

DISTRICT LEADER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



Candidate's Name: **Patricia Walter**

Candidate's Office: **Club Growth Director** District Number: **53**

Toastmasters member since: **2013**

Education:

BA Degree from the College of Our Lady of the Elms. Program

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

Division F Director 2020-2021	VPM 2019-2020
Area 61 Director 2018-2020	VPE 2017-2019
Area 62 Director 2019-2020	Pres 2015-2017
Treasurer 2019-2020	SEC 2013-2014

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

CC, CL, DL1& 2 and TC 1.
2018-2019 District Toastmaster of the Year Award for Outstanding Leadership
2019-2020 Outstanding Area Director Award

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a District leader:

Currently I work as a Learning and Development Consultant. My role requires me to create and facilitate learning as well as mentor and coach individuals. My experience as a Learning and Development Consultant allows me to bring to the table year of asking the questions to find the problems and then collaborating to find and implement solutions.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

I have participating in team strategic planning meetings. I assisted in organizing and managing Division F's Leadership Institute Events, as well as assisting in all Division F's Area and Division contests t his year.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

My financial experience is mostly personal. On a professional level I do educate my companies new hires on the importance of preparing for retirement and teach them how to explain that to our clients.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

I have been a subject matter expert for many year at my current company. As part of this I have written many types of procedures and learning materials.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

What I learn each day about leadership is that it is important not only to be aware and adjust your skill but also to be aware and accept the learning preferences of those you lead. I strive each day to be the leader that I would want to follow. Leadership is about communicating properly to those who you are leading as well as adapting to their learning styles. You must be able to listen and adapt quickly.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I enjoy mentoring and developing people. I believe knowledge is power and power used positively grows confidence and self-esteem. I take pride in knowing that I can assist with people become better. I want to use my years of experience with collaboration, teamwork, and ownership and work with our area directors, division directors, leadership team but most importantly with our club member to find solutions and implement change so that our district and continue to grow and be there to offer the great skills that we all know can be learned at Toastmasters

In your opinion, what are the District mission's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?

I think this year the district has shown, among this difficult time, that for the most part we can accept change and run with it. We now have to take the change that we have been given and see how we can use it to build membership and to make people comfortable and confident using a different learning platform and find new ways to promote our mission and build membership. We may find that we may need to look at groups going 100% virtual once we can return to the brick and mortar.
Top priority is Membership in my eyes. With membership comes the ability to do succession planning, leadership training and education awards and presentations.

Additional information about yourself:

I have been in a leadership role most of my working career. I enjoy developing and assisting people grow personally and professionally. Along with my training experience I have over 25 years of coaching softball at age levels of 4years to 18 years. I have also coached some adult leads. I created the Ludlow Softball Association and sat on the board of directors for many years. Currently I volunteer not only at Toastmasters but also preparing and delivering meals to the elderlies on Sundays. I am a mother to 2 and grandmother to 6. The support of my family allows me to continue on at Toastmasters. My daughter once said, "I don't totally understand it but I know it makes you happy, so do it."