



Michael Beach, District Director

Michael has been a member of Toastmasters for over 14 years and has served in many leadership roles. He was the District Finance Manager for two years and also served as Audit Manager. He was *Toastmaster of the Year* for the District for the 2016-2017 year. He is an accountant for a CPA firm. Michael is a member of five Toastmasters clubs, and he hopes to attend as many clubs as possible in the district. If a club wants him to visit them please let him know. Michael will receive the *Excellence in Program Quality Award* from Toastmasters International at the convention in August.



Tim Edwards, Program Quality Director

Tim is a North Carolina native, born in Asheville North Carolina, the youngest child of four. He has lived in the following states (in this order): NC, SC, AL, SC, NC, FL, OK, GA, FL, OK, NC. Three moves while in school due to family relocations (his father was a minister), one move for college, and seven work relocations. Having lived in NC since February 2000, it is the longest he has lived in one state, and living in Salisbury for the past 13 years, it is the longest he has lived in one location.

Tim has worked in Transportation & Logistics the majority of his career, and currently manages night operations at R+L Carriers in China Grove. Tim has been in Toastmasters since 2007 and is a charter member of *People Growing Together* in Salisbury, as well as a charter member of *Advanced Toastmasters of Asheville*, and recently a member of *Eat Your Words Toastmasters*. He met Glenda Teams at a Toastmasters Summer Camp in Boone in 2011, and they were married in April 2012. Tim has served in every club officer role, as well as Area Governor and Division Director, and most recently as Club Growth Director - West for D37. He is excited to serve as the current Program Quality Director and is looking forward to an exciting year for D37.



Valda Ford, Club Growth Director

I am a middle child and I live in High Point, NC. I am a real Carolina Girl! Born here and will probably die here but I have had the pleasure of speaking in fifty-seven countries on six continents. My day job is CEO of the Center for Human Diversity where I endeavor to decrease disparities, especially in health and public health. As you might imagine, in these rather amazing times I have ZERO hobbies at the moment except for finding better ways to start or continue conversations about cultural issues and COVID - 19. Nope, not busy at all!

My Toastmaster journey is one of discovery. I believe Toastmasters International is one of the world's best kept secrets and the greatest value anyone can have! My goal is to let more people know how much of a professional, personal, and global benefit it is to be a Toastmaster. As Club Growth Director my goal is to be accessible to all who want to create or recreate a great club and to build the best team of people to support the goal. I want everyone to experience the absolute joy I feel every time I am with my people—my club members—my Toastmasters family!