

Member Profiles: Incoming & Outgoing Officers

Extreme Toastmasters
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Outgoing Club Officers

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Sargeant-at-Arms

Benito Herrera, AC-B

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Extreme Toastmasters

meets every Wednesday from 6:15–8:15 p.m. in the residential building at 100 W. Chestnut, 2nd floor meeting space.

Our **Mission Statement** is:

- To always be welcoming
- To take risks
- To have as much fun as humanly possible!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.Extreme
Toastmasters.com](http://www.ExtremeToastmasters.com)

With nearly 40 members, Extreme Toastmasters is a growing club of motivated individuals. One of the ways E.T. achieves the notable honor of President's Distinguished Club—a record achievement that's now been earned several years in a row by this group—is through fresh ideas and “young blood.” But in this case, young blood has nothing to do with age. Rather, it's about mixing up the officers.

Most clubs ask incoming officers to commit to a one-year term in each position. And many groups will keep those officers in the same positions for several terms in a row.

But E.T. is (not surprisingly) different.

“We've all heard of groups—be they Toastmasters or other organizations—that grow stale when they run out of ideas,” says Secretary Kealah Parkinson. “Maybe we've been a part of those groups. I know I have!”

To avoid this, Extreme Toastmasters are asked only to commit to six-month terms. Then, even if all the roles don't change over year-to-year, the newcomers instill a fresh perspective on club leadership.



Some of the former 2010 club officers, L-R: Joelle Rabion, Benito Herrera, Pat Lee, Guy Levy, Kealah Parkinson, and Jim Condon.

Now in her third term as Secretary at E.T., Kealah (pronounced KEE-la) admits she's ready to hang up her officer hat.

“I've enjoyed being the Secretary, especially producing the newsletter,” she says. “But (living out of state) I don't feel I'm giving the role the attention it deserves. This is my final term (on the officer board).”

E.T. is introducing a lot of “new blood” to the officers' roster this year, including some brand new faces:

President: **Jason Peck**
VP of Education: **Edi George**
VP of Membership: **Jim Condon**
VP of Marketing/PR: **Stefania Aulicino**
Treasurer: **Michael Kirkland**
Secretary: **Kealah Parkinson**
Sargeant-at-Arms: **Tim Wilson** ★

Mark Your Calendars: **Officer Training at Winter TLI**

Toastmasters Leadership Institute is an important event. Not only are incoming officers trained (and current officers updated) on how to perform duties innovatively, but any interested club member—from any interested District 30 club—is also invited to build skill sets as a leader at this event. This month, it's being held **Sat., Dec. 11th** at the **Holiday Inn Skokie** (5300 W. Touhy Ave.) from **8 a.m to 2 p.m.**

Club officers should have received an e-mail invitation to this event. (They can check with their fellow officers if not.) Other club members can go online to the District 30 website, www.ToastOfChicago.org,

to learn more details, as well as to register.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Free workshops through the day on officers' roles, plus subjects like mentoring, evaluating & other aspects of leadership
- Optional on-site lunch
- Special recognition for clubs that train all 7 officers at once
- Raffle of \$25 Toastmasters gift certificate (to clubs that meet certain President's Distinguished goals)
- Panel discussions by TM experts

To learn even more, visit the website <http://d30events10.brinkster.net>. ★

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