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# Toasters R Us

## Newsletter

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### New Members

Licínio de Sousa  
Diyan Liu  
Rina Kong

### Upcoming Events

#### December

Annual Award Meeting

#### January / February

Open House Club Contest

### Educational Awards

**ACG:** Daniël van Doorn

**PREMASL1:** Daniël van Doorn

**CL:** Donna Soo

**ALB:** Donna Soo

### OFFICERS

**President:** Denis Goinard

**VP of Education:** Amit Kharb

**VP of Membership:** Stephen Buckhout

**VP of PR:** Lydia Lee

**Secretary:** Tao Long

**Treasurer:** Venkatesh Keerthi

**Sgt at Arms:** Sanjiv Kainth

**Mentoring Chair:** Lynn Stuart

Editors – Venkatesh Keerthi, Lydia Lee  
Stephen Buckhout, Neenu Koomullil

**Toasters R Us** continues to have a very successful year. We hosted a small but enthusiastic group for our September Open House with Aditi Vijaykumar as our speaker. The Club Evaluation and Humorous Speech contests were held in October. Laura Torres won the Evaluation contest and Daniël van Doorn the Humorous Speech one. Daniël won the Humorous Speech contest at the Area level and, representing our club and another one, won both contests at the Division level. His winning streaks came to an end at the District contest in November. New officers have been elected for next term.



### Aditi Vijaykumar

In 2013, when Aditi first joined Toasters R Us club, she was a very quiet and introverted person. Five years later, she has not only come out of her shell and served in multiple roles within and outside her home club but also won the Best Area Director (2015-2016) and Best Division Director (2016-2017) awards. "Toasters R Us has helped a lot in my

*personal and professional development. It provides people a safe environment to learn and grow. I found great mentors such as Karthik, Denis and Stephen who have been instrumental in this."* In fact, she believes she was able to plan and organize her wedding in just a month all thanks to her experience organizing Toastmasters events. Apart from the many leadership roles that she takes on, she also enjoys giving humorous speeches. "Good humor comes from within your life. It requires self-inspection and that's what I'm really passionate about right now." Standup comedians like Vir Das and Russel Peters along with her naturally funny husband are her inspiration. Apart from being a good singer, Aditi also enjoys meditation and reading. Her advice for present and future Toasters R Us members - "Seize every opportunity. Even if you are doing a small role for your club meeting, do it with love and it will take you a long way."



September – Lydia  
October – Neenu, Anna



October – Maggie, Peggy  
November – Amit



**Daniël van Doorn** – *"I actually joined Toastmasters to impress a girl."* Daniël joined Toastmasters on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, but had been part of a pre-charter club since April 2010. In 2014, Daniël and his wife moved to Sunnyvale and joined Toasters R Us because of the way the club was structured. "... very professional compared to other clubs we visited". According to Daniël, the main

difference between Toastmasters in Europe and the USA is the fact that in Europe Toastmasters isn't that well known. There's not a lot of tradition and history yet, and Toastmasters in Europe have to figure a lot of things out for themselves. Here in the Bay Area District Leadership is much more involved in all Toastmasters events – COT, TLI, District conferences. *"I finally earned my DTM last month and got to experience the wonderful tradition of getting hugs from all the DTMs, together with my wife."* Daniel is very active in contests, having represented Toasters R Us at the District contests in Evaluation and Humorous Speech for the last two years. In his spare time, Daniel enjoys woodworking and cooking, as a Competent **Houseband** should.



**Laura Torres** - *Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn.*

*"I bombed it!"*, commented one of our newest members, Laura who joined TRUS in February, 2017. This was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> evaluation she had ever given and the first time she participated in an Area E2 Contest. *"But I am ready to take the challenge again!"*. Laura grew up in Chicago (Go Cubs!), and has a

BSME from Stanford. Her first encounter with TM was way back when she was an engineering intern at HP during college. When Laura found out about TRUs through Peggy and Donna, she decided to try TM out again.

*"I joined TM for three main reasons - practice my story telling technique (an essential skill as a freelance marketing consultant); improve impromptu speaking; and, finally, train my brain to memorize (It's a lot harder when we get older!)"*

In her spare time, Laura enjoys running. She has completed 6 half-marathons and 2 marathons. Laura and her husband live in Los Altos and have a son who is a senior at Bellarmine College Prep and a daughter who is a freshman at Los Altos High School.

## TOASTMASTERS PATHWAYS

is the new Educational Program in Toastmasters. It gives members the opportunity to develop skills in their club, their job and their community.

### Ten Learning Paths



Each path has five levels



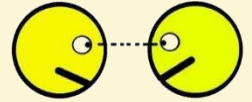
### DTM in Pathways



## Good Speakers ...



... are properly poised



... have good eye contact

... speak clearly



... are heard!

... speak at a steady rate



# ARE YOU Scared OF Speaking IN Public?



Join us! Meetings every Tuesday @ 12:00pm