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## **VICTORIA RESIDENT ELECTED TO TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL BOARD**

**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, CA** – Pat Johnson, of Victoria, British Columbia, has been elected Third Vice President of the Board of Directors of Toastmasters International, a worldwide, nonprofit organization teaching skills in public speaking and leadership. Toastmasters members elected her to the two-year volunteer term during the organization's 76th annual International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, held August 2007.

A dedicated Toastmaster for 24 years, Johnson has held a number of distinguished leadership positions within the organization.

Johnson offers the organization over 20 years of experience in working with teams, policy, finance and strategic planning. She also offers international experience as a speaker/trainer and is skilled in conflict resolution, negotiation, mediation, change management, organizational development, human resources issues and design, delivery and evaluation of programs in adult education. Johnson credits Toastmasters with helping her learn how to support others and become a cheerleader for their projects. She adds, "I am a better community member, parent, employee, leader, friend and manager because of what I have learned."

Since its founding in 1924, Toastmasters International has helped four million men and women develop their communication and leadership skills. Because a growing number of people realize the importance of communication skills for career advancement, Toastmasters International has doubled its membership in the last 10 years. The organization now has approximately 226,000 members in 11,500 clubs in 91 countries.

For more information on Toastmasters International and the meeting times and locations of local clubs, please visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

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