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Toastmasters elect Michael Notaro as International President-Elect

Alameda, Calif., resident becomes 2nd highest officer of 260,000-plus member organization

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif., Aug. 16, 2010 – Michael Notaro, of Alameda, Calif., has been voted International President-Elect of [Toastmasters International](#), the world’s leading organization devoted to teaching skills in communication and leadership. Notaro was elected to the one-year volunteer term at the organization’s 79th annual International Convention, held Aug. 11-14 in Palm Desert, Calif.

Notaro is an attorney and principal of the [Notaro Law Group](#) in Alameda. He also is a licensed real estate broker who was president of Phoenix Commercial Realty for 10 years before opening his law practice. He has been a Toastmaster for 23 years and has attained Distinguished Toastmaster status, the highest speaking level a member can achieve.

Notaro is a member of three Toastmasters clubs in the Bay Area: the Oakland City Center Toastmasters and LaughLovers Comedy club, both in Oakland, and the Cherry City Toastmasters in San Leandro. A winner of the “Excellence in Education and Training” award, he has excelled as a leader in the organization, serving as a district governor and International Director. Last year, he was the Second Vice President of the Toastmasters Board of Directors.

“Toastmasters has given me a wealth of friends worldwide and unparalleled professional growth,” says Notaro, who first joined Toastmasters during his senior year at the University of California, Berkeley, because he wanted tips for delivering a graduation speech for his academic department.

Notaro is a volunteer for a range of organizations, giving his time to such groups as the Alameda Special Olympics and the Kiwanis Club of Alameda. He is a board member for the Italian American Bar Association (Northern California), the Alameda Elks Club Lodge and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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 more than 260,000 members in over 12,500 clubs in 113 countries. Since its founding in October 1924, the organization has helped more than 4 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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