

# District Director



**Tim Edwards, DTM, PQD**

I joined Toastmasters in December 2007 as a Charter Member of People Growing Together in Salisbury. I was also a Charter Member of Advanced Toastmasters of Asheville, which started in 2018.

At the club level, I have served in every officer role. I have served District 37 as both an Area Governor and as a Division Governor, receiving Presidents Distinguished Area Governor in 2012. I received the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) in the spring of 2016. I served the District as D37 Club Growth Director-West 2019-20, and I am currently serving as the Program Quality Director 2020-21 for the new District 37.

Having been in Toastmasters for 14 years, three members that left the biggest impression were those that served in Leadership roles. Jay Nodine was instrumental in helping start the People Growing Together club. Leading by example, week in and week out, he was there helping the club to reach charter strength and learn about Toastmasters. Deb Lee was the first Division Governor who had an impact on me to get outside of the club level, and really learn/participate in the District. Ken Miller, as Division Governor mentored me as an Area Director. Each of these left the impression that it is better to give than to receive... but by giving of yourself to others, you receive so much more in return.

As we look forward to a post Covid-19 world, let's all make the decision to get more out of Toastmasters by participating both in and outside our club level in Area/Division/District events and to give of yourself first to fellow members, and if you step out in a Leadership role, become a mentor to someone as we work together for D37 Toastmasters.

**Presenting Tim Edwards, DTM, candidate for D37 - District Director**