

District 6 Officer Candidate



Biographical Information

Candidate's Name	Sandi Robarge
Office Candidate is running for	Metro Division Governor
Toastmaster member since	September 1, 2010
Toastmasters offices held and terms of service	2011-2012 President of FRB \$peakea\$y - Club #5348 2012-2013 Area 44 Governor
Toastmasters honors and recognition	2012-2013 ROSE Award
How has your Toastmasters experience most benefited you both personally and professionally?	<p>Toastmasters International has provided me with several opportunities to develop my leadership skills within my club as well as at a Division level. Toastmasters meetings have taught me how to run and participate in effective meetings. As an officer of our club I was able to work closely with members to find out what they were looking for from their Toastmasters experience, and then help them work towards their goals. At an Area level I've enjoyed visiting different clubs and meeting new people. I've also been able to practice valuable management skills in organizing speech contests and training. Personally, I've enjoyed the friendships made while working with our Division's Area Governors. They have been greatly supportive of each other with all training and contests.</p>
What lessons did you learn from Toastmasters?	<p>My main reason for joining Toastmasters was to learn to speak 'off the cuff'. Table Topics allows me the opportunity to practice this skill. What I've actually</p>

	gained is a broad range of tools to help me conquer any task I set out to do, professionally or personally.
What key strengths would you bring to the role?	This role in Toastmasters would offer me an opportunity to encourage others to realize their greater potential. As a Division Governor I would enjoy working with Area Governors in a respectful way to build strength in their leadership skills and generate growth within their clubs. These individuals will be aware of the expectations of their role and clear about what they need to accomplish those tasks. When obstacles show up, I would be happy to collaborate with them to overcome those obstacles. When things are going well, we will celebrate those successes as well. I feel as though this will lead to a greater confidence in their ability to get the job done.
Why do you want to serve in this position?	I've enjoyed working at an Area level this year. I feel the move to Division is a growth opportunity for me to encourage others from behind the scenes.
In your opinion, what are District 6's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?	I understand that club and membership growth are major objectives for our District. I feel it is important to get the word out about Toastmasters to our friends and colleagues. As others witness our growth in key areas of our personal and professional lives, they will want to know more about how these changes occurred – what was behind all of it. New member recruitment and opportunities for new clubs would be a priority at all times. There are opportunities for club members to build membership while work towards competent leadership by hosting PR campaigns for such things as open houses and speech marathons. Communication goals can be met by speaking from the Leadership series. Most importantly, I feel that maintaining a successful club includes honoring each member, old or new, and treating each individual with respect and consideration each time we meet.
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