



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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## Club News and Events

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#### Members Pledge to New Members

At our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be inducting Alan Yonan as our newest member. The last element of the induction is the recitation of the club's pledge to its new member. Please rise and say the following in unison when called upon.

"We, the members of the DBEDT for Business Toastmasters Club, pledge:

- to support you in your quest for self-development;
- to provide you with positive, helpful evaluations;
- to maintain a friendly, supportive atmosphere;
- to give you opportunities to help others; and
- to make your Toastmasters membership a rewarding and fulfilling experience."

**RECOMMENDATION:** Joining the [Toastmasters District 49](#) Facebook group is a great way to learn more about what's going on throughout the state. Plus, Jicky Ferrer posts a lot of helpful tips on making the most of your Toastmasters experience.

### *Mid-Year Report from the President*

It's my pleasure to report on some of the highlights of the first half of the 2018-2019 Toastmaster's Year.

- We welcomed back Richard Fassler who had missed several months of meetings while he dealt with some serious health challenges.
- Mayumi Otaki has also been ill, and we wish her a speedy recovery and return.
- We started conducting new member induction ceremonies for the first time in club history. Maria Tome, Ian Beggs, Alan Yonan, and Anthony Benabese, who all joined late in the 2017-2018 year, were our first inductees.
- Two new members joined the club – Larry Ikei and Joshua Mason. We now have 17 members.
- Area 2 Director Gerald Toyomura visited us on October 9.
- We held a very successful Open House on October 23 with special guest speaker Beth Terry, along with the DBEDT Director, our Area 2 Director, members from other clubs, and several prospective members, including Joshua.
- We've completed our Club Success Plan and will be submitting it to District Leadership.
- The scripts for meeting roles have been revised and are now available on the DBEDT for Business website under Member Downloads in the Members Only menu.
- At the meeting on December 4, the Executive Committee decided on two changes to our meetings:
  - Instead of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting, we will read the Toastmaster's Promise.
  - We will dispense with the tradition of collecting voluntary fines for using filler words and improper grammar.

I'm sure I've missed something important. Feel free to let me know. It's not too early to start thinking about becoming an officer for 2019-2020. All members are welcome to attend our Executive Committee Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. You also can attend one of the Officer Training sessions held twice each year by District 49. They are excellent ways to learn what's involved in taking on a leadership role. Ask me for details if you're interested.

Enjoy the holidays and we'll meet again on January 8.

Aloha, Liz