



TOASTMASTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lori Lococo

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Lori Lococo, DTM, of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, is the administrator at the legal firm Martin Sheppard Fraser LLP, where she participates in day-to-day and long-term business logistics, planning and implementation. She has been with the firm for 22 years. Lococo studied Leadership, Management and Alternate Dispute Resolution in the Ontario Management Development Program. Lococo founded the company Dynamic Business Solutions and serves on the board for Project SHARE, a charitable organization that helps the community through its food drives, donations and other events. She has also volunteered her services at the Niagara Regional Literacy Council and Niagara Falls Rotary Clubs.

A dedicated Toastmaster for more than 10 years, Lococo's home club is Honeymoon City. She has held a number of high-profile leadership positions within the organization and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation — the highest level of achievement in Toastmasters. She credits her Toastmasters mentors with helping her develop the tools needed to mentor others, as well as to become a more confident speaker and leader.

"The communication skills I've developed in becoming an effective leader have led to my ability to optimize the opportunities that present themselves in all facets of my life," she says.

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Lococo 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

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Founded in October 1924, the organization currently has more than 280,000 members in 13,500 clubs in 116 countries. Each week, Toastmasters helps more than a quarter million people of every ethnicity, education and profession build their competence in communication so they can gain the confidence to lead others. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org.