

Nico Martin

Candidate for District 33 Division C Director



I joined Toastmasters in March of 2019 to become a better version of myself by taking every great opportunity that may come and see where it will take me. The plan was to start the next fifty years of my life better than my last fifty years.

After attending a few times, I already noticed big changes, and especially after my icebreaker speech. I was set free from the fear of public speaking and began to love it. I joined the club leadership as the Secretary which I had loved doing because it gave me great insights into how the club was structured and how it conducts its business. I placed 2nd in

the 2020 Area C2 International Speech contest and 1st place in the 2020 Division C Humorous Speech Contest. I am now serving as the Area C1 Director.

I am running for the Division C Director Role to be able to contribute more and not just to the C1 area but for Areas C1, C2, C3, C4, and C5. I will bring in everything I have learned from being the Area C1 Director, what I learned in my domestic and international club visits, my years of leadership and organizational skills to the table to help, and grow the five areas in Division C.

I also want to continue serving as a District leader to be able to have the opportunity to oversee and help/inspire more clubs with their needs and in bringing them up to Toastmasters Standard of Excellence. I love the idea of being a part of building new clubs and helping them become successful and achieve the goals of the District. This role will also allow me to expand my networks at the Divisional and District levels. I will learn more about the Toastmasters Organization in a much deeper sense. Lastly, this is a great opportunity to practice how to be a great leader the Toastmaster way, enjoy collaborating/learning with other leaders, and at the same time mentoring others to do the same.

As the Division C Director, I will work to establish exceptional leadership connections with the Area Directors and clubs in the area by meeting with them, visiting them, hear their success stories and challenges, as well as, discuss with them how to achieve the Toastmasters yearly success plan. I will work with the District33 leadership team to achieve the District Success Plan such as training club officers, training the members on Pathways, new membership drives, hosting contests, hosting special events, sponsoring District 33 conference if requested, and the strategic plan in building new clubs. I will also participate and support the District Executive Committee.

In summary, I am planning to charter new clubs, promote the Pathways Educational Program participation, and find ways to grow our memberships in the Division level during my tenure as the Division C Director, if elected.

Thank you, Toastmasters,

Nico Martin, IP4

Experience and Education

- 2020-Present: District 33 Area Director (Area C1)
- 2020-Present: Club VP of Education (TGIF Toastmasters, Area C2)
- 2019-2020: Club Secretary (Simi Valley Toastmasters, Area C1).
- 2019-Present: Member of the Board of Directors (SVCACF Foundation)
- 2012-Present: Engineer & Project Manager (The Walt Disney Company)
- 2020-2022: Certified ScrumMaster, CSM
- 2015-2017: Master of Science in Business Administrator, MBA (Ashford University)
- 1998-1999: Diploma in Computer Programming (The Chubb Institute)
- 1986-1991: Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, BSEE (University of Santo Tomas)
- Happily married: Carmelita Martin who is also a Toastmaster and have a son Carson (17) and a daughter Nicole(19).
- Other interests: Managing big and small projects, Short Film Production, Reading Books, Improv play sessions, Travels, and Music.
- Aspirations: Lead a big and successful organizations, run and own successful businesses, be a professional speaker, and someday, I am hoping to be a member of the Board of Director of Toastmasters International.
- Working on: Project Management Profession, PMP certification.

Other Toastmasters Activities

I am a past member of ToastMousters and Burbank Toastmasters. I am currently a member of six Toastmasters clubs such as Simi Valley Toastmasters, Simi Valley Business Toastmasters, TGIF Toastmasters, Menu Masters Toastmasters, Improv Toastmasters, and Division A Leaders Toastmasters.

I had visited many clubs located in Ventura County, CA, Burbank, CA, Glendale, CA, Anaheim, CA, San Diego, CA, Milwaukee, WI, Long Island, NY, and O'ahu, HI.

I have been a follower of Richard E. Peck who is our Toastmasters International President in his ongoing World Tour of visiting 146 countries. So far, I have visited Toastmasters clubs in Japan, Columbia, Bahamas, Bermuda, India, Philippines, South Korea, Australia, South Africa, Iraq, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Estonia, Denmark, Sweden, UK, Greece, Finland, Moldova, Bosnia, Saint Kitts, Malta, Saint Lucia, Guyana, Italy, Thailand, Cote d'Ivoire Africa, Canada, Saint Vincent, Israel, Russia, Botswana, Oman, Spain, Lithuania, Cyprus, Czechia, and Saint Thomas Virgin Islands.