

Goutham Putta joined Toastmasters International (TI) in February 2018 - just a few months after moving to Austin, Minnesota. His timely arrival in Minnesota allowed him to fully participate in a record-setting winter. He first joined the Austin-Nites TM club, where he eventually went on to hold the role of Vice President of Education. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Tuesdays with Toastmasters Club, which conveniently meets about 30 feet from his work desk. Within a few months of having joined Toastmasters, he participated in the Area 55 Evaluation contest. To further challenge himself, he accepted the nomination to become an Area 55 Director for the 2019-2020 year. He has signed up for the Visionary Communication Pathways Track and is on his way to obtaining DTM.

He joined TI to become to find ways to better engage the audience during his presentations. To his surprise, he has obtained a much greater return than he initially anticipated. Namely, he has become a much better "on-the-spot" and confident speaker, and as an added bonus - his network has greatly expanded. He continues to encourage others to give Toastmasters a shot so they too may reap the benefits.

He grew up in Dublin, OH (a suburb of Columbus) and has lived in 3 other states - including Louisiana, Iowa and now, Minnesota. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS in Chemical Engineering and is now working as a Product Manager. He enjoys volunteering, reading, cycling, and meeting new people.