

DISTRICT LEADER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



Candidate's Name: Kevin Tudor

Candidate's Office: Verde Division Director District Number: 03

Toastmasters member since: January 2017

Education:

Bachelor of Science in Finance from Arizona State University
Certificate in International Business from Arizona State University

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

Verde 5 Area Director (July 2017-June 2018)
Airpark Toastmasters VPE (July 2017-current)

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

I achieved my goal of earning the awards of CC, CL and ALB (Triple Crown) in less than 1 year as a Toastmaster. I am currently a couple speeches short of achieving my ACB. I was recently voted Airpark Toastmasters outstanding club member of the year.

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a District officer:

I have co-owned and operated two companies in my nearly 8 years since graduating college. These experiences have taught me how take charge of various situations, handle adversities, and build teams to get the job done in an effective manner. I feel my work experience as a business owner has strengthened my leadership skills, and prepared me to build leaders around our goals.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

As a businessowner, strategic planning is vital to my future success. I have a large amount of experience in strategic planning for my businesses, and also in helping clients map out their goals and action plans to achieve them. Outside of the business arena, I have been strategic planning since the early days of student government from 5th grade-college. As high school Student Body President for a school of 2,800 my senior year, we were faced with many adversities which our strategic planning helped carry us through.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

I graduated Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance, and have worked in tax preparation, accounting/bookkeeping, investments and retirement planning since 2009. I have a vast amount of experience in dealing with individuals and their finances, as well as businesses and groups, both large and small, in managing their financial picture.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

I have ample experience in developing procedures for my businesses, where effective procedures help us operate and collaborate at peak capacity. I have also helped develop procedures in my experience with student government in high school, where I served as Student Body President. Our implementations led us to the highest revenue year at the time under my leadership.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

I oversaw 54 high schoolers my senior year as Student Body President, and it was the first time I truly saw how to handle many different personalities while motivating them and building them up as future leaders. In my role as Area Director for Verde 5, I have learned a great deal through my own experience, and in my observations of other effective (and ineffective) leaders. Among the greatest lessons learned is this: The best way to lead others is to provide instructions and well-defined goals, then delegate tasks, avoid micromanaging, and provide support and encouragement where needed.

Why do you want to serve as a district officer?

I want to serve as Verde Division Director because I believe I have a unique ability to connect with and motivate others, and build leaders throughout the division. I have a tremendous amount of experience in working with other leaders and in building teams around me to accomplish goals and objectives, and I feel that my expertise will greatly benefit the clubs and club members of the Verde division. I have seen what it takes to be an effective and successful division director, and I want to use that knowledge and experience to continue to grow our division and district, and ultimately create a positive experience for our members.

In your opinion, what are the district mission's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?

Our major objectives as a district are to encourage our members, support our clubs, and create positive experiences. Toastmasters is all about the members that make up each club, area, division and district. If we have effective leaders at the top levels of District and division, that will transfer to effective leadership at the area level, which leads to good communication and support from area directors to club leaders, which ultimately leads to a positive experience at the club level. If we can accomplish these things, each of our club members will feel supported and encouraged to stretch themselves and grow.

Additional information about yourself:

I initially joined Toastmasters to become a better speaker (how original!), but I quickly saw that Toastmasters is about so much more than that. While it was initially an inward-looking motivation, my drive with Toastmasters has turned outward, so that I can help others in their journeys to become more effective speakers, greater leaders, and more well-rounded people. It's watching others improve and better themselves that makes my Toastmasters journey so valuable.