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Farmington Resident Elected to Lead Minnesota Toastmasters District

Will serve community members by helping them become better leaders and communicators

FARMINGTON, MN, May 10, 2019—Fear of public speaking may rival the fear of dying, but as newly-elected District Director Ravi Rai knows, Toastmasters is “Where Leaders are Made.”

In this role, Rai will serve more than 2,500 Minnesotan Toastmasters working toward personal and professional growth—something he believes in passionately.

“Toastmasters helped me understand how to communicate better, effectively present ideas, and gain confidence by taking on leadership roles.” It is this dedication to service that motivates Rai.

“When I was granted citizenship in the United States, I took an oath that I would serve my community. I look forward to fulfilling this oath by continuing to help people bloom in the communities where they reside.”

Since 2002, Rai has served in multiple leadership positions throughout Toastmasters including Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Area Governor, and Youth Leadership Chair. He’s received many awards as well including District 6 Toastmaster of the Year. He has earned the distinction of Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). The DTM award is the highest honor Toastmasters bestows, and recognizes a superior level of achievement in both communication and leadership.

As District Director, Rai’s vision is to ensure members receive the value of their membership. “I believe that every Toastmaster is a leader. Toastmasters is a great place where we all work together to hone our leadership skills to transform the world.”

Rai earned a B.E. in Computer Science and Engineering, an M.S. in Computer Science, and is a 2017 graduate of The Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI)—a leadership development program designed to prepare future leaders in Minnesota state government. He works for the state of Minnesota as a Database Administration Supervisor in IT Services and is also a professional speaker who regularly speaks at IT conferences to inspire, educate, and motivate audiences.

Rai is quick to add the highlight of his Toastmasters journey, “It is where I met my beautiful wife, Catherine, who served as District Director herself in 2011-12.”

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. The organization’s membership exceeds 313,000 in more than 14,650 clubs in 126 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org.

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