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### **Toastmasters members elect Pamela Christopher to group's international Board**

*New director at 250,000-member organization hails from Union Grove, N.C.*

**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif., Aug. 24, 2009** – Pamela Christopher of Union Grove, N.C., has been elected to the Board of Directors of [Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org), the world's leading organization devoted to teaching skills in communication and leadership. She was elected to the two-year term in August, at the organization's 78<sup>th</sup> annual International Convention, held in Mashantucket, Conn.

A Toastmaster for 12 years, Christopher is a member of four Toastmasters clubs and has earned the title of Distinguished Toastmaster – the highest level in the Toastmasters educational program. She has served in leadership positions within the organization, such as district governor.

"I liked being a club officer in Toastmasters, and from there, I tried a few district leadership roles. The more I learned, the more I wanted to try other positions," she notes, adding that not only has she developed public speaking skills, but she's learned about the art of storytelling as well.

Christopher, who is married and has two adult children, worked as an elementary-school teacher for more than 25 years, during which time she won several teacher-of-the-year awards. Christopher is very involved in church and community groups, including her local Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

#### **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](http://www.toastmasters.org).

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