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Toastmasters members elect Michael Notaro to group's international Board

2nd Vice President of 250,000-member organization is Alameda, Calif., resident

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif., Sept. 10, 2009 – Michael Notaro, of Alameda, Calif., has been elected Second Vice President of [Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org), the world's leading organization devoted to teaching skills in communication and leadership. Notaro was elected to the one-year term at the organization's 78th annual International Convention, held last month in Mashantucket, Conn.

Notaro has been a Toastmaster for more than 20 years and has earned the title of Distinguished Toastmaster – the highest level in the Toastmasters educational program. He belongs to three Toastmasters clubs, including the Oakland City Club in Oakland, Calif. A winner of the "Excellence in Education and Training" award, he has excelled as a leader in the organization, serving as a district governor and international board member. Last year, he was the Third Vice President of the Toastmasters Board.

"Toastmasters has increased my fun, confidence and people skills," says Notaro, who first joined Toastmasters during his senior year at the University of California, Berkeley, because he wanted tips on delivering a graduation speech for his academic department.

Notaro is an attorney and owner of the law firm Roveda and Notaro, LLP, in Alameda, Calif. He's also a licensed real estate broker who was president of Phoenix Commercial Realty for 10 years before opening his law practice. Notaro is a volunteer for a range of organizations, giving his time to such groups as the Special Olympics, the Kiwanis Club and Alameda Hope of America.

Notaro joins fellow Executive Committee members International President Gary Schmidt, Senior Vice President Pat Johnson and Third Vice President John Lau.

About Toastmasters

[Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org) is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. The organization currently has 250,000 members in 12,000 clubs in 106 countries. Since its founding 85 years ago in October 1924, the organization has helped more than four million men and women give presentations with poise and confidence. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org.

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