

Barrie's Small Business Toastmasters Club 8602

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BARRIE RESIDENT AWARDED AREA GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR

Barrie, ON - Toastmasters International District 60 has awarded Lorraine Rice of Barrie, Ontario with Area Governor of the Year.

Last year 18 Governors were eligible for this coveted title, however the District which now serves over 5,000 Toastmasters in Metropolitan Toronto, Eastern Ontario to just west of Kingston, Southwestern Ontario to west of London, The Niagara Peninsula, Central Ontario and Northern Ontario to Sudbury, Timmins and Cochrane chose Barrie resident Lorraine Rice.

A member of Toastmasters International for just over two years, it has been a busy two years for Lorraine as she worked diligently through the Toastmaster's program to earn certification as a Competent Toastmaster, Competent Leader, and Advanced Toastmaster Silver. She was also instrumental in the formation of three new Toastmaster Clubs in Northern Division including the Barrie's Small Business Toastmasters, Club 8602, Talk of Alliston, Club 589834, and Barrie's first corporate club in Telus Mobility 670255. During her short stint as a Toastmaster she has conducted numerous Speech Crafts to start or build club membership, earning her yet another award - Club Coach.

In addition to Lorraine's personal achievements, she has worked tirelessly in Toastmasters leadership roles serving as both District 60's Area 2 Governor in 2003-2004, and currently holds the position of Northern Division Governor for 2004-2005.

Lorraine's home club is the Barrie's Small Business Toastmasters Club 8602, of which she is a charter member, co-founder and charter president. The club meets at 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Greater Barrie Business Enterprise Center located at 24 Maple St. (above the Barrie Bus Terminal).

Since its founding in 1924, Toastmasters International, a not for profit educational organization, has helped four million men and women develop their public speaking skills and become confident communicators at work, at home, and yes, even at parties. Headquartered in Southern California, the organization now has approximately 200,000 members and 9,300 clubs in 80 countries.