



TOASTMASTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gloria Y. Shishido

2014–2016 International Director, Region 2

Gloria Y. Shishido of Kailua, Hawaii, retired from Queen's Medical Center after 38 years in clinical laboratory and human resource management. She now works as a project coordinator for the Hawaii State Center for Nursing in Honolulu, Hawaii. In this role, she coordinates two state-wide collaborative programs, the Hawaii Nurse Residency Program and the Centralized Clinical Placement System. Shishido holds a master's degree in healthcare administration from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

In 1986, Shishido co-organized and chartered the Aloha Chapter of Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA). She achieved several Member of the Year awards for the Hawaii Society of Clinical Laboratory Science. In 1990, she orchestrated the testimonies at the State of Hawaii Legislature to stop the sunset law regarding the licensure and accreditation of medical technologists.

A Toastmaster for 16 years, Shishido is a member of several clubs, including the Queen's Medical Center club in Honolulu, Hawaii. She has held a number of high-profile leadership positions within Toastmasters, and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of educational achievement in the organization.

"Leading volunteers in a collaborative, consensus-building team without any monetary incentives or the ability to discipline, I've learned to be courageous in dealing with difficult situations," she says.

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Shishido is a "working ambassador" for the organization. She works with the Board to develop and support the policies and procedures that guide Toastmasters International in fulfilling its mission.

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization's membership exceeds 313,000 in more than 14,650 clubs in 126 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, visit **www.toastmasters.org**. Follow **@Toastmasters** on Twitter.