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Dr. Walter L. Price, DTM

Parliamentary Procedure

Without the Panic

9:15am-10:00, J115

Southwestern Christian College, Professor of Speech & Business and Chair, Division of Business, and Three (3) Time Distinguished Toastmaster, Certified Seminar Leader, Certified Life Coach, Educator, Facilitator, Mediator, Trainer and Conference Speaker



Naomi Lawler, DTM

Roadmap to DTM

9:15am-10:00, J113

Distinguished Toastmaster Naomi Lawler resides in Shreveport, Louisiana, and is an active member of six Toastmasters clubs in the Eastern Division: 200 Watt Speakers, Bossier Speakers, Conquerors Club, Eagle Club, NBTM, and Super DTMs. Since beginning her Toastmasters journey in 2003, Naomi has remained deeply involved as both a member and Club Officer in each of her clubs. These leadership roles have allowed her to grow, learn, and lead with purpose—especially through the lens of servant leadership.

Her past District leadership positions include Area 12 Director (2015–2016 and 2024–2025), and Eastern Division Director (2016–2017).

Currently, Naomi serves as the 2025–2026 DTM Mentor. She has also contributed to numerous District 50 committees including 2016 Hall of Fame Chair, 2019 Fall Conclave Chair, 2019–2020 DTM Mentor Co-Chair, 2020 DTM Ceremony Chair, 2021 International Speech District Contest Chair, 2020–2021 DTM Mentor, and 2021–2023 Leadership Learning Chair. In addition, she has supported many Area, Division, and District contests as a helper, Contest Judge, or Chief Judge.

But Toastmasters is just one part of Naomi's life. She is a wife, mother, retired federal employee, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, and part of the administrative support staff at her home church. She also volunteers with Red River Radio and Friends of Shreve Memorial Library.

Naomi enjoys listening to instrumental smooth jazz and Christian music—both contemporary and Messianic. Her hobbies include relaxing at the beach, reading, crossword puzzles, cooking, and sewing. Looking ahead, she plans to enjoy a second retirement and embrace life as a “snow bird.”

Favorite quotes:

“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.” — Maya Angelou

“Dedicate yourself to continuous personal improvement. You are your most precious resource.” — Brian Tracy

“I’m a big believer in growth. Life is not about achievement, it’s about learning and growth, and developing qualities like compassion, patience, perseverance, love, and joy, and so forth.” — Jack Canfield

Favorite song:

“Tapestry” by Carol King



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Chester Chambers, PI4

Judges Training

9:15am-10:00, J114

Chester Chambers joined Toastmasters in July of 2022 to polish his communication skills to ready himself for a chapter of life that is yet to be written.

Earlier chapters include a BS in Civil Engineering, an MBA from the Darden School at UVA, and a PhD from Duke University in Operations Research.

In another chapter he was the author of dozens of scholarly papers, 2 books, and thousands of classroom and research presentations.

Yet another chapter included Professorships in both the Business School and the School of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, as well as the creation and management of 2 Business Analytics programs at Johns Hopkins, and SMU.

The current chapter includes an empty nest, since both of his sons graduated from MIT, and a wife that wants him to be out of the house as much as possible. This over-zealous Toastmaster is a member of 4 clubs, founder of 2, a second-place finisher in the District 29 Table Topics contest in 2024, and a 1st place finisher in the D50 International Speech contest in 2025.

He is currently the Chief Contest Judge for District 50 as well as the creator and sole content provider at ChesterChambersPhD.com.



Jim Key, DTM

Preparing a Winning Speech

10:15am-11 J115

Jim Key comes from a background in information technology, sports, music, leadership, and public speaking. He has worked with leaders and managers from national non-profit organizations, manufacturing companies, and service companies across the United States. He believes in pursuing excellence unapologetically, and without reservation.

This drove him to become the first person to ever advance to the finals of the World Championships of Public Speaking three consecutive years, on his way to becoming the 2003 World Champion of Public Speaking. He has subsequently delivered keynote addresses and workshops around the United States and in numerous other countries. Jim has also served as an adjunct professor of communications at West Coast Bible College and Seminary.



Sally Matthews, EH2

Membership Building

10:15am-11 J113

Sally Matthews is the current Vice President of Education for Toastmasters of Rockwall, and D50 Assistant Quality Contest Chair. She has served, in the past, as an Area Director and Club President. Sally has 3 decades of experience in the Advertising industry as an Art Director, Graphic Designer, Copywriter, or whatever they want her to do that day. She loves Toastmasters! And also, creative writing, travel, and binge-watching Netflix shows.

Toastmasters of Rockwall, Vice President of Education
Toastmasters of Terrell, Vice President of Education
Assistant Quality Contest Chair, District 50 Program Quality Team



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DaWane Wanek, DTM

First Timers Event

10:15am-11 J114

DaWane Wanek, DTM began his Toastmasters career on 11/1/2016 in Las Vegas, NV. Deciding that he couldn't mentor new members in Pathways if he didn't embrace it himself, he decided to work both the Legacy program and Pathways in parallel. That culminated in his achieving dual DTMs in July, 2019. Since then, he has amassed a total of 8 DTMs (so far). DaWane was the 2nd person in the US and 4th in the world to have completed all 11 Paths. As of March, 2021, is now the 1st person globally to have completed all 11 Paths - three times.

DaWane has held every club officer role at least once. While in Las Vegas, he served as the D33 Division L Director and held a pivotal role on the D33/D115 Reformation Committee. Moving back to Texas in late 2018, he has served in various other district-level roles. DaWane was the 2020 D50 Humorous Speech Champion. Today, DaWane serves as the D50 District Transition Chair, happens to be our Area 14 Director, and is a D50 Past District Director.



Monnica Rose, DTM PID

The Art of Effective Evaluations

2:30pm-3:15 J115

Monnica Rose joined Toastmasters in February 2006 to improve her communication and leadership skills. Can you believe she was once shy? After attending a Toastmasters event outside of her club, Monnica was hooked on all the exciting opportunities the program had to offer.

Now, Monnica doesn't meet a stranger. As a retired mechanical engineer, Board President for Women of Visionary Influence, and Toastmasters Past International Director, she has dedicated herself to mentoring, motivating, and encouraging others to achieve their communication and leadership goals. She believes in the power of guidance and support, helping individuals unlock their potential and grow into confident speakers and leaders.

From her experiences, Monnica states, "Those who fully embrace all that the Toastmasters program has to offer will truly have a life-changing experience." When she isn't running half marathons, you can find Monnica cheering for her favorite NFL football team, solving Sudoku puzzles, or reading the latest book on leadership.



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Paloma Schmidt, TM

Create a P.R. Plan for Your Club

2:30pm-3:15 J113

Paloma Schmidt grew up in California and earned a degree from California State University, Long Beach. With a strong foundation in retail management and recruiting, she built an extensive career in Southern California before relocating to Texas in 2017. In 2022, she joined Big D Toastmasters, where she quickly became an active and dedicated member. Paloma has held several leadership roles within the club, including Presiding Officer and Vice President of Public Relations, and has also contributed to membership efforts. Her commitment to Toastmasters extended beyond the club level when she served as Area 33 Director, further demonstrating her passion for leadership, communication, and community involvement. She looks forward to continuing to grow within the Toastmasters organization in the future.



Kellie McMaster, DTM

Advanced Club Meet-Up

2:30pm-3:15 J114

Kellie McMaster, DTM, is the owner of McMaster Consulting LLC which provides financial and regulatory consulting to small and medium-sized businesses in East Texas. Previously, she worked for the Electric Utility industry for 30 years. Her focus at the utilities was finance, accounting, regulatory, energy efficiency and conservation, and procurement.

Kellie holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from California State University, San Bernardino. She also obtained a Paralegal Certificate from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to increase her understanding of writing and presenting Regulatory filings to various Public Utility Commissions. She served both utility and community boards in California and Nevada. While in Nevada, Kellie was involved in a large-scale event which welcomed participants from all over the world. She served on the committee in various roles for 10 years.

A Toastmaster since 2013, Kellie is a member of her home club, Tyler Evening Toastmaster in Tyler TX. She is also a member of three Advanced Clubs: Park Central Toastmaster, Super DTMs, and Tyler Advanced Toastmasters. She has held several leadership positions and is now the Assistant Area 14 Director of District 50. Kellie has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of educational achievement in the organization.

She says, "Growth in confidence is the biggest gift I have received in Toastmasters. I have been able to compete in contests, speak on stage, and help others achieve their goals because of the confidence I gained in Toastmasters."

District 50 Advanced Clubs:

**Confident Leaders
Super DTM's
Toastmasters Techno**

**Let's Talk Toastmasters
Park Central Toastmasters
200 Watt Speakers**