



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Gerald Toyomura**

Candidate's Office: **Program Quality Director** District Number: **49**

Toastmasters member since: **October 1, 2002**

Education:

Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) May 21, 2020; Advanced Communicator Gold (ACG) May 18, 2020; Advanced Communicator Silver (ACS) January 21, 2020; Advanced Leader Silver (ALS) January 02, 2020; Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB) June 26, 2019; Leadership Excellence (LDREXC) March 22, 2019; Advanced Leader Bronze (ALB) January 07, 2019; Competent Leader (CL) May 18, 2018; Competent Communicator (CC).

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

District 49 Club Growth Director Jul. 01, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021; City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters Secretary, Jul. 01, 2020 - Jun. 30, 2021; Division B Division Director, Jul. 01, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020; Catalyst Club Treasurer, Jul. 01, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020; Area 2 Area Director, Jul. 01, 2018 - Jun. 30, 2019; Catalyst Club Sergeant At Arms, Oct. 15, 2018 - Jun. 30, 2019; City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters President (President's Distinguished) Jul. 01, 2017 - Jun. 30, 2018; City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters Vice President Education, Jul. 01, 2016 - Jun. 30, 2017; City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters Vice President Membership; Jul. 01, 2015 - Jun. 30, 2016; City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters Sergeant At Arms; Jul. 01, 2003 - Jun. 30, 2004.

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

Pearl City Club Coach Complete Jun. 30, 2020;
HBM Club Mentor Complete Dec. 22, 2019;
District 49 Area Director of the Year, Jul. 01, 2018 - Jun. 30, 2019;
District 49 Speech Contest Co-Chair, Areas 2, 7, and 9 Table Topics and International Speech Contests March 2, 2019;
District 49 Conference, Silent Auction Chair, 2019; District 49 Conference, Raffle Chair, 2019; District 49 Conference, Fund Raising Chair, 2019.
5 Member sponsor Award (9 members) 2018; Sponsored 11 members 2017-2019.

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

Relevant work experience as an architect and planner that I do every day at work applies to a District leader. This involves setting a vision for the organization and realizing that vision through small, achievable goals. As the leader, I would work with my team to develop a strategic plan including analyzing the situation and resources, set goals, deciding what actions need to be taken by who by when, and help everyone to achieve those goals on time. This would be an ongoing process and include recognition and incentives.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

Strategic planning has been necessary for just about every position I have held. An example in Toastmasters, would be when I was Club President, we developed a strategic plan, and we achieved President's Distinguished Club. As District 49 Speech Contest Co-Chair for the Areas 2, 7, and 9 Table Topics and International Speech Contests, strategic planning was necessary for it to be a success. Currently as Club Growth Director, we are working on achieving Distinguished District for Clubs.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

District 49 Club Growth Director, working with District budget, 2020-2021; Catalyst Club Treasurer, Jul. 01, 2019 - Jun. 30, 2020; City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters President (President's Distinguished) working with Club budget, Jul. 01, 2017 - Jun. 30, 2018; worked with several organizations as Treasurer, Finance Officer, fund raisers, service projects, and Excoms developing, approving, and reconciling budgets.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

Through the various positions I have held I have gained much experience in developing procedures as all of them have needed the procedures to be modified or even revamped to fit the current situation, like the current COVID pandemic and on-line practices, and just adjusting to a new team with different skills and resources.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

I always learn something new or how to do something better in each leadership position I have held. One lesson is that it is very difficult to do everything yourself. It is better to work as a team. Good communications and leadership skills are very important to develop and practice.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

District Program Quality Director is the next level in my Toastmasters career. I have gained a lot from going from member to club officer, Club President, Area Director, Division Director and presently District Club Growth Director. I would use my experience to serve the District and give back to the program and help other Toastmasters.

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

The District mission is to "Build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence." As District Club Growth Director I focused on building new clubs, helping existing clubs, and retaining and gaining new members. As District Program Quality Director I would work to support all clubs in achieving excellence in all aspects of education and training within the District. This includes supporting quality club programming efforts, promoting the Distinguished Club Program, planning and executing the District conference, and the District Speech Contests working with fellow District members. Together with the District leadership team, we would conduct District Leader Training, Mid-year Training, and other training as needed. This to me is the core of the Toastmaster program; empowering individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders and gaining value from the program. We would develop strategic plans including the District Success Plan which would include everyone and work to achieve our goals and value throughout the year.

Additional information about yourself:

I am married and have a daughter in high school. I am a licensed Architect, and a Planner at the City and County of Honolulu. I am a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu and have been on mission trips to Swaziland, Africa and local areas. I was the Deputy Wing Commander of the Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol, and have my pilot and glider license with over 1,500 hours, and worked with their youth cadet program. I am a member of the Sierra Club and have led hikes and service trips on all the islands and worked with their High School Hikers program. I scuba dived and was certified. I play some golf and finished 5 Honolulu Marathons. And do some Toastmasters.

Gerald Toyomura, DTM – Officer Positions Held - February 20, 2021

Number	Name	Position	Start Date	End Date
	District 49	Club Growth Director	Jul. 01, 2020	Jun. 30, 2021
	Division B	Division Director	Jul. 01, 2019	Jun. 30, 2020
	Area 2	Area Director	Jul. 01, 2018	Jun. 30, 2019
7165371	Catalyst Club	Treasurer	Jul. 01, 2019	Jun. 30, 2020
7165371	Catalyst Club	Sergeant At Arms	Oct. 15, 2018	Jun. 30, 2019
4079	City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters	Secretary	Jul. 01, 2020	Jun. 30, 2021
4079	City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters	President	Jul. 01, 2017	Jun. 30, 2018
4079	City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters	Vice President Education	Jul. 01, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017
4079	City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters	Vice President Membership	Jul. 01, 2015	Jun. 30, 2016
4079	City And County of Honolulu Toastmasters	Sergeant At Arms	Jul. 01, 2003	Jun. 30, 2004