

Macintalkers — April 2019

We meet at 1 Infinite Loop, Cupertino, Wednesdays at 5:40 p.m.



Macintalkers 30th Anniversary

President: Dinesh Shedge

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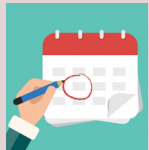
Message from our Club VPPR

By Kory Tran



Like many others, I used to fear public speaking! Thankfully I discovered Macintalkers, and so I recognize the importance of helping others discover our club and its benefits. Our recent efforts to publicize our club continue to pay off. This year we have had a record number of guests—including 14 at one meeting! We are ramping up these efforts, including posting information on Apple's intranet, organizing more social events, recapping meetings on Facebook, and publishing this newsletter. They all help to showcase our club's diversity of backgrounds and viewpoints, and how Toastmasters can help us find and hone our voices.

Upcoming Events



April 23: Division B Evaluation and International Speech Contest

April 24: Social Hour after Meeting

May 15: Group Picture Day

Bob and Shloka win Area B4 Contest!



Our Area B4 Speech Contest was March 20 and first place in both categories went to the Macintalkers! Bob Gulino won the Evaluation Contest and Shloka Kini won the International

Speech contest! Congratulations to them both! They will move on to the Division B Contest on April 23.

Member Updates

New Members

Vaibhav Agarwal,
Jill Costa, Arbaz Khan,
Yian Song

Pathways Ice Breakers:

Rajat Gupta, Vedavati Kale,
Sathya Mathuri, Dominic Wu,
Prethima Rengasamy

Member Spotlight: Gavin Wang

Occupation: Big Data Expert **Member since:** 2017



Gavin Wang is known in our club for his deep, calming voice, ideal for an audiobook, which is fitting as he is the author of more than 20 books on big data and artificial intelligence.

Gavin is a member of six different Toastmasters clubs and we are proud to be one of them. He joined us two years ago and credits our club for providing a safe environment to improve public speaking skills because there are always people willing to help.

"Members are open and very friendly, they always have encouraging smiles, and constantly motivate me to stand out and speak up," Gavin said. "Notably, there are very experienced members as role models, exhibiting the pathway ahead. This is very beneficial since I can always get inspiration and feedback from them. Most importantly, officers at Macintalkers are extremely nice and deeply care about my growth, illuminating the journey when the time is tough."

Gavin hopes to someday create an AI-related company in Silicon Valley, and he said Toastmasters has helped by providing experience to improve his communication and leadership skills. He is currently the President of SCUMBAT Toastmasters.

Member Spotlight: Chahana Sigdel

Occupation: Video Operations **Member since:** 2018

Chahana Sigdel is one of our club's newer members, but has quickly made her mark, delivering some of our club's most passionate speeches and winning third place at our club's recent evaluation contest.

She joined Macintalkers several months ago, shortly after joining Apple. She was looking to find a club that would help her hone her communication skills and came across Macintalkers.

"Toastmasters has taught me to present my arguments in a structured manner. I already feel the difference," Chahana said. "When I have conversations these days I am thinking to myself, 'Is this coherent? Does what's coming out of my mouth make sense? Don't say ah, um and so.' Hopefully it'll come to me naturally one day."

Considering her quick advancement in Toastmasters, her next goal might seem a little modest—she hopes to be able to give a speech without using notes by the end of the year.

