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Toastmasters members elect Ron Kirchgessner to group's international Board

New director at 250,000-member organization is from Greenwood, Indiana.

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif., Sept. 9, 2009 – Ron Kirchgessner of Greenwood, Indiana, has been elected to the Board of Directors of [Toastmasters International](#), the world's leading organization devoted to teaching skills in communication and leadership. Kirchgessner was elected to the two-year term at the organization's 78th annual International Convention, held last month in Mashantucket, Conn.

A Toastmaster since 2001, Kirchgessner has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation – the highest level of achievement in the organization. He has served Toastmasters in many leadership roles, including terms as area governor, district treasurer, Lt. governor marketing as well as district governor. He is a member of [Greater Greenwood](#) and [Leadership Outreach](#) Toastmasters clubs.

An associate consultant with [Eli Lilly & Company](#) in Indianapolis, Indiana, Kirchgessner credits Toastmasters with advancing his career. "My Toastmasters training directly contributed to a promotion and provided the tools to survive a changing employment structure," he says. "These skills also improved my creative and problem-solving strengths."

His interests include computers, strategy gaming, travel, exploring other cultures and whitewater rafting.

About Toastmasters

[Toastmasters International](#) 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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