

District 6 Officer Candidate



Biographical Information

Candidate's Name	Helene Gagoud
Office Candidate is running for	Central Division Governor
Toastmaster member since	April 2010
Toastmasters offices held and terms of service	Area Governor, Club Vice President Membership
Toastmasters honors and recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Crosstown Talkers Toastmasters of the year for 2011-2012. Triple crown award in 2011-2012. Officer for Crosstown Talkers club:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Club achieved the President Distinguished Status in 2011-2012 And Select Distinguished Status in 2010-2011- Club achieved the magnificent seven status in 2011-2012
How has your Toastmasters experience most benefited you both personally and professionally?	<p>Toastmasters has allowed me to develop my public speaking skills and be a more concise, analytical, effective and persuasive communicator.</p> <p>Toastmasters has also helped me improve my interpersonal and leadership skills. As a result, I am more assertive and a better planner and organizer. Toastmasters has allowed me to deal more comfortably with significant and difficult issues and manage relationships and conflicts for a better outcome.</p>
What lessons did you learn from Toastmasters?	<p>Toastmasters has really allowed me to learn about people, what motivates them and how different the "right balance" is for each of us. It has allowed me to communicate better and in doing, I am better able to</p>

	<p>help others achieve their objectives and mine for win-win situations. Not all people want the same thing, at the same pace with the same passion. Therefore, what they're looking for can be quite different.</p>
<p>What key strengths would you bring to the role?</p>	<p>The key strengths that I would bring to the role are the passion to serve, energy, enthusiasm and availability.</p> <p>I have good planning skills that I have further developed since becoming a part of Toastmasters, such as being more persuasive and influential , skills that I am developing as a participant in the district's new club building efforts.</p> <p>I am very enthusiastic about growing Toastmasters and working at increasing membership and working on demonstration meetings for new clubs, as well as finding sponsors and mentors to launch new clubs.</p> <p>I also bring good teaching skills which I have been able to practice as an area governor. It is my belief that there is a lot of information, about Toastmasters, that could really benefit many of our members in their careers and their personal life, and part of my role is to share this knowledge.</p> <p>I am also able to quickly assess and analyze a situation, understand what the opportunities and strengths are and make creative suggestions to allow to move forward.</p>
<p>Why do you want to serve in this position?</p>	<p>I want to serve in this position for three main reasons: (1.) my personal development - to further develop my public speaking and leadership skills so that I can utilize it in my personal life, (2.) my passion for serving others - to help others develop their public speaking and leadership skills and (3.) because I am passionate about Toastmasters and want to continue to having fun, being excited and sharing my passion about Toastmasters to grow the organization.</p>
<p>In your opinion, what are District 6's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?</p>	<p>District 6 major objectives are to help people develop their public speaking skills and leadership skills, by increasing membership and being a distinguished district.</p> <p>I would help district 6 increase the number of members and clubs by participating in marketing initiatives (cold calling), focusing on campaigns such</p>

	<p>as the one plus one campaign and continuing to be part of the new club launching team. My two years tenure as a VP of membership in my home club has given me good experience about what works to grow membership at a club level.</p> <p>I would also help district 6 become distinguished by ensuring that our area governors and clubs leverage the DCP program to ensure that members and clubs are purposeful and have personal and club objectives.</p> <p>An area of focus would definitely be to continue to offer and be excited about varied training, to allow the different Toastmasters members to understand what they can leverage in Toastmasters, to achieve their personal goals.</p> <p>One of the first thing I would do as a division Governor is to work with my areas Governor to understand how the clubs in the Central Division fall into 2 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership - Educational awards <p>Our help, training and sharing of best practices would focus initially on the clubs and category that needs the most improvement, to ensure that existing clubs make progress where they need it most.</p>
<p>Additional information you would like us to know:</p>	<p>I believe in excellence with balance . Hopefully, for 2012-2013, my area will be President Distinguished. I believe in identifying objectives, establishing and working the plan for a successful outcome.</p> <p>I believe all of this can be accomplished in a win-win situation. Having the members improve their public speaking skills and leadership skills will allow the clubs to be distinguished, as well as the areas, the divisions and the district.</p> <p>Consequently, Toastmasters will grow and will provide more opportunities for people in the general population to improve their public speaking and leadership skills.</p>