

# In-Person Conference Agenda

<b>District 55 - 2024 Annual Conference - Rebuilding Bridges</b>			
"Stronger than Before"			
<b>Friday, May 17, 2024</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Location</b>
Registration/Packet Pickup/Credentails Desk Open	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	in front of Lonestar Ballroom
Bookstore and Silent Auction	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Rio Grande Boardroom
Humorous Contest Officials Makeup Training/Briefings	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	
First Timers to Conference Activity	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Big Bend Meeting Room
Contestants/Timers/SAA Briefing	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Youth Leadership and Pathways Tables	varies		next to Registration
Opening Ceremony - Parade of Clubs/Banners lineup	6:30 PM	6:45 PM	outside Lonestar Ballroom
Doors Open	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Welcoming Ceremony	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Dinner then Keynote Speaker David Bell	7:15 PM	8:15 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
break	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Humorous Contest	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Contest Interviews	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Announcements, Humorous Contest Winners Announced	9:30 PM	10:00 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Adjourn	10:00 PM		
Happy Hour and "Pin the Boat" fun event	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	

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## Education Sessions and Lunch

<b>Saturday, May 18, 2024</b>			
Activity	Start	End	
Activity Breakfast Buffett			
Registration and Credentials Desks Open	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Lonestar Ballroom
Welcome/Introduce Dignitaries/Announcements	8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Lonestar Ballroom
Break	8:45 AM	9:00 AM	
Education Session I	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	
a) Story Telling with Jim Lowery			Lonestar E
b) Using DISC to Enhance Club Leadership with Cora Lonning			Lonestar F
c) Inspirational Evaluations with Wilma Igwe			Lonestar G
Break	9:45 AM	10:00 AM	
Education Session II	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	
a) Better Conversations Start with Listening David Bell			Lonestar E
b) Bridging Toastmasters to Personal and			Lonestar F
Professional Success Lark Doley			
c) Open House with M Riboul, V Godley			Lonestar G
DTM Ceremony Briefings (DTM & medal assister)	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Big Bend Meeting Room
Break	10:45 AM	11:00 AM	
Credentials Desk Closes in two hours	11:00 AM		
Education Session III	11:00 AM	11:45 AM	
a) Pathways- Which Way do I Go? Jeff Puckett			Lonestar E
b) Nancy Graves: Reluctant Leadership			Lonestar F
c) Neuro-Bridging with Scott Hopkins			Lonestar G
Silent Auction Closes 4pm Bookstore closes 5pm			Rio Grande Boardroom
<b>Lunch Break/door prize/DTM Panel</b>	11:45 AM	1:00 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
break -- Credentials Desk is closed	1:00 PM	1:15 PM	

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## Business Meeting, International Speech Contest, Dinner, Evening Ceremonies

<b>Business Meeting / Elections/Appointments/ Alignment/Voting/ Audit &amp; Other Reports</b>	1:15 PM	4:15 PM	
<b>Saturday May 18th PM schedule</b>			
Informal networking after Business meeting ends	4:15 PM	5:00 PM	Lobby
International Contest Officials Training/Briefings - if needed	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	Big Bend Meeting Rm
international Contestants/Timers/SAA/Briefings	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
International Speech Contest	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Intro and presentation by Youth Speech Winner	5:45 PM	6:00 PM	
Contestant interviews, Announcements, Announcement of winners	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	
Break	6:30 PM	6:45 PM	
Banquet Doors Open	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Welcome/Introduce Dignitaries/Announcements	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Dinner	7:15 PM	7:45 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Outgoing DD Speech/Recognize Outgoing Team	7:45 PM	8:00 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
DTM Ceremony/Awards	8:00 PM	8:45 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Incoming District Officers Installation	8:45 PM	9:15 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Incoming District Director Speech	9:15 PM	9:30 PM	Lonestar Ballroom
Adjourn	9:30 PM		
Socializing and Networking	9:30 PM	til ?	



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## Concluding Events, Incoming Leader Training

<b>Sunday, May 19, 2024</b>			
Activity	Start	End	
Breakfast Buffet	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Lonestar Ballroom
Welcome/Introduce Dignitaries/Announcements	9:00 AM	9:15 AM	Lonestar Ballroom
Celebrating New District Champion	9:15 AM	10:00 AM	Lonestar Ballroom
Keynote Presentation/workshop	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Lonestar Ballroom
break	11:00 AM	11:15 AM	
Trio Appreciation	11:15 AM	11:45 AM	Lonestar Ballroom
<b>Conference Adjourn</b>	11:45 AM		
New Leader lunch	Noon	1:00 PM	Big Bend Meeting Room
Incoming District Leader Training	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Big Bend Meeting Room

We are a "DY NO MITE" Advanced Club looking for presenters and trainers who want quality feedback on longer presentations.

Call Kathy at 210-663-0658 for details.

## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Saturday May 18th 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**TITLE & PRESENTER: 9:00 AM Hybrid Lonestar E**  
**“Bring Your Story to Life” Jim Lowery, DTM**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Learn techniques that will bring your story telling ability to the next level by not just telling a story but by taking your audience on a journey.

**TITLE & PRESENTER: 9:00 AM Hybrid Lonestar F**  
**“Using DISC to Enhance Club Leadership” Cora Lonning, DTM**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Toastmasters attracts people from all walks and all types! This is the beauty of Toastmasters! Bringing together such diverse thoughts and ideas is the formula for success – although with an opportunity for tension! This session provides insight to the very different communication styles we have in our clubs; and how to adapt effectively to ensure individual and collective success. Plus, you will just have fun exploring this thing called humans with Coach Cora!!

**TITLE & PRESENTER: 9:00 AM Hybrid Lonestar G**  
**"How to Deliver Inspirational Evaluations" Wilma Igwe, DTM**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The best evaluations provide constructive critique while still inspiring others to improve. “That is Wilma's forte,” says Kathy Moore. Come learn the art of Inspirational Evaluations and be entertained at the same time by the master.

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## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Saturday May 18th 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**Title & PRESENTER: 10:00 am to 10:45 AM Hybrid Lonestar E**  
**“Better Conversations Start with Listening” , David Bell, DTM**

DESCRIPTION: Learn to how to have better conversations at work, home, and in your community.

Objectives

- Learn the importance of listening to have better conversations
- Learn to listen with your eyes, ears and heart
- Practice listening with your senses

**TITLE & PRESENTER: 10:00 am to 10:45 AM Hybrid Lonestar F**  
**“Bridging Toastmasters to Personal and Professional Success”, Lark Doley, PIP, DTM**

DESCRIPTION: The youngest Vice Chancellor of Finance for the University of Texas system attributed her rapid rise to professional success to Toastmasters. Then she moved to New York and achieved even greater success on Wall Street. What about you? How “can” you or how “have” you used your Toastmasters skills to transform your personal and professional lives? What are the communication and leadership competencies Toastmasters teaches? During this session, we will explore the connection between Toastmasters communication and leadership competencies and the transformation of our personal and professional lives.

**TITLE & PRESENTER: 10:00 am to 10:45 AM Hybrid Lonestar G**  
**“Open House Best Practices” M Riboul, DTM, V Godley, DTM**

DESCRIPTION: Michele Riboul and Veronica Godley, the "DTM Duo" from Get up To Speak (G.U.T.S) Club-Lackland AFB, will lead this presentation of best practices for securing more members for your club. They will speak on how an open house is a potent recruitment tool, emphasizing the significance of its value, delineating the core components and discussing the benefits it brings for guests and members. Furthermore, they will provide an example of a planning process and resources designed to elevate your open house event.

## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Saturday May 18th 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**TITLE & PRESENTER: 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM Hybrid Lonestar E**  
**“Pathways - Which Way do I Go?” Jeff Puckett, DTM**

DESCRIPTION: This presentation is focused on novice Pathways users. Attendees will learn how to navigate the system, the importance of accurate navigation and how to accomplish their education goals. A best practices discussion is a significant portion of the session. Therefore, veteran users are welcomed and encourage to share their ideas. Let’s build a stronger bridge to Pathways.

**TITLE & PRESENTER: 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM Hybrid Lonestar F**  
**“Reluctant Leadership” Nancy Graves, DTM**

DESCRIPTION: Learn about what might be holding you and other potential Leaders in your world from making the most of each day. Leadership is a skill that we study and practice at Toastmasters. Discover ways that you may be holding back from your full potential and learn some practical ideas for releasing the power of YOU.

**TITLE & PRESENTER: 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM Hybrid Lonestar F**  
**“Neuro-Bridging: Innovative Approaches to Enhance Connection and Understanding”**  
**Scott Hopkins, Leadership and Talent Development Officer, Broadway Bank**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Unlock the secrets of human connection with transformative insights from neuroscience, vulnerability, and empathy. Learn to enhance your relationships and bridge gaps through groundbreaking techniques that blend science with real-world applications.