REGION ADVISOR
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Dietmar M. Wagenknecht

Region Number: 5

Toastmasters member since: 1981

Served as district governor of district number: 30

Term of service: 2004/2005

In term as district governor, district achieved: ☑ Distinguished ☐ Select Distinguished ☐ President's Distinguished

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service (international, region and district level):

International Director 2006-2008
Region 5 Advisor 2011-2012
District Governor D-30 in 2004/2005
Lt. Gov. Educ. & Trng. D-30 in 2003-2004
Lt. Gov. Marktg D-30 in 2002-2003
District Treasurer D-30 in 1999/2000
District Secretary D-30
Division Governor (twice) D-30
Area Governor (twice) in D-30 & D-18

Toastmasters honors and recognition (including international level you have received):

Lifetime Achievement Award in D-30 (First one given by District) in 2010
Toastmaster of the Year D-30 in 2001
DuPont Toastmaster of the Year D-18 in 1992

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a Region Advisor:

Over 50 years in various position (up to V.P.) in the pharmaceutical industry. Extensive involvement as team leader, trainer & mentor, both domestically and internationally. Similar training activities in several professional organizations.
Scientific, technical & business degrees, including an MBA in Management.
Leadership & training positions in various civic organizations, such as *United Way, Junior Achievement, Animal Welfare, local township, county & neighborhood associations.

What experience and key strengths do you bring to the district leaders?

Broad experience from over 30 years in Toastmasters as an active member, mentor to individuals, and clubs & district officers at all levels. Highly respected within my region & beyond at all levels and with all cultures. Problem solver and experienced counselor to diverse parties based on toastmasters, professional, and organizational experience. Not swayed by bias, pressure, or other direct or implied influences, direct or indirect. Accustomed to working in team environment and goal/objective oriented. Extensive experience in strategic planning and fiscal management.

Why are you interested in serving as region advisor?

Bringing a long & broad experience in dealing with people of multiple back-grounds and cultures to this position allows me to apply this extensive experience in a practical manner to the districts in this region. Having already applied these skills in two regions and specifically in this region serving as I.D. for two years and R.A. for one year. Building on all of this it will be even more effective to serve the districts in this region to build a stronger membership, and a more effective district organization.

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