



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Smitha Warriar**

Candidate's Office: **Division C Director** District Number: **101**

Toastmasters member since: **Jan 2023**

Education:

Masters in Information Systems, University of Phoenix

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

Club Secretary 2023-2024
Club VPE 2023-2024
Club President 2024-2025
Club VPE 2025-2026
Area C1 Director 2025-2026

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

Held consecutive leadership roles including Club Secretary, President, VPE, and Area Director.

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a District leader:

As an Information Systems professional with a Masters degree, I specialize in managing complex data and technical workflows to ensure organizational efficiency. This experience directly relates to the Division Director role, where I will use a systems-oriented approach to track club health and coordinate Area Directors. Just as I stepped in to provide the technical infrastructure for my club, I will use my professional expertise to help the Division navigate administrative and digital challenges.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

I have consistently stepped into club officer roles whenever requested, providing the technical infrastructure and PR strategy needed to stabilize Friendly Toasters' post-pandemic. Later I supported the transition to Milpitas Friendly Toasters and this toastmaster year as 2nd time VPE for the club, I introduced a 15-minute keynote workshop series that helped hesitant members build confidence and complete longer projects. My planning focus is on using these practical tools to ensure our 30-year club legacy remains a relevant, value-driven platform for the community.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

I managed the Area contest budget by securing a free venue to save costs and focused spending on essential supplies and snacks. I ensured all expenditures stayed within the allocated budget and followed District financial guidelines. This experience demonstrated my ability to be resourceful and fiscally responsible.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

I created a structured communication process using email updates and timelines to keep club leadership informed and on track.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

As an Area Director, I learned that clear communication through structured emails and timelines is essential for keeping club leadership aligned and motivated. I discovered that creating an encouraging atmosphere is more effective than just monitoring tasks, as it inspires clubs to participate in Area and District events. These roles taught me how to lead without authority by focusing on providing value and support to help others succeed.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I want to serve as a District leader to use my experience in rebranding and club growth to help a larger group of clubs move from "fading" to "flourishing." Stepping into this role allows me to support Area Directors with the practical tools and infrastructure they need to help their clubs succeed. My goal is to give back to the community by ensuring our 30-year legacy remains strong and relevant.

In your opinion, what are the District mission's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?

The District mission is to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence. By providing Area Directors with consistent guidance and practical tools, I aim to give every club the support and resources needed to work toward Distinguished status.

Additional information about yourself: