, connection, and courage isn't perfection—but the words “not yet”? In this interactive keynote, Frisbee Rob invites Toastmasters to step into the role of secret agents on a mission to build emotional intelligence, embrace awkward moments, and turn hesitation into experimentation. Through stories, laughter, and fast-paced table activities, participants will meet new allies, share real experiences, and discover how vulnerability and curiosity unlock stronger communication and deeper trust.



Key Takeaways: Participants will learn how the simple phrase “not yet” can unlock growth and confidence, how emotional intelligence builds trust and connection, and why sharing honest stories help people relate more quickly. See how awkward moments can become powerful learning experiences, discover simple ways to build rapport with new people.

A Mission Mindset: stay curious, try boldly and keep learning.

Rob McLeod – known as Frisbee Rob – is a 13-time Guinness World Record Holder, motivational speaker, and a global ambassador for flying disc sports. For more than two decades, Rob has used sport, storytelling and interactive experiences to inspire confidence, resilience and growth in audiences of all ages.

Rob is Vice President of Public Relations for the High Riser Toastmasters Club in Calgary, has completed Level 1 of the Presentation Mastery Pathway and is a member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers (CAPS) Alberta.

Sunday Farewell Brunch Keynote, Sue McCoy

Things I Thought Would Break Me ... But Didn't



Sue McCoy is a highly skilled development professional and has worked for a variety of nonprofit organizations over the past 25 years. Currently, Sue is employed as VP of Philanthropy with the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, one of Canada's largest children's hospital foundations. She oversees a highly skilled team securing over \$50 million a year in donations.

Prior to the Stollery, Sue worked at KCI as a fundraising consultant. During her tenure with KCI, Sue worked on a variety of capital campaign projects across the country, securing over \$300 million in donations.

Sue has held many volunteer positions in the community including roles on the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Business and Professional Women and the Glenora Community League Board of Trustees.

Sue holds an M.A. in Sociology from Carleton University in Ottawa, a diploma in Fundraising Management from MacEwan University and is a Certified Fundraising Executive.

Concurrent Education Session - Saturday

9:00 - 9:45 AM

Beyond the Podium: Navigating Your Leadership Transition



Presenter: Liru Wang, PhD MCC

Location: Diamond/Emerald

Today's leaders are navigating more than new titles and org charts. They are navigating profound shifts in identity, purpose, and impact. This highly interactive session introduces the Leadership Transition Intelligence framework, helping leaders understand the inner journey beneath career moves and organizational change.

Participants will identify where they are in their current leadership transition and leave with a personalized 72-hour action plan to move forward with greater clarity and confidence.

Liru Wang, PhD, MCC, is a Leadership Transition Intelligence Coach who specializes in helping mid to senior level and executive leaders navigate pivotal moments of change, growth, and identity shift. Drawing on more than 25 years of organizational experience, from engineer and research scientist to Managing Director and General Manager across countries and cultures, Liru brings lived executive insight into every conversation. She has coached leaders across more than 28 countries in English and Chinese, integrating a strong cross-cultural lens into her work.

Liru is the author of the bestselling book *Becoming the Manager You Were Meant to Be: How to Make Meaningful Career Transitions* (2023).

Don't Be The Weakest Link



Presenter: Shayne Kawalilak

Location: Sapphire

In today's digital world, the greatest cybersecurity vulnerability is not technology. It is people. In this engaging and eye-opening presentation, Shayne Kawalilak explains how cybercriminals actually think, why everyday habits create hidden vulnerabilities, and how

small changes can dramatically reduce risk.

Participants will learn to recognize common attack methods such as phishing, social engineering, password attacks, and digital manipulation. More importantly, they will walk away with simple habits and decision-making frameworks that help them protect themselves, their families, and their organizations online.

Shayne Kawalilak is a cybersecurity speaker, author, and self-proclaimed professional geek with more than 25 years of experience helping people navigate the digital world safely. As the founder of RedFlagIT.com, his mission is simple: help everyday users and business leaders avoid becoming the weakest link in cybersecurity. Shayne is the author of *Don't Be the Weakest Link: How to Protect Your Personal Information in a Digital World*, where he translates complex security concepts into practical habits anyone can apply. Known for blending real-world stories, humor, and clear guidance, his presentations focus on the human side of cybersecurity and how attackers exploit trust, curiosity, and routine behavior.

Concurrent Education Session - Saturday

9:00 – 9:45 AM

AI Now: Realistic Risks and Potential Rewards



Presenter: Katrina Regan-Ingram

Location: Royal

It's been just over three years since ChatGPT launched, igniting the world's current obsession with AI. AI seems to be everywhere, promising to increase efficiency and solve our biggest problems. It also poses a threat to people and planet. How should we

understand this moment? Where are we heading next? This talk aims to help bridge some of the divisiveness that we've already encountered with a pragmatic and a balanced approach. No doom or hype - just some realistic looks at risks and potential rewards.

Katrina Ingram is the Founder and CEO of ***Ethically Aligned AI***, a company focused on helping organizations to drive better outcomes in the design, development and deployment of AI systems. A seasoned executive, Katrina has over two decades of experience running both not for profit and corporate organizations in the technology and media sectors as well as experience in the public sector. She was named to the ***100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics*** list. Katrina holds an undergrad in business administration from Simon Fraser University, a master of arts in communications and technology from the University of Alberta and is an IAPP certified information privacy professional (CIPP/C). She is an adjunct faculty member with the University of Alberta's Media and Technology Studies department.

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Program at-a-glance

Friday, May 1, 2026

4:30 – 9:00 PM	Registration desk open	Empire Foyer
5:00 PM	Silent auction bidding opens	Empire Ballroom
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Opening ceremonies & Buffet	Empire Ballroom
	First Timers Welcome	
	Friday Evening Opening Workshop Robert Manolson	Empire Ballroom
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Ballroom Dancing Instruction	Empire Ballroom
9:00 – 10:30 PM	Karaoke Entertainment	Empire Ballroom
9:00 PM	Contestant Briefing	Imperial
9:30 PM	Judges Briefing	Royal

Saturday, May 2, 2026

6:45 - 8:00 AM	Registration desk open	Empire Foyer
6:45 AM	Doors open for keynote breakfast	Empire Ballroom
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Keynote Breakfast	Empire Ballroom
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Keynote Address – Pat Johnson, DTM PRA PIP Learning Through Leadership	Empire Ballroom
	Concurrent Educational Sessions	
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Liru Wang, Beyond the Podium.....	Diamond/Emerald
	Shayne Kawalilak, Don't be the Weakest Link	Sapphire
	Katrina Regan-Ingram, AI Now	Royal
10:00 – 11:00 AM	District Council/Business Meeting	Imperial
11:00 AM – Noon	Keynote – Robert McLeod “The Spy”	Empire Ballroom

12 Noon – 1:50 PM	Communication and Leadership Luncheon Leadership Awardee – Dr Robert Steadman Recognition of Triple Crown, Level 5, clubs	Empire Ballroom
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Workshop with Pat Johnson	Empire Ballroom
3:30 - 5:30 PM	International Speech Contest	Empire Ballroom
6:15 PM	Cocktails and doors open for Banquet	Empire Ballroom
6:30 – 9:00 PM	District Director’s Banquet	
9:00 – 11:59 PM	Silent Auction and Dancing	Empire Ballroom

Sunday, May 3, 2026

7:45 – 8:15 AM	Coffee and Muffins	Empire Foyer
	Concurrent Educational Sessions	
8:15 – 9:00 AM	Penny Nilsen, Engaging Is Not An Accident.....Empire Pat Johnson, Building a Vibrant clubSapphire Val Poirier, Stop Over-functioningDiamond Renae Hopf, Micro-Steps to Big DreamsEmerald	
9:15 -11:00 AM	Humorous Speech Contest	Imperial
11:15 AM – 1:00 PM	Farewell Buffet Brunch	Emerald Ballroom
	Keynote: Sue McCoy	
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Closing Ceremonies	Emerald Ballroom

Concurrent Education Session - Sunday

8:15 – 9:00 AM

Engaging is Not an Accident: Designing Speeches Audiences Don't Just Hear – But Feel



Presenter: Penny Nilsen, DTM M Ed

Location: Empire

In this interactive 45-minute session, Penny will share practical, field-tested strategies to help speakers intentionally design engagement into every part of their presentation. Participants will learn how to move beyond delivering speeches to creating experiences—

ensuring their message connects, sticks, and drives action.

Grab your complimentary “Engagement Hacks” PDF and subscribe to my “Inside the Room” newsletter.

Penny Nilsen, DTM, is a leadership coach, facilitator, and founder of First Choice Facilitation Inc., where she helps business owners and teams improve communication, streamline operations, and increase results. With a Master of Education in Adult Learning and Curriculum Development, Penny specializes in designing practical, results-driven learning experiences.

With over 15 years in Toastmasters and extensive experience training professionals across Canada, Penny brings a grounded, real-world approach to communication. Her work focuses on helping speakers and leaders move beyond delivering information to creating meaningful audience connections.

Concurrent Education Session - Sunday

8:15 – 9:00 AM

Building a Vibrant Club



Presenter: Pat Johnson

Location: Sapphire

Take a closer look at your club’s health and discover what’s helping it thrive—and what may be holding it back. In this interactive workshop, you’ll assess your current club experience using guided questions and the Troubleshooting Guide to uncover

strengths and identify opportunities for growth.

You’ll engage in honest, judgment-free reflection, explore common challenges, and exchange ideas with others who are committed to creating an exceptional Toastmasters experience.

Expect to leave with a clearer picture of your club’s current state, practical insights for improvement, and actionable steps to help you build a more vibrant, engaging club for every member.

Pat Johnson has been awarded the President’s Citation Award from Toastmasters International for outstanding leadership and communication on a global level.

In 2018, Pat wrote and published “Building and Sustaining Vibrant and Sustainable Toastmasters Programs in Corporations” The book was launched at the International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, USA, that same year.

Stop Over-Functioning: The Communication Shift That Builds Ownership



Presenter: Val Poirier

Location: Diamond

Many leaders and communicators believe clarity comes from explaining more, doing more and working harder to ensure everyone understands. But in complex teams, and even in our personal relationships, that instinct can backfire.

In this interactive session, participants will explore how leaders and speakers can communicate change with clarity without carrying the work that belongs to others. They will learn practical strategies for simplifying complex messages, asking better questions, and creating space for others to think, respond, and lead.

Val Poirier is a leadership communicator and systems thinker who helps leaders and speakers stop over-explaining, start asking better questions, and turn complex ideas into clear action. Drawing from corporate leadership, Toastmasters, and youth programs, she empowers others to communicate with clarity, confidence, and ownership. Val is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and Canadian Payroll Professional (CPP). A Toastmaster since 2020, she currently serves as President of Early Risers Toastmasters. She has delivered leadership training for youth through the Open Door Society and founded a Junior Forest Wardens club in Saskatoon in 2023.

Concurrent Education Session - Sunday

8:15 – 9:00 AM

Micro-Steps to Big Dreams



Presenter: Renae Hopf

Location: Emerald

Real change rarely comes from dramatic overhauls or bursts of motivation. Instead, it grows out of the small choices we repeat every day. What if I told you that it is those tiny choices that shape the trajectory of our lives? And determines whether our dreams

become reality? It is those tiny choices that build the momentum that shapes our future, whether it is for the better, or for worse.

In this session we will unpack why willpower alone is a terrible long-term strategy, and why the smallest shifts can be surprisingly powerful. You will leave this session with a set of tangible tools, many of which you can implement immediately, bringing you one small step closer to achieving your goals. The countless decisions we repeat each day are often so small they almost seem insignificant...until they aren't. And suddenly it's 10 years later and our dreams are still 10 years away. Let's change the trajectory of your life so your future self will thank you.

Renae Hopf is a speaker who has a knack for captivating her audience. She doesn't just inspire, she helps cultivate the inspiration in YOU. She has taught in post-secondary for 15 years, and students have given her the feedback that has helped shape her into the speaker she is today: engaging, encouraging, and enlightening. Renae's time at Toastmasters has propelled her public speaking to another level, thanks to her wonderful team at Forward Thinkers Toastmasters. Renae has spoken to audiences ranging from 4 to 600.

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Saturday, May 2, 2026
International speech contest

Danielle Barrett
Tonny Dithobane
Nataliya Fladager
Carolyn Kaldy
Laurie Leighton
Jabulani Mangena
Erin McDonald
Abdul Oreagba

Sunday, May 3, 2026
Humorous speech contest

Illias Abari
Sophie Angoh
Collin Greene
Carolyn Kaldy
Jabulani Mangena
Ian McConkey
Tassanee Nithisaasin
Harriet Tinka

Contest Chair – Patrick Owino
Contest Chief Judge – Michael Pucylo



International Speech Contest

Judge's Guide and Ballot

JUDGING ITEMS		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR										
Speech Development Structure, Organization, Support Material	CONTENT 50	15	11-14	6-10	0-5										
Effectiveness Clear purpose, Achievement of Purpose, Relevance		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
Speech Value Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		25	17-24	9-16	0-8										
Physical Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	DELIVERY 30	10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
Voice Flexibility, Volume		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
Manner Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
Appropriateness To Speech Purpose, and Audience	LANGUAGE 20	10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
Correctness Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		10	7-9	4-6	0-3										
TOTAL SCORE (100 Points Possible)															



Humorous Speech Contest

Judge's Guide and Ballot

JUDGING ITEMS		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y G O O D	G O O D	F A I R										
Speech Development Structure, Organization, Support Material	C O N T E N T	15	12-14	10-11	0-9										
Effectiveness Achievement of Purpose, Interest, Reception		10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
Speech Value Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		15	12-14	10-11	0-9										
Audience Response Attentiveness, Laughter, Interest, Reception		15	12-14	10-11	0-9										
Physical Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	D E L I V E R Y	10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
Voice Flexibility, Volume		10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
Manner Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm		10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
Appropriateness To Speech Purpose And Audience	L A N G U A G E	10	8-9	6-7	0-5										
Correctness Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		5	4	3	0-2										
TOTAL SCORE (100 Points Possible)															

Triple Crown Awards – July 1, 2025 – April 25, 2026

Alison Ferrie	3	PM2 ,PM3 ,PM4
Jim Ramsden	3	MS1 ,MS2 ,MS3
Mercy Harris	3	PI1 ,PI2 ,PI3
Alex Bandjak, DTM	11	DL1, DL2, DL3, DL4, DL5
		MS1, MS2, MS3, MS4, MS5, VC5
Carol Loewen, DTM	3	EC5 ,EH3 ,EH4
Cheryl A. Persson, DTM	4	VC1 ,EC4 ,EC5 ,EH2
Donald L. Zurakowski, DTM	4	IP4 ,IP5 ,VC1 ,VC2
Glenda Sheard, DTM	5	PI1 ,PI2 ,PM3 ,PM4 ,PM5
Jim Guloiien, DTM	4	MS1 ,MS2 ,TC1 ,TC2
Joan V. Petruk, DTM	3	PM1 ,SR5 ,MS4
Karen Egge, DTM	3	PM3 ,SR3 ,SR4
Kari C. Berridge, VC5	4	VC2 ,VC3 ,VC4 ,VC5
Kristen L. Harris, IP5	3	PM2 ,PM3 ,PM4
Liru Wang, DTM	4	DL1 ,DL2 ,DL3 ,EC4
Lynell M. Bird, DTM	3	DL5 ,MS2 ,MS1
Margaret Plunz, DTM	3	LD5 ,VC2 ,VC3
Mildred Thill, EH5	4	EH5 ,PI1 ,PI2 ,PI3
Myrna Cretney, DTM	3	EH1 ,EH2 ,TC5
Peter M. Helten, DTM	3	MS1 ,EC3 ,PI2
Pranjal M. Kharpate, IP3	3	IP1 ,IP2 ,IP3
Rebecca Cuthbertson Hulst, DTM	3	EC2 ,EC1 ,EC3
Robert D. Hooey, DTM, AS	5	MS1 ,MS2 ,MS3 ,VC4 ,VC5
Ruchi Pachauri, PM5	3	LD1 ,LD2 ,LD3
Samuel O. Aderemi, VC5	7	MS5, VC2, VC3, VC4, VC5
		PWMENTORPGM, PM1
Stella R. Gumiro, PM5	3	DL1 ,DL2 ,DL3
Taylor Oliwa, PI5	3	EH4 ,PI5 ,VC2
Terry J. McBride, DTM	5	PM4 ,EH2 ,MS3 ,PM5 ,VC1
Travis N. Bueckert, DL4	3	DL2 ,DL3 ,DL4

Distinguished Toastmaster DTM Awards

Nataliya Fladager	Forward Thinkers
Linda Holmevik	Woodland Communicators

Of the Year Awards – 2024 - 2025

Division Rookie of the Year 2024-2025

Division	Club	Nominee
A	Morning Challengers	Kari Berridge
B	Camrose Toastmasters	Haider Mohammad
C	Telecommunicators	Jeff McLarty
D	Aimcrier Toastmasters	Will Zaichkowski
E	The Battlefords	Jordan Tornato

Division Toastmaster of the Year 2024-2025

Division	Club	Nominee
A	Fun Speakers Toastmasters	Marie-Laure Polydore
B	Wild Rose	Bob Hooey
C	The Way We Speak	Catherine Zhang
D	Settlement on Sturgeon	Kent LaRose
E	Early Risers	Valerie Poirier

District Rookie of the Year – Kari Berridge

District Toastmaster of the Year – Valerie Poirier

Public Relations Officer of the Year – Tiffany Preston

Area Director of the Year – Linda Holmevik

Division Director of the Year – Namitha Patil

President of the Year – Kimberly Moreside

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New Alignment for District 99 Effective July 1, 2026

Many Districts around the world are realigning this year. The International Board of Directors initiated a process in 2024 to review Districts that had less than 100 clubs. Our District will realign with neighboring Districts as a result of this initiative and the requirements set out by the Board of Directors.



