

# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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## Club News and Events

### Club No. 828338 DBEDT for Business

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#### FACEBOOK: [Toastmasters District 49](#)

Facebook group is a great way to learn more about what's going on throughout the state. Plus, a lot of helpful tips on making the most of your Toastmasters experience.

**MEETINGS:** Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month via Zoom.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87397802258>

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**CLUB WEBSITE:** Check our [DBEDT for Business](#) website often for up-to-date information on club events and meetings.

## Renew Your Membership and Take Your Toastmasters Experience to the Next Level.



Mike Carr

Mike Carr  
*2020 World Champion  
of Public Speaking*

Each year, thousands of Toastmasters compete for the title of World Champion of Public Speaking. Willie Jones, from Hawaii, earned that title in 1997. We were privileged to have Willie at our latest Open House in March. If you missed him, you can check him out at [Willie Jones](#). While you're at it, check out his 1997 winning speech '[A Warm Boot](#)'.

This year, Mike Carr, from District 55, was the winner with his speech "[The Librarian & Mrs. Montgomery](#)." Check out his winning speech and get inspired.

Renew your club membership now. Contact [Dean Masai](#), Treasurer, at [d49masai@gmail.com](mailto:d49masai@gmail.com). You could be the next World Champion and take your TM experience to the next level.

#### Upcoming Club Meetings



April 6: Executive Committee meeting at 11:30 am,  
[Click here to join](#). Passcode 272641



April 13: Zoom meeting at 11:30 am,  
[Click here to join](#). Passcode 272641



April 27: Zoom meeting at 11:30 am,  
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May 4: Zoom Executive Committee meeting at 11:30 am,  
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**TRAINING:** Check out the District 49 website for training opportunities. <https://district49.org/>

**SPEECH CONTESTS:** Get the latest news on upcoming speech contests and find out the winners of past competitions. <https://district49.org/>

Club Notes:

**Club dues** for April-September 2021 are being collected now. Payment is due by April 1. More information available by emailing [Dean Masai](mailto:Dean Masai), Treasurer, at [d49masai@gmail.com](mailto:d49masai@gmail.com).

**Pathways coaching** is being offered by [Joe Omura](#), VP-Education. Email him if you have questions about Pathways. [josephomura@yahoo.com](mailto:josephomura@yahoo.com).

**C. Richard Fassler**, one of this club's Charter Members passed away in March 2021. He died peacefully at home with his wife and daughter by his side. We will miss him dearly.

**Joy Kimura**, is our newest member. Join us and welcome her as she does her Ice Breaker at the next Zoom meeting.

## Resiliency in the New Reality

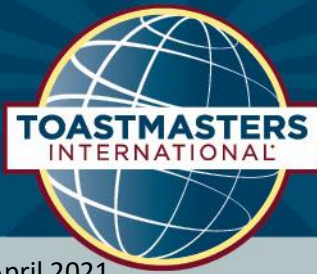
These are the times that test true leaders; it's up to you to adjust and bounce back, taking your team with you. In these unprecedented times, there's no question that a new reality is in play—but so is a new resiliency.

Are you ready to take on the true test of leadership? Adjust to what is happening and pull your team up with you. Hone the attributes of a resilient leader who can be counted on for great adaptations:

- 1. Build trust.** In times of change or crisis, your team is looking to you to guide them—but not with false hope or promises. You can gain their trust with realistic, positive statements that you truly believe.
- 2. Communicate powerfully.** Let your team know about change as soon as a decision is made. Resilient leaders signal well and often to their team; they put their intentions out in the open and relay that “we are wading through this together.” Frequent, effective communication helps others understand the changes, expectations, and new directions with the least amount of stress and resistance.
- 3. Champion connections.** Seizing networking opportunities is a strong quality of effective leaders, especially now that the need for social connection is so crucial. As a resilient leader of Toastmasters, you can guide others to making online networking a lifeline. With virtual meetings quickly becoming the norm worldwide, it's the perfect time to lead members to meet online. You can be on the forefront of championing these connections, as the relevancy of Toastmasters rises.
- 4. Manage emotions.** Rather than hiding emotions, resilient leaders know how to experience and manage them. Some people say that suppressing what you feel is the best approach when you're going through tough times, but it's just the opposite—suppressing your emotions can backfire. It's more realistic and effective for leaders to connect with their emotions and self-awareness, allowing some human trait to come through to their team. Managing emotions does not mean burying them.
- 5. Pump up positivity.** Resilient leaders can push past negativity and dig deeper for positivity, especially in times of true crisis. This is the time to deliver solutions for the short- and long-term. Even if these strategies must be adjusted along the way, the better future should be the focus, not the current catastrophe.

Article borrowed from Toastmasters International

<https://www.toastmasters.org/Leadership-Central/featured-article/April-2020>



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Special Insert

## Carl Richard Fassler (1941-2021)

Richard Fassler, a founding member of the DBEDT for Business Toastmasters club, passed away in March 2021. He enjoyed the club and all in it, and he continued attending TM meetings even after he retired from DBEDT. He served in various Executive Committee roles: VP Public Relations (2006-2007); Sergeant-at-Arms (2007-2008); President (2009-2010); VP Education (March -June 2011); and Treasurer (July 1-August 3, 2020) when he resigned for health reasons.

Liz Corbin reminisces, “We were friends for over 40 years. He took pictures at our wedding in 1978 and did our daughter’s casual senior pictures in 2004. Richard loved to tell stories, especially about his many international experiences and travels. He especially liked to use physical items to illustrate his speeches. He even brought in an Oscar that one of his uncles had won. In the last few years, as he dealt with prostate cancer and then melanoma, he used his speeches to share health information that he hoped would help club members stay safe and healthy.”

He was many things to many people. He helped raise awareness of Hawaiian fishponds. He was instrumental to opening the doors for US and Pacific pearl farmers. He helped expand and diversify the Hawaii economy. He was a representative for the Manoa Neighborhood Board. He tended a community garden. He was a published author. He was a husband. He was a father. He was a brother. He was a friend. He was a Toastmaster.

