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BAY AREA MAN ELECTED TO TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Rancho Santa Margarita, CA – Michael Notaro, an Alameda resident, has been elected Third Vice President of Toastmasters International -- a nonprofit worldwide organization teaching skills in public speaking and leadership.

Toastmasters members selected Notaro to the two-year volunteer term at the organization's 77th annual International Convention held last month in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

An attorney as well as a licensed real estate broker, Notaro has been a Toastmaster for 20 years. He has excelled as a leader within the organization, serving in several distinguished capacities, including as Governor of District 57, in the Bay Area.

"Toastmasters has increased my fun, confidence and people skills," he says.

Notaro, who has attained the speaking designation of Distinguished Toastmaster – the highest level a member can achieve -- also helped to sponsor 11 new Toastmasters clubs, and he's won the organization's "Distinguished District" and "Excellence in Education and Training" awards.

In addition, his work as an attorney and a real estate broker has provided Notaro with valuable experience in other areas of leadership and communication, including conflict resolution and trial advocacy.

A passionate volunteer for a wide range of organizations, he has given his time to such groups as Alameda Special Olympics, the Kiwanis Club of Alameda, Crisis Pregnancy Services and the Federalist Legal Society. The alumnus of UC Berkeley (who gave a college graduation speech to his 1985 class) has also served as the chairman of Alameda Hope of America.

Since its founding in 1924, Toastmasters International has helped 4 million men and women develop their communication and leadership abilities. Because a growing number of people realize the importance of such skills for career advancement, the organization has doubled its membership over the last 10 years: It now has approximately 235,000 members, spread across 11,500 clubs in 92 countries.

For more information on Toastmasters International and the meeting times and locations of local clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org.

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