



TOASTMASTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Karen G. Blake

2013–2015 International Director, Region 3

Karen G. Blake, DTM, of Spring, Texas, is a director at Deloitte in Houston, Texas, where she has worked since 2002. Blake is instrumental in recruiting and developing professionals and in managing the financial results of her team's operations. Her team provides tax consulting services and specializes in U.S. tax matters as they relate to foreign investments. She chaired the United Way campaign for the Houston tax department, whose employees voted her 2010 Coach of the Year.

Blake holds a master's degree from The University of Texas at Austin. She is a licensed Certified Public Accountant, and is a member of the American Institute of Public Accountants, and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

A dedicated Toastmaster since 2000, Blake is a charter member of her home club, Heritage Plaza Toastmasters, in Houston. 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.

She says, "Toastmasters taught me how to plan for success, communicate my vision, overcome obstacles, inspire and encourage others and lead a team."

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

About Toastmasters

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 292,000 in more than 14,350 clubs in 122 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, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow [@Toastmasters](https://twitter.com/Toastmasters) on Twitter.