



Dear Toastmasters,

## ***Building bridges...***

Let's take a step back and recall when we first joined Toastmasters as new members.

We were nervous and uncertain. We needed support to find our voice. And then we developed the courage to conquer as we walked the Toastmasters bridge which led us from nervousness to confidence. We discovered that the more we involved ourselves in the Toastmasters program and attended our club meetings regularly, the faster we evolved. This discovery gave speed to our learning and we got ready to act, putting the learning to use in our lives. The lessons that we learnt helped us dance on the rainbow.

All through our journey we are assisted by other Toastmasters who provide mentoring, guidance and leadership. They teach us lessons in leadership by gentle persuasion and inspiration and help us across the bridge to become leaders ourselves. We become leaders of our own lives as we take charge of our destiny. We help others across the Toastmasters bridge by being role models and by providing leadership to others.

In time we ourselves become bridges as we become of service to our clubs and to the community we live in.

The bridges we build in Toastmasters help us to connect across boundaries, across racial divides, across gender barriers, across time and distance. This is why District 82 resounds with harmony. This is why our members are vibrant, passionate and empathetic.

I envision that our District will again lead the world not only in numbers but also in quality. Let us continue building bridges through the year to achieve this goal by building best speaking standards and leadership. Let us spread the network of bridges all across the District to provide all the citizens the benefit of Toastmasters.

Our district logo for the year symbolizes our commitment to building bridges to achieving excellence! Use the district theme and logo as often as you can to remind yourselves of what Toastmasters can do for you.

Best regards,  
Deepak