



District 80

Term 2023-24

Dear Members of District 80,

Wishing all a wonderful term 2023-24. The last 2 weeks have been an exponential learning curve for me and my team. For one, the many deadlines to meet and transition from one role to another, while still completing the earlier role was challenging. But we did it! 😊

We as District officers, have a Mission to “build new clubs and help clubs achieve excellence”. While the vision is the one that leads to the mission, I am looking forward to this vision this term.

1-20-100

As an education non-profit, Toastmasters is focused on Education. So, my focus is to make learning the focus as well.

1 -Completing at least 1 level in the pathways by all members.

20- Minimum number of members each club should aim to have. Strong club means better learning from each other.

100- 100% of our members to be pathways enrolled.

Is this difficult to achieve? Where do we want to see our District at the end of this term? My direction is if we achieve the 1-20-100, our District will achieve Distinguished District or more this term. Do you think we can? Before you answer, let me share this story I heard recently. A man owned a happy dog and an angry dog. The owner had a room which he sent both the dogs to the room, for a while. When the happy dog came out it became happier, and the angry dog came back angrier.

What do you think was in the room? **MIRRORS.**

Moral of this story. What happens to us is what we choose to see. If you see that our District will do well, will be a happier place to be, so shall it be. So, the results we achieve will be what we all work towards.

I SEE **D**edicated, **C**ommitted and **P**assionat members, club officers, District officers. So, I am sure we will achieve any goal we set forth.

Let us stay connected and do connect with us on the various District social media sites. Check out our district Linktree link <https://linktr.ee/district80> to connect and stay updated on the happenings in District 80.

Thanks, and regards,

Swarna Kalyan

Swarna Kalyan, DTM
District Director, 2023-24

Dear fellow Toastmasters,

I am delighted and honoured to write to you today as your new Program Quality Director (PQD). What a journey it was last term, when PQD Swarna and team blasted us into the Future with 'The Future is Now' Annual Conference. As we progress on our journey together, I extend a hearty welcome to each one of you, celebrating the diverse abilities, passions, and experiences you bring to our community.

Toastmasters, at its core, is a confluence of vibrant voices, all striving to create impactful communication, fine-tune leadership skills, and foster a continuous cycle of growth. This unique blend of diversity and unity is what enriches our collective experience, and in keeping with this spirit, we have something exciting to unveil.

This term let's look into 3 key aspects of our Toastmasters experience – The Crux, The Core and The Kaleidoscope – forming 3 tracks that all our members can gain from, while doing their Toastmasters Pathways projects.

We've planned the 3 tracks each tailored to accommodate a specific level of expertise, capability, and interest. Whether you are a new Toastmaster stepping onto the stage for the first time, a seasoned Toastmasters honing your skills for work, business or your personal life, or just a Toastmaster looking at making your experience fun and meaningful, these tracks have been crafted to help you navigate your journey, in tandem with the Toastmasters Pathways program.

Each track of will be equipped with engaging resources, implementable exercises and a platform to demonstrate your learning. We will also include mentoring and peer support initiatives to foster a collaborative and supportive learning environment.

Remember, the success of our Toastmasters term and its offerings depend on all our active participation and feedback. We wholeheartedly encourage you to immerse yourselves in this new term, utilize the resources provided, and share your experiences with us. We strongly believe that when you do well, all of us in the District will do well.

I invite you to reach out to me or the PQD team members, or your Area and Division Directors should you have any questions for suggestions about the 3 different tracks. We value your input and are here to ensure that your Toastmasters journey is rewarding, enjoyable, and truly transformative.

Let's embark on this journey together, driving towards a year filled with learning, growth, and unparalleled accomplishments!

Thank you and regards,

Muhd Nurhakim

Muhd Nurhakim, DTM
Program Quality Director-2023-24

Dear Members,

Embarking on a brand-new term evokes a mix of excitement and nerves for club officers, area directors, division directors, as well as senior district officers like me.

Passion and Purpose

Passion and purpose are the key ingredients. Passion without purpose can lead to frustration, while purpose without passion makes the journey less enjoyable. We need moments of joy to refresh and energize us. To keep the passion alive, work closely with your team. Support each other, exchange ideas, and celebrate every success. This will keep the spirits high. To be purposeful, set your goals and visualize the steps needed to achieve them. Start early and give yourself enough time to adjust your efforts along the way.

Valuable Tips: Early Membership & Renewal by July

One good tip is to start your membership drive early, aim to recruit one new member every month. By doing so, the last three to four months of the term will be a time of celebrations instead of concerns. Another valuable tip is to opt for early membership renewal, which will certainly make planning easier and less disruptive.

The early bird catches the worm. Members that renew their October 2023 to March 2024 with their club by 31 July 2023 will save US\$15.

And clubs that renew at least 8 members for 2 renewal periods* early will get “Early Bird” tokens such as the exclusive Club Officer Pins. Area Directors and Division Directors will also enjoy special awards.

**Renew Sept 2023 to March 2024 period in July 2023; and
renew April - Sept 2024 period by Sept 2023.*

Should you need support or would like to discuss ideas to grow your clubs and enrich your club experience, reach out to your area/division directors or myself (sharonkamcb@yahoo.com.sg).

Let's be passionately purposeful - may your Toastmasters Journey be enjoyable and filled with celebratory milestones!

Thank you and regards,

Sharon Kam

Sharon Kam
Club Growth Director, 2022-23