

# 2025 DISTRICT 55 SPRING CONFERENCE

May 16-18, 2025



**Celebrating 100 Years of Toastmasters**



**Texas-Style:**



**Fiesta in San Antonio!**

Courtyard by Marriott San Antonio  
SeaWorld Westover Hills

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# Welcome from the Conference Co-Chairs



**Peppy Garner, DTM**

Hello, Fellow Toastmasters and Guests!

Welcome to the 2025 District 55 Annual Conference. Our theme this year is Fiesta! Fiesta is an annual event unique to San Antonio. It is called “A Party with A Purpose.”

This 10-day event started out as a parade in 1891 when a group of citizens decided to honor the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto.

There are over 100 official events for Fiesta. Parades, military observances, music, food, sports, and pageantry are just some of the categories of the different events. You are missing out if you have never attended any Fiesta event. Like Fiesta, we have something for everyone at Conference this year!

As your conference co-chair, I felt it most important to recognize our accomplishments this past year and to celebrate with a huge party! What a better way to celebrate than with a Fiesta!

We also have a wide variety of educational sessions and keynote speakers to give you opportunities to learn and grow. I hope that you take some time to soak in the sessions and come away with a few key ideas that you can implement into your clubs and your own Toastmaster journey.

But most of all, HAVE FUN!

**¡Viva Fiesta!** Welcome everyone as our 2025 District 55 Conference makes a return to San Antonio! I am so excited about meeting you all (or should I say “Y’all”!) in person and learning more about each of you as we work together to build on our Toastmasters journeys, foster new relationships, and share our excitement and enthusiasm for what makes Toastmasters and especially D55 “THE” best place to grow our communication and leadership skills, all with the added bonus of having FUN while making new friends, cheering each other on to success!

We have a wonderfully busy schedule in store for you and hope you will make the most of each opportunity with our Key Note Speakers, Education Sessions, the honoring of our newest Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM), the bookstore bargains, silent auction bidding wars, and let's not forget the party that is our speech contests, where we get to crown our District Champions in the Tall Tales and International Speech contests. And launch Luisa's successor to the next level!

Thank YOU to our wonderful Conference planning team, Courtyard by Marriott San Antonio SeaWorld Westover Hills' own, Deborah Cortez and the hotel staff for guiding and assisting us through the process. I know the food and hospitality will be first rate for all of our attendees.

So come on Party People, **Let's Fiesta** our way to a memorable and rewarding event!



**Jeff Puckett**



# Welcome from the District Director

Welcome to the District 55 Spring conference! As the D55 District Director for the 2024-2025 term, I am honored to lead during this challenging yet exciting year. Our D55 Toastmasters community has united to overcome hurdles in recruitment, retention, and club expansion, culminating in the achievement of our first Hispanic public speaking champion at Toastmasters International's 100th-anniversary celebration.

It's time for our Toastmasters to convene, connect, and grow together. Good luck to all participants competing in the district Speech Contests! A special thank you to the Conference Chair, Program Quality director, District Leaders, and D55 Toastmasters members for orchestrating this remarkable event. Wishing everyone an enriching and memorable experience at this gathering!

Regards,  
Yiting Liu, DTM  
District Director, District 55  
Toastmasters International



**Yiting Liu**  
**District Director**

## Sunday Speakers

Join us to help improve your communication and leadership abilities.  
You will find our members ready to help you on your journey.



Meeting Times: 2nd and 4th  
Sunday 1:30 pm - 3 pm  
Location: Hope Church  
Main Room or via Zoom

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<http://sundayspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org/>



# Welcome from the Program Quality Director

Welcome to District 55 Fiesta Toastmasters Conference! As your Program Quality Director, I am thrilled to welcome you to an exciting weekend filled with learning, inspiration, and celebration. We have curated a series of dynamic education sessions designed to elevate your leadership and communication skills, led by expert speakers who will ignite your passion and fuel your growth. Our keynote speakers are sure to leave you motivated, bringing fresh perspectives that will resonate long after the event. And of course, don't forget about the speech contests, where our talented contestants will showcase their skills in a thrilling display of eloquence and creativity. Whether you're here to learn, connect, or cheer on your fellow Toastmasters, we're so glad you're part of this unforgettable experience. Let's make this Fiesta a memorable celebration of our collective journey toward excellence!

**Kevin F. Clark**  
**Program Quality Director**



# Welcome from the Club Growth Director



**Dawn Trenholm Colvin**  
**Club Growth Director**

Welcome Toastmasters and Friends,

It is my absolute honor to welcome you to the 2025 Toastmasters District 55 Conference! As your Club Growth Director, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the resilience, dedication, and passion that define our incredible community.

Together, we have turned challenges into opportunities, set bold goals, and ignited a new growth trend that is shaping the future of our district. Your commitment to personal and professional development has fueled this momentum, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've achieved as a team.

This conference is a celebration of that progress—an opportunity to learn, connect, and grow. We have an exciting lineup of workshops, educational sessions, and inspiring moments that will empower you to take your

leadership and communication skills to new heights. And of course, we have plenty of fun and camaraderie in store!

So immerse yourself in every session, engage with fellow Toastmasters, and take a moment to appreciate the hard work and dedication that have brought us here. This weekend is about celebration, transformation, and the limitless possibilities ahead.

Make this an unforgettable experience, enjoy every moment—we're so glad you're here!

# **Registration Desk, Bookstore, and Silent Auction**

## **Registration**

Check-in upon arrival at the **Conference Registration Desk**, located in the Prefunction Space, and during the conference for any questions you may have about the schedule, meals or conference activities.

**Friday Hours**  
**3pm - 6pm**

**Saturday Hours**  
**8am - 1:15pm**  
**and 4:15 - 6:15pm**

**after-hour assistance: text Betty Puckett at 210-884-1152 or Jeff Puckett at 757-376-0466**

## **Bookstore**

The District Bookstore, located in the **San Juan Boardroom**, operates for the convenience of all Toastmasters. Come in and browse through educational and promotional materials. We accept cash, checks and credit cards through Pay Pal or Square.

**Friday Hours**  
**3pm - 6pm**

**Saturday Hours**  
**9am - 4pm**

(intermittent Hours throughout Saturday check schedule on page 10)

## **Silent Auction**

Come to the **San Juan Boardroom** to view and bid on Silent Auction Items and help support the Conference. We have some great items available, including artwork, jewelry, pottery, gift certificates, gift baskets, and so much more. Happy bidding!

**Friday Hours**  
**3pm - 6pm**

**Saturday Hours**  
**9am - 3pm**

**Bidding Ends on Saturday at 3pm.**

# Keynote Speakers

## Cheryn Fasano, DTM

Cheryn Fasano brings over four decades of leadership experience to the stage, forged through a remarkable career in both the U.S. Army Reserve and Toastmasters International. A member of Toastmasters since 2000, Cheryn earned the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) designation in 2015 and has been a dedicated member of North San Antonio Toastmasters since 2013. She has served in every club-level leadership position, and also held the roles of Area Director, club coach, and Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) Chair for District 55—mentoring and empowering others along the way.



In parallel with her Toastmasters journey, Cheryn served 38 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring in August 2024 at the esteemed rank of Major General. Her decorated military career includes honors such as the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. As both a military and civilian leader—including time as a Program Manager for the U.S. Army Reserve and a decade as an analyst with USAA—Cheryn gained firsthand insight into the art of leading under pressure.

Cheryn holds an MBA, a Master of Recreation Management, and a Master of Strategic Studies. Drawing from her vast professional and personal experiences, her keynote will focus on core leadership principles developed through service. Attendees can expect a compelling and authentic message rooted in real-world leadership challenges and triumphs.





# Keynote Speakers

## Cora Lonning, DTM



With over 25 years of experience as an organizational development consultant and executive coach, Cora helps organizational leaders drive strategic execution through professional development services. She is passionate about growing business through developing people, leveraging her credentials in a variety of assessments, diagnostic and development tools, and talent management platforms to bring data and measurable progress to talent optimization.

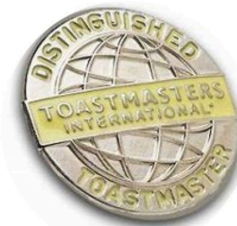
As a learning architect, she has built in-person and virtual programs to support enterprise vision, values, and strategy for clients across various industries and locations. She has expertise in blended learning methodologies, performance management, and engagement strategies. She innovates unique solutions and approaches to strengthen culture, align talent to strategy, and build individual growth plans. A strong communicator and presenter she works collaboratively with her clients to achieve desired outcomes.



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# D55 2025 Conference Agenda

District 55 - 2025 Annual Conference			
<b>Friday, May 16, 2024</b>			
Activity	Start	End	Location
Registration/Packet Pickup Open	3:00 PM	5:30 PM	Prefunction Space
Bookstore and Silent Auction	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	San Juan
Humorous Contest - Officials Makeup Training/Briefings	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	Executive Boardroom
Contestants/Timers/SAA Briefing	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	Alamo Ballroom
First Timers to Conference Activity	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	San Jose
Youth Leadership and Pathways Tables			Prefunction Space
Welcoming Ceremony	5:50 PM	6:00 PM	Alamo Ballroom
<b>Dinner</b>	6:00 PM	6:45 PM	Alamo Ballroom
<b>Tall Tales Contest</b>	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	Alamo Ballroom
break	7:45 PM	8:00 PM	Alamo Ballroom
Keynote Speaker - MG Cheryn Fasano, DTM	8:00 PM	8:40 PM	Alamo Ballroom
Announcements, Tall Tales Contest Winners Announced, Adjourn	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	Alamo Ballroom
Happy Hour/ Meet and Greet	9:00 PM	11:00 PM	Prefunction Space



# D55 2025 Conference Agenda (pg2)

<b>Saturday, May 17, 2024</b>		Education Sessions and Lunch		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Location</b>	
Registration Open	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Alamo Ballroom	
Breakfast Buffett	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Alamo Ballroom	
Bookstore and Silent Auction	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	San Juan	
Conference Opening/Announcements	8:45 AM	8:55 AM	Alamo Ballroom	
Break	8:55 AM	9:00 AM		
<b>Education Session I</b>	9:00 AM	10:10 AM		
a) Pathways Journey w/ Chris Knox			San Jose	
b) The AI Empowered Professional w/ Satish Shenoy, DTM			Espada	
c) Youth Legacy through Toastmasters w/ Diana Wiggins			Concepcion	
Break	10:10 AM	10:20AM		
Bookstore and Silent Auction	10:00AM	10:30AM	San Juan	
<b>Education Session II</b>	10:20AM	11:30 AM		
d) Liven Up Your Toastmasters Meetings w/ Angie Collier			San Jose	
e) Leadership: To Be or Not To Be w/ Rikkita Hughes, DTM			Espada	
f) Podcasting 101 w/ Anna Jaworski			Concepcion	
Bookstore and Silent Auction	11:20 AM	12:15 PM	San Juan	
Lunch	11:45 AM		Alamo Ballroom	
Awards Ceremony		12:45 PM	Alamo Ballroom	
Break	12:45 PM	1:00 PM		
<b>Education Session III</b>	1:00 PM	2:10 PM		
a) Liven Up Your Toastmasters Meetings w/ Angie Collier			San Jose	
b) Flip the Piñata w/ Scott Hopkins			Espada	
c) Unlocking Your Full Potential w/ Tim McDearmon			Concepcion	
Break	2:10 PM	2:20 PM		
Bookstore and Silent Auction (Silent Auction Ends @ 3PM)	2:00PM	3:00PM	San Juan	
<b>Education Session IV</b>	2:20 PM	3:30 PM		
d) Leadership: To Be or Not To Be w/ Rikkita Hughes, DTM			San Jose	
e) The AI Empowered Professional w/ Satish Shenoy, DTM			Espada	
f) Pathways Journey w/ Chris Knox			Concepcion	
International Speech Contest - Officials Training/Briefings	3:40 PM	4:40 PM	Executive Boardroom	



# D55 2025 Conference Agenda (pg3)

Saturday May 17th PM schedule (Continued)			
Activity	Start	End	Location
International Speech Contestants/Timers/SAA Briefing	3:40 PM	4:40 PM	Alamo Ballroom
Evening			
Dinner/Silent Auction Announcement	5:30 PM	6:15 PM	Alamo Ballroom
Recognition of Outgoing Officers	6:15 PM	6:45 PM	Alamo Ballroom
Installation of 2025-2026 District 55 Officers	6:45 PM	7:15 PM	Alamo Ballroom
<b>International Speech Contest</b>	7:25 PM	8:35 PM	Alamo Ballroom
Break	8:35 PM	8:45 PM	Alamo Ballroom
Keynote Speaker - Cora Lonning, DTM	8:45 PM	9:30 PM	Alamo Ballroom
Announcements, International Speech Contest Winners Announced, and Adjourn	9:30 PM	9:45 PM	Alamo Ballroom
No Host Happy Hour, Socializing, and Networking	9:45 PM	til ?	Prefunction Area



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# D55 2025 Conference Agenda (pg4)

## Concluding Events, Incoming Leader Training

<b>Sunday, May 19, 2024</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Location</b>
Breakfast	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Alamo Ballroom
Welcome/Introduce Dignitaries/Announcements	9:00 AM	9:15 AM	Alamo Ballroom
Celebrating New District Champion	9:20 AM	9:50 AM	Alamo Ballroom
Keynote Workshop - Cora Lonning, DTM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Alamo Ballroom
break	11:00 AM	11:15 AM	
Trio Appreciation	11:15 AM	11:45 AM	Alamo Ballroom
<b>Conference Adjourn</b>	11:45 AM		
New Leader lunch	Noon	1:00 PM	San Jose
Incoming District Leader Training	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	San Jose



Join us at **Gavel Masters** where we always have a Howling good Time!

Meetings every Thursday 7-8:30PM (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs are Hybrid)

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# EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

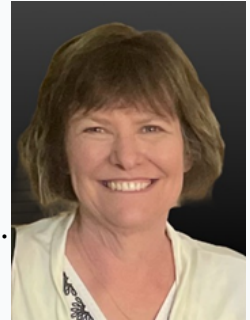
Saturday May 17th 9AM to 3:45PM

**Title & Presenter:** “Liven up Your Toastmasters Meetings” - Angie Collier

**Time and Location:** 10:20AM and 1PM in San Jose

**Course Description:** Learn how to make your Toastmasters Meetings fun, engaging, and worthwhile through Jokes, Table Topics, and Themes.

**Presenter Bio:** Angie Collier is a teacher in many forms. She teaches reading, substitute teaches, facilitates mental health classes, and teaches Bible classes. She has been a Toastmaster since 2020 and is a member of Sunday Speakers and North San Antonio Toastmasters.



**Title & Presenter:** “Flip the Piñata: Smashing Self-Doubt for Stage Confidence” - Scott Hopkins

**Time and Location:** 1PM in Espada

**Course Description:** Just like breaking open a piñata reveals hidden treasures, breaking through self-doubt unlocks your full potential as a speaker. In this high-energy workshop, participants will identify their self-defeating beliefs and transform them into powerful affirmations that enhance their presence and delivery. Get ready to smash those mental barriers and celebrate your inner confidence!



**Presenter Bio:** Broadway Bank's Leadership and Talent Development Officer, Scott Hopkins, passionately empowers others to maximize their potential through engaging training programs spanning organizational change, resilience, and peak performance. A former Air Force Officer who spearheaded the development of a culture and leadership survey for over 800,000 military personnel and contributed to the U.S. Vice President's National Performance Review, Scott understands the profound impact of employee engagement. As an early adopter of AI and a keen follower of neuroscience, he integrates cutting-edge insights into talent strategies and employee experiences. With expertise in hiring assessments, performance management, training, coaching, and leadership development, Scott has applied his skills across diverse sectors, including healthcare and banking, and has extensively researched the effects of self-sabotage. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science, an M.A. in Management, has completed 60 hours towards a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies, along with certifications from Coach University, Fierce Conversations, and DISC. Outside of work, Scott is married to Valarie and has two adult daughters.



# EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Saturday May 17th 9AM to 3:45PM

**Title & Presenter: “Leadership: To Be or Not To Be” - Rikkita Hughes, DTM**

**Time and Location: 10:20AM in Espada and 2:20PM in San Jose**

**Course Description:** If you have ever asked, “can I be a leader” or “should I be a leader”, this class is for you! If you ever wondered, what type of leader do want to be, then this class is for you! If you have ever envisioned being a leader and unsure what it takes, this class is for you! If you are a leader and want to enhance your leadership skills, this class is for you!



## **Presenter Bio:**

**POSITION TITLE:** Director, Joint Base San Antonio 502 Air Base Wing Equal Opportunity

### **PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL:**

- Born in Wichita Kansas, grew up in Lawton, Oklahoma (Fort Sill)
- Married to Retired SGM Forrest Keith Hughes (30 yr. Army Veteran) married for 47 yrs.
- Mother of 3 daughters, 2 grandchildren
- Federal Service for 41 years
- Worked for Department of the Army, Department of Veterans and currently Department of the Air Force
- Currently the JBSA 502 ABW EO Director (2021 – Present)
- Served as EO Manager/ADR Coordinator, South Texas Health Care Systems, Department of Veteran Affairs, San Antonio, Texas (2016 – 2021)
- Served as Deputy Chief, Office of Information Technology, South Texas Department of Veterans Affairs, San Antonio, Texas (2010-2016)
- Served as VISN 17 Mental Health Data Analysis (2007 – 2010)
- Certified Mediator – Dept of Veterans and Level III Dept of the Air Force

### **EDUCATION (OPTIONAL)**

- Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Graduate (2021)
- Degree in Liberal Arts – Kaplan University (2006)
- Degree in Paralegal Studies – Kaplan University (2006)
- Graduate of the Leadership Development Institute (LDI) VISN 17 and VISN 18 graduate (1998 and 2010)
- Graduate of the Leadership, Effectiveness, Accountability and Development (LEAD) program (2015)

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS (OPTIONAL):**

- 502d Air Base Wing Civilian Supervisor CAT III, Q3 Winner (2022 & 2024)
- Alamo Federal Executive Shared Neutral Chair, 2011 – 2017
- Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) – (2015)
- Alamo Federal Executive Board – Mediator of the Year Award (2013)

**Congratulations Allen McAllen,  
Toastmasters (Club #9724) on 25 memorable years!**

# EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Saturday May 17th 9AM to 3:45PM

**Title & Presenter: “Podcasting 101” - Anna Jaworski, DTM**

**Time and Location: 10:20AM in Concepcion**

**Course Description:** Have you ever thought YOU should be on a podcast? Or maybe you’ve thought about starting your OWN podcast? Discover how to become a podcast guest and leverage your appearances to secure future interviews. Learn Anna’s proven formula for finding and landing podcast opportunities quickly and effectively! For those of you who aspire to have your own podcast, Anna will share how she started her podcast, places where you can receive more training on starting a podcast, and she’ll also share some resources with attendees to help them get started on their podcasting journey.



**Presenter Bio:** Anna Jaworski, DTM, has been a member of Toastmasters since 2001. She was the 2012-2013 Division Governor of the Year. Anna is a Founding Member of Texas Stars Toastmasters. Anna is an author and Executive Director of Hearts Unite the Globe (HUG), a nonprofit organization for the congenital heart defect (CHD) community. Anna's youngest was born with a CHD and is the reason Anna became so active in the CHD community. Her HUG Podcast Network currently has four active podcasts. (<https://www.heartsunitetheglobe.com>).

**Title & Presenter: “Your Pathway Journey Awaits!” - Chris Knox**

**Time and Location: 9AM in San Jose and 2:20PM in Concepcion**

**Course Description:** Do you find the Pathways program challenging? How does someone enroll in Pathways? How can I know that I’m effectively progressing? In this session, Chris will highlight key aspects of the program and share his personal journey to encourage better utilization and engagement of the Pathways resources.



**Presenter Bio:** Chris Knox has been a Toastmaster since 2017, starting his journey as a member of the North San Antonio club (5166) where he soon stepped into the role of VP-Public Relations. He also helped re-launch the CPS Energy Toastmasters corporate club, where he held the positions of VP-Education and Club President. He is also serving as their club mentor following his retirement in October 2024. As he continues his quest to become a paid professional speaker, he is an accomplished guitarist, vocalist and arranger, who has toured worldwide and performs regularly at his church and around the San Antonio area. He and his wife, Joann, have two adult (married) children (son, Chris II and daughter, Candice), and three teenage grandchildren (Terrence, Cadence, & Christine).

# EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Saturday May 17th 9AM to 3:45PM

**Title & Presenter:** “Unlocking Your Full Potential” - Tim McDearmon, DTM

**Time and Location:** 1PM in Concepcion

**Course Description:** Are you ready to unlock your full potential and achieve your goals? If so, don't miss this presentation on the power of the growth mindset. You'll learn how adopting a growth mindset can help you overcome challenges, develop new skills, and reach new heights of success. Discover the power of embracing a "can-do" attitude to transform your approach to learning and personal development. We will explore the Fixed vs. Growth Mindsets, providing practical steps on how to adopt the Growth Mindset and use it to accelerate both your personal and professional growth. Whether you're looking to enhance your leadership skills, improve team dynamics, or achieve new milestones, this session will provide actionable insights to help you succeed. Take this opportunity to transform your thinking and take your success to the next level!



**Presenter Bio:** Tim McDearmon is a leader who lives and breathes the Growth Mindset. As a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM), he has leveraged the principles of growth to advance in leadership roles at the Division and District levels within Toastmasters. Additionally, as a Senior IT Project Manager, he has applied these principles to drive successful project execution and team development. Tim's passion for continuous learning and leadership development makes him a sought-after speaker at conferences and training events. His presentations provide audiences with the tools and motivation to unlock their full potential and embrace lifelong growth.

**Title & Presenter:** “From X to 10X: The AI Empowered Professional” - Satish Shenoy, DTM

**Time and Location:** 9AM and 2:20 in Espada

**Course Description:** This mini-workshop, teaches how to transform yourself as an AI-powered business professional by leveraging tools, techniques and tips to dramatically increase your productivity, drive faster and better decisioning and enhanced creativity to go from incremental to exponential growth.



**Presenter Bio:** Satish Shenoy has spent the last 25+ years building, leading and growing enterprise teams. He has scaled early-stage startups to Fortune 500 companies across multiple cities, countries and continents. He currently leads the Global AI Practice and Technology Alliances at SS&C Blue Prism. Satish is a Distinguished Toastmaster, a bestselling author, an award-winning keynote speaker, a seven-continent marathon runner and an advisor and mentor to many. He was based in the Bay Area prior to moving to Austin, TX in 2021



# EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Saturday May 17th 9AM to 3:45PM

**Title & Presenter:** “Open Doors of Opportunity: Building Youth Legacy Through Toastmasters” - Diana Wiggins

**Time and Location:** 9AM in Concepcion

**Course Description:** In this engaging seminar, Diana will walk you through the nuts and bolts of launching and sustaining a successful Youth Leadership Program or Gavel Club. If you care about inspiring the next generation—whether you're a parent, grandparent, educator, or leader—this workshop will show you how to open doors of opportunity and create a lasting legacy of leadership. Learn practical strategies, proven tools, and real stories of transformation. Let's build the future of Toastmasters together.



**Presenter Bio:** Diana Wiggins is a visionary leader and founder of the thriving Cedar Park 4-H Gavel Club—she shares how one idea grew from 8 students to over 232 empowered youth speakers.

**Congratulations to**

# **Blake Rubie, DTM**

On achieving his Distinguished Toastmasters Award!

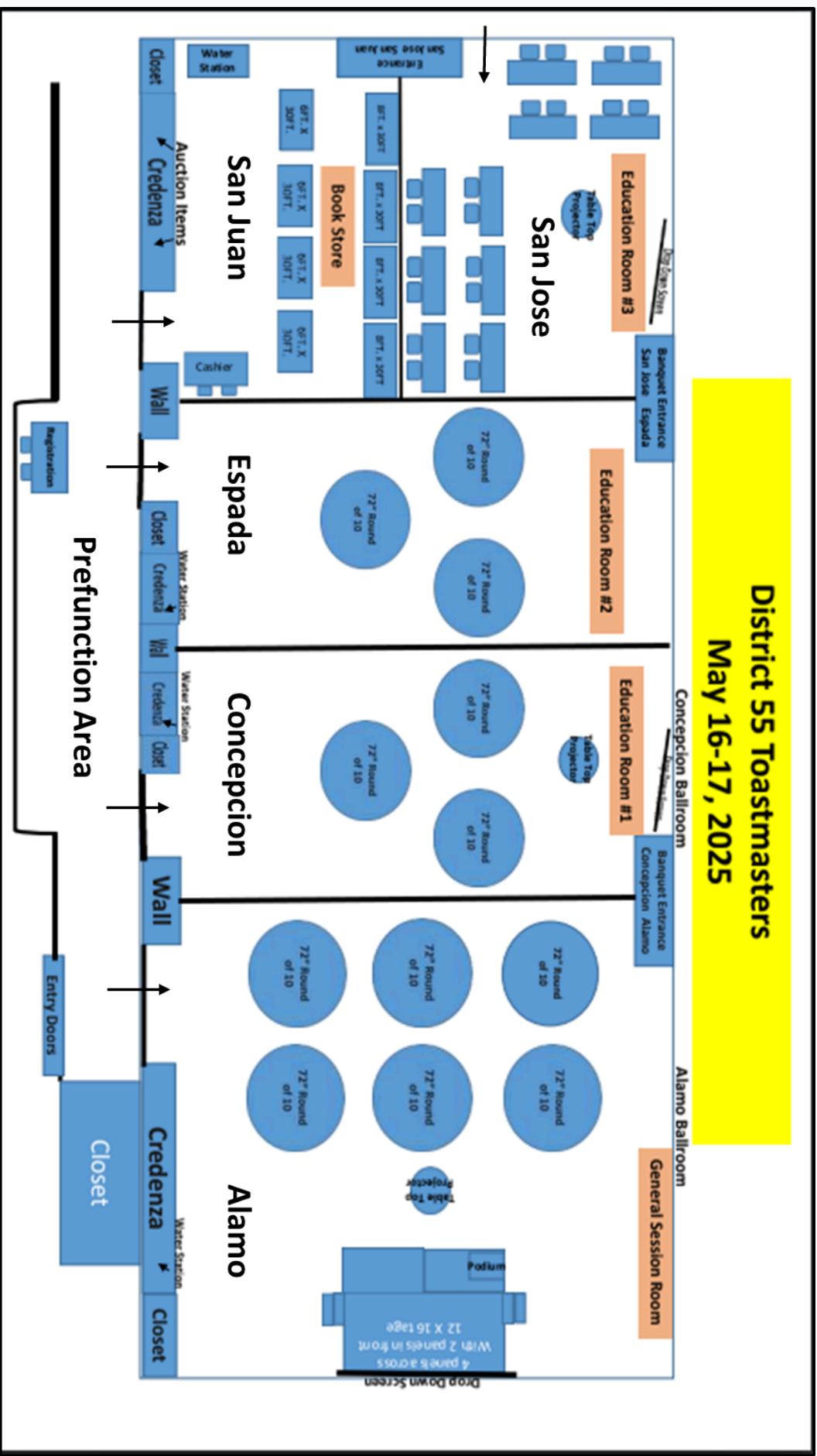
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Contact our VP of Membership, Michelle Lockwood, for more information at (210) 701-6396 / [mlockwood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlockwood@sbcglobal.net)

# D55 Conference Map

## District 55 Toastmasters May 16-17, 2025



Meals and all evening events will take place in the Alamo Ballroom. Education sessions will be held in the classrooms listed in this program and depicted in the graphic above.

# Distinguished Toastmaster Awards

**Congratulations and Well Done to our 2025  
D55 Distinguished Toastmaster Awardees:**

**Bart Loeser (2<sup>nd</sup> award)**

**Blake Rubie**

**Ka Yu**



For those in pursuit of this coveted achievement, Pathways requirements for Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) are:

- *Complete two unique learning paths.*
- *Serve as a club officer for 12 months.*
- *Serve as a club mentor or coach.*
- *Serve as a club sponsor or conduct a Speechcraft or Youth Leadership program.*
- *Serve as a district officer for one year.*
- *Complete the DTM project.*



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Dawn Trenholm Colvin, DTM, CGD  
Friend of Toastmasters  
Kathy Moore, DTM  
Rebecca McCarty

And all those who brought items on Friday.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated items to  
the D55 Silent Auction.



# **Conference Committee Acknowledgements**

Audio/Visual Manager	Jason Wold
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District Speech Contests	Wilma Igwe
DTM Ceremony Chair	William Friedrich
Educational Sessions Chair	Kathy Moore
First-Timers Event Manager	Amy Espinoza
Installation of 2025-26 District Officers	Amy Espinoza
Parade of Banners Manager	Wendii Lord
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# 2026 District 55 Conference

Austin, TX



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