



District Leader Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: KETHRABALAN MOOKKANDI

Candidate's Office: DIVISION T

District Number: 80

Toastmasters member since: FEBURUARY 01 2017

Education:

Bachelor of Engineering

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

LISHA Tamil Toastmasters Club Club VP Membership Jul 03, 2024 Jun 30, 2025
Singapore Bilingual Youth Toastmasters Club Club Sergeant at Arms Jul 31, 2024 Jun 30, 2025
TLCS Advanced Toastmasters Club Club VP Education Jul 01, 2024 Jun 30, 2025
TLCS Advanced Toastmasters Club Club Secretary Jul 01, 2023 Jun 30, 2024
Kamran Toastmasters Club Club Secretary Jul 01, 2023 Jun 30, 2024
Kamran Toastmasters Club Club VP Membership Jul 01, 2022 Jun 30, 2023
TLCS Advanced Toastmasters Club Club Secretary Jun 01, 2023 Jun 30, 2023
District 0080 Area Director Jul 01, 2021 Jun 30, 2022
Kamran Toastmasters Club Club President Jul 01, 2020 Jun 30, 2021
Kamran Toastmasters Club Club VP Education Jul 01, 2019 Jun 30, 2020
Kamran Toastmasters Club Club VP Membership Jul 01, 2018 Jun 30, 2019

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

Selected Distinguished Club Award 2020-2021
Selected Distinguished Area Award 2021-2022

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

I am thrilled about the opportunity to take on the role of Division Director in our Toastmasters club. I'm working in IT, combined with my passion for leadership and communication, positions me well to make a meaningful impact in this role. In my IT career, I have developed strong project management, problem-solving, and organizational skills, which are essential for overseeing multiple teams and ensuring smooth operations within the division. My experience in collaborating with diverse teams has strengthened my ability to foster connections and communicate effectively—qualities that align perfectly with the mission of Toastmasters. Additionally, I have a strong network of professionals through my work and personal endeavors. I am confident that I can leverage these connections to attract new members and grow our Toastmasters community, further expanding the reach and impact of the organization.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

With over 7 plus years of experience in the Toastmasters organization and a strong professional background in IT, I understand the critical role that time management and people-centered leadership play in driving progressive growth. Throughout my Toastmasters journey, I have witnessed how collaboration and strategic planning can transform teams and individuals. In my IT career, I've honed skills in project management, process optimization, and stakeholder collaboration, all of which have reinforced my ability to lead with foresight and efficiency. I am confident that my combined experiences will enable me to develop and execute strategic plans that align with Division T's goals. My focus will be on fostering teamwork, enhancing member engagement, and ensuring sustainable growth for the division.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

I Prepared and managed budgets to ensure financial accountability. Handled expense tracking and ensured accurate financial reporting. Collaborated with team members to allocate resources efficiently while staying within budget constraints. My approach is rooted in transparency, accuracy, and responsibility, ensuring that all funds are utilized in the best interests of the event and its participants.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

I have successfully organized a national-level event for three consecutive years, following a structured process that included setting clear objectives, meticulous planning, seamless execution, and continuous improvement based on feedback. This experience has equipped me with strong strategic planning and management skills to handle complex projects effectively

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

Through my experience in previous leadership roles, I have gained invaluable skills that have shaped my approach to leading effectively. These include: Patience: Understanding and accommodating diverse perspectives. Managing Different Types of People: Adapting to varying personalities and working styles. Determination: Staying focused on goals, even in challenging circumstances. Handling Critical Situations: Making timely decisions under pressure. Teamwork: Collaborating with others to achieve shared objectives. These learnings have prepared me to lead with empathy, resilience, and efficiency, qualities I aim to bring to my future leadership endeavors.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I am deeply passionate about my mother tongue, Tamil, and Division T holds a special place as the only division in Singapore to promoting it. My journey in Toastmasters has given me invaluable skills, knowledge, and opportunities for personal growth. Now, I feel it is my responsibility to give back to the organization that has shaped me. Serving as an Division Director will allow me to contribute to uplifting Division T by fostering growth, empowering members, and celebrating the richness of our Tamil heritage through effective leadership and collaboration.

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

The success of Toastmasters begins at the individual level, progressing from members to clubs, and then to areas, divisions, and districts. The key to achieving sustainable growth lies in the quality and effective use of each member's time, from the club level up to the district level. When this foundation is laid, results—such as distinguished awards—will naturally follow. Clubs, areas, and divisions need ongoing support in planning and logistics, and one of the district's key responsibilities is to ensure that clubs are self-sustaining. As Area Director, I would serve as a liaison between the district and the clubs/areas, ensuring smooth communication and effective support. Understanding that community clubs, local language clubs, and corporate clubs face different challenges, I would work closely with the district to make informed decisions that meet the unique needs of each type of club, ensuring that all are supported and empowered to succeed.

Additional information about yourself:

I am a nonstop learner, always striving to absorb new knowledge and grow. My belief in the power of positive thinking fuels my journey, and I approach every challenge with optimism and resilience. Embracing each learning opportunity with an open mind, I stay motivated to continue evolving personally and professionally. Additionally, I express my creativity through writing poems in Tamil, which allows me to connect deeply with my emotions and culture.