

Member Profile: Newest Member, Carlos Flores

Extreme Toastmasters
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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)

Extreme Toastmasters has more than 30 members to date—but that number is always changing. How well do you know your fellow E.T.ers? Let *Extremely* help by introducing you to our newest member **Carlos Flores!**

In the last decade, Carlos Flores has taken Chicago by storm.

It was 10 years ago on a vacation from his then-hometown of Morelia, Mexico, that Carlos came to the city to visit family and decided to stay. First, he attended college locally; then he turned his new knowledge into a budding career. Now an author, speaker and creative entrepreneur, Carlos is ready to improve his skills and standards. And he's taken the first step toward doing so by joining Extreme Toastmasters.

Looking to gain "the knowledge and confidence to make presentations in front of large audiences" when he joined E.T., Carlos says he's already seen improvements in the way he communicates after only a month. He's even noticed changes in the way he *thinks* about communication.

"I like to write," he shares. "I think E.T. has allowed me to develop a more critical mindset and has helped me to better articulate my writing."

As the newest member of E.T., **Carlos Flores** brings a driving determination for success that's so frequently found in members of club Extreme.



He says that, as the owner of a small business, he's also noticed improvements in his sales presentations and closing ratios.

"I own an online print shop and graphic design company (866print20.com)," he continues, "and although I do most of my business online, I often make sales presentations." The E.T. weekly practice has really been helpful.

Carlos is bilingual, also speaking fluent Spanish. His Facebook profile is even written in both English and Spanish. It's this type of cultural diversity that draws members of every background to E.T.

Although he admits he's not given much thought to serving as a club officer yet, Carlos does say he thinks "it would be a great opportunity to improve my leadership skills." Whatever he decides to do in the future, he's sure to be a success. ★

Mark Your Calendars: **Fall Conference / Winter TLI Events**

Want to achieve greatness? Check out these special events hosted by Chicago's District 30 Toastmasters.

Starting with the Fall Conference **Nov. 5–6 at the Holiday Inn in Countryside, IL**, the Chicagoland clubs have a plethora of learning opportunities for Toastmasters and wannabe Toastmasters. Featuring the theme **Toastmasters: Achieving Greatness Together**, this year's semi-annual conference is a celebration of the last 60 years of Chicago-area Toastmasters' success.

From networking opportunities, training workshops on a variety of subjects, and of course, speakers to interactive events like the contests and banner parade, the conference

really has it all. To learn more, visit the website at <http://d30events10.brinkster.net>.

Next month, **District 30** hosts the ongoing **TLI training event** for all club officers and others interested in leadership on Saturday, Dec. 11. Visit the site <http://toastofchicago.org> for forthcoming details. ★

Correction:

In last month's issue, it was incorrectly stated that Pat Lee, E.T.'s immediate Past President, works as a ghostwriter. That is not true. Pat is a co-author to various books, including *A Life Less Anxious* with Steve Pavilanis.