

Member Profile: Jason Peck, incoming President

Extreme Toastmasters
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Incoming Club Officers

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Jason Peck, AC-B/AL-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)

A stint as Area Governor for Area 22 in Chicago led former Londoner Jason Peck to Extreme Toastmasters in September of 2010. And when duty called again, Jason answered with a resounding, "Yes, I will be the club President!"

"I found all the members really nice and goal-driven," he says of E.T. "and extreme in their enthusiasm and the way they all strive for Toastmasters excellence. The club already has its 10 goals (for President's Distinguished Club) achieved within the first six months (of the year). That's pretty extreme."

Having grown up in a small village on the south coast of England, Jason says he's since developed "a European outlook—and I often think like an American." To him, this means being hard-working, positive and goal-oriented.

Such extreme actions may seem all-work-and-no-play, but Jason has a serious fun-loving side. He's a professional humorist and coach.

"I am re-writing my first book and have recently written my first screenplay," Jason shares.

He also blogs regularly at his website Pro Humorist (www.prohumorist.com) where he shares tips on public speaking—especially from an international Toastmasters stand-

Funny man
Jason Peck is serious about his new role as Extreme Toastmasters President.



point—with personal insight and wit.

Just ask him anything, and you're liable to get a humorous story as part of that response:

Extremely asked, "What brings you to the city?"

Jason replied, "I'm brought to Chicago by my wife, who is originally from here and met me at a party in London four years ago. I told her I was going to marry her within the first five minutes of meeting her, and I was right. Eventually."

On Friday nights, he can often be found at home, curled up with his wife watching Netflix, the "best thing to do in the winter time in Chicago." On Wednesdays, catch him evaluating speeches at E.T.! ★

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 District 30 club—is also invited to build skill sets as a leader at this event. This month, it's being held **Sat., Jan. 15th**, at the **Renaissance Chicago O'Hare** (8500 Bryn Mawr Ave.) from **8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Any club member 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 elective subjects like Parliamentary procedure, resolving conflict and other aspects of leadership
- Three speak-a-thon sessions
- Networking opportunities
- Awards ceremonies and an opening general session
- Seasoned advice from Toastmaster experts at varying levels

It all flies under the appropriate theme, "Soaring into Leadership." E.T. officers help earn club credit by attending.

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

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