DISTRICT 27 HISTORY

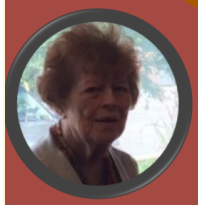
Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. Our organization has more than 325,000 memberships with more than 16,400 clubs in 141 countries. From its beginnings in the basement of a YMCA in 1924 in Santa Ana, California.

It all started with District 36!

In 1989 District 36 was reformed into two Districts (36 & 27). District 27 continued to expand and ultimately becoming the 10th largest Districts in the world, with 21 Toastmasters clubs and 454 members in the Metropolitan Washington D.C. As a result District 27 reformed again into District 27 & 29. July 2011, Toastmasters International with District 27 leadership support established District 27 as we know it today. We have been shining, shouting and sharing ever since

Boundaries we cover

District 27 boundaries are defined as the southwest quadrants of the District of Columbia; the part of Virginia inside the Washington Beltway(I-495); the part of Prince Georges County south, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties in Maryland.



Women in Toastmasters: Toastmasters International accepted the first woman in 1973- under an assumed name. Helen Burkett's application was submitted as Herman Burkett. Ms. Burkett is a member of 4 clubs today, attends each club meeting and shares personal stories of her wonderful journey!

If you want to understand today, you have to understand the past. ~ Pearl Buck

Last District Governor of District 27 before reform to 27,29.

Jo Condrill & the District 27 team achieved President's Distinguished in 1992 as the #1 District in the world.#1st before D27&D29 reform.

Dianne LaVanway & the District 27 Team achieved President's distinguished status and ranked #12 in the world. #2 subdivide

1st District Governor under the current reformed District 27 2011-2012

- ***President's Distinguished District*** status (top ranking worldwide) was attained by two District Governor since 1992: Jo Condrill (1992–1993), Diane LaVanWay (2012-2013); Ernesto Eitienne, DTM (2013-2014)
- Select Distinguished Governors: Frances P. Greta DTM (1994),
- Distinguished Governors: Barbara Hunt DTM(1996) Dale Moyer DTM (1997), Roger Baker DTM(1998), Donna Gordon DTM(2005), Marianne Meadows DTM (1999), Vince Caldwell DTM(2006), Aref Dajani DTM(2007)
- Presidential Citations: Kathy Fox(2006), Arnold Daly(2001),Dorthy Daly, DTM(2001), Hamilton Smith, DTM(1998), Frank Storey, DTM (1996), Gwendolyn Talbot, ACB(1995), Helen Burkett DTM(1993),Paul White (2013), Jim Hareen (2016)