



EPA Toastmasters Newsletter

Summer 2022

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Club 4501

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June 30, 2022

We meet twice a month on
Thursday's from 12:00 to
1:00pm

Next Meeting Dates:

June 23, 2022

July 14, 2022

July 28, 2022

August 11, 2022

August 25, 2022

September 15, 2022

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In my 24 years with Toastmasters, I've seen changes. Some good ones, like the Humorously Speaking advanced manual. Some bad ones, like the Competent Leader manual. (What were they thinking?!)

The biggest changes happened in the last couple of years. The Pathways program makes us dance through weird menus and levels. Zoom makes us step up our tech game like never before.

We can see these changes as inconvenient. I certainly do. But change forces us to learn, adapt, collaborate, and be resilient. So, it's not always a bad thing.

Another change to think about is hybrid meetings. Currently, most EPA employees are in the office for only one day a week, and that day varies from person to person. A few (like me) are now doing remote work permanently. If we do transition from virtual meetings to hybrid meetings, when will that happen, and how? When and where will we meet, and how will we accommodate both those attending in person and those attending virtually?

Fortunately, incoming Club President Matt Rau, DTM, and Area Director Ray Willis, DTM, will help us navigate these questions. I look forward to working with them, and with you, to keep our Club a bastion of learning and self-improvement.

Kaushal Gupta, DTM
Club President and Area Director

TI Resources: EPA Toastmasters Website



In our Spring newsletter we highlighted our [D103 Website](#). This newsletter we want to remind you about our own [EPA Toastmasters Website](#). The website has many resources just for our members. You can also sign up for meeting roles in advance. If you like to plan ahead, we encourage you to sign into our website and sign up for roles. This will help not only you to continue

to grow in your Toastmaster journey but also help our VP of Education in having meeting roles filled ahead of time.



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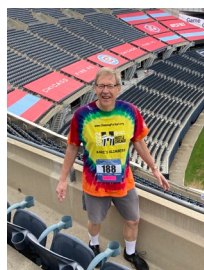
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Meet our New Officers

On May 26, 2022, we elected our new Club officers. Hear what a few of our new club officers have to say about their role and what they enjoy about our club.

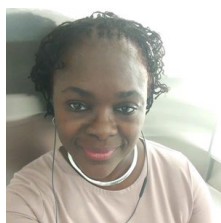


Matt Rau, Club President said: *I am looking forward to working with the officer team to ensure club continues to have strong, dynamic meetings. I like that we generally have new officer roles. The variety should help us avoid feeling in a rut. I hope we have plenty of opportunities for members who are not officers to contribute to the club's success. I'm thinking of special meetings/events and contests. Fresh ideas from members keep our club lively, as do gaining new members. Let us have plenty in the coming year. I enjoy my fellow members the most about the club. I feel our members are what make the meetings so enjoyable.*



Jim Baum, VP-Education said: *As VPE, my hope for EPA Toastmasters in the new Toastmasters year is that we will have ALL meeting roles filled on the Tuesday BEFORE a meeting, and members clamoring (yes, clamoring!) to grab speaker slots! I most enjoy the supportive yet challenging, fun yet purposeful, nature of our club! The camaraderie we have at EPA Toastmasters is very special.*

Valerie Voisin, VP-Membership said: *In my role as VP-Membership I hope to encourage new folks to join our club. I'll be learning how to set them up in Pathways. Looking forward to helping the club in any way I can! I enjoy the welcoming culture to our club. We are open to anyone that wishes to work on their speaking skills. It's great to have a supportive group that is so encouraging!*



Shumaine Douglas, VP – Public Relations said: *My hope as the new Vice President of Public Relations for EPA Toastmaster is to successfully promote the club's benefits to others and grow the club's membership by publishing the club's newsletter and posting on social media about our club meetings and events. I love that EPA Toastmasters encourages me in a safe environment to grow my self-confidence, leadership skills, and public speaking skills.*



William Bennett, Treasurer said: *My goal is to do my best to support our club as we strive to continue to operate as a healthy, vibrant, and distinguished club in a post-pandemic environment. I look forward to a successful transition to a hybrid club, offering in-person meetings with a remote option for those that are unable to attend in-person. I enjoy our regular club meetings. Specifically, I look forward to the break in routine and interaction with others outside of my regular workplace that they offer. You never know what interesting topics will come up!*