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Message from our Club President



By Dinesh Shedge

The mission of Macintalkers is to provide a supportive and positive learning environment to give every member the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth. Macintalkers' core values—which align with Toastmasters International's core values—are integrity, dedication to excellence, service to members, and respect for the individual. This new monthly newsletter is a step toward increasing our service to members by improving communication. Active engagement with members creates great clubs!

We had perhaps our most well-attended Open House event in years! We had 25+ guests! Thanks to everyone who volunteered, spread the word, attended, and helped showed why we are one of the best Toastmasters club in Silicon Valley!

New Members

Toby Bleish, Jack Frysinger, Mary Kirby, Bitu Koy, Vickie Wu, Dominic Wu

Member Achievements

Competent

Communicator:

Sharon Chen, Carey Lai

Competent Leader:

Sharon Chen

Pathways Level 1:

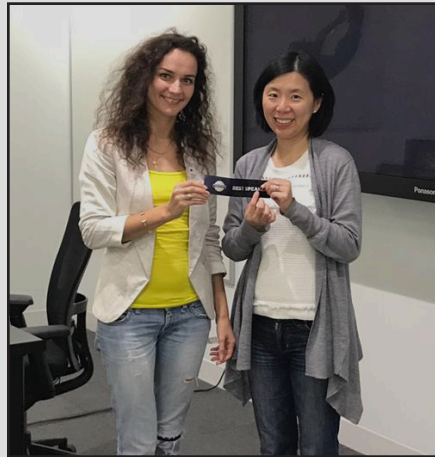
Ali Kamran, Bingxiong Lin, Debbie Chen, Shloka Kini

Pathways Level 2:

Marcin Dorozinski

Returning Member

Ed Dempsey



Member Spotlight: Debbie Chen

Occupation:

Finance Manager

Member since: 2018

Debbie Chen has been part of the Macintalkers club for only seven months, but has quickly made her

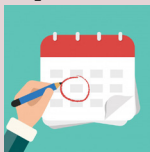
mark, winning several Best Speaker and Table Topic awards and completing her Level 1 in Pathways.

"I found out about the club from our employee website," Debbie said, and joined because "communication and presentation are critical success factors. I am motivated to take them and my career to the next level."

When asked how Toastmasters has benefited her so far, she answered, "Toastmasters has helped me to rebuild confidence in public speaking. The club provides a friendly environment that's fun and full of energy. Through numerous speeches I delivered in the last few months, I have improved my public speaking and communication style."

So what's next for Debbie? "(I would like) to enter a district competition in the near future."

Upcoming Events



February 20: Evaluation and International Speech Contest (in lieu of regular club meeting) in Singapore Room

February 27: Social Event - Happy Hour at BJ's after regular meeting

"If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you."

- Fred DeVito