



# NEWSLETTER

## President's Distinguished **West Kendall Toastmasters Club**

**Club # 8370**

**Area 54, Division E,  
District 47**

**July 2018**

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### Current Club Officers

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

#### **President**

Betty Ortiz-Valdes, CC, CL

**Vice President Education**  
vacant

**Vice President Membership**  
vacant

**Vice President PR**

William Trigos

**Secretary**

Kimberley Green, DTM

**Treasurer**

Yenifer Galo

**Sergeant-At-Arms**

Esther Ramlall, CC, CL

**Immediate Past President**

Dwight Gordon, CC

#### **Pathways Guide**

Kathy Dyke, DTM

Meetings are on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** evening 7-9 pm at the Kendall Sports Grill 9090 SW 97th Avenue, Miami, Florida. Visit the websites below

[www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)

[http://](http://8370.toastmastersclubs.org)

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF JULY



#### **Distinguished Club Plan (DCP)**

West Kendall was designated "**President's Distinguished Club 2017-2018**". In order to receive this designation as a club, 9 or 10 points must be earned by the members and officers in four areas.

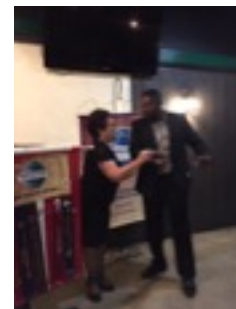
1. Education Communication and Leadership Awards;
2. Club membership and retention;
3. Club Officer elections, appointments and training;
4. Members and officers in good standing, in a club of good standing.

Once again for the fourth consecutive year our club received the maximum 10 out of 10 points awarded in all areas and all categories.

#### **Celebration!**

West Kendall Toastmasters Club has the distinct pleasure to award **Betty Ortiz-Valdes** CC, CL the **Outstanding Toastmaster Member of the Year 2017-2018**.

Many factors went into this determination, and Betty's selection. As Vice President Membership, (VPM) Betty managed the process of bringing guests to meetings and encouraging those guests to become members. In this role, Betty sponsored a record number of new members, 18 of 22 who joined just since July 1, 2017. This service earned 90 points in the Outstanding guidelines award system. She received recognition from Toastmasters International for the "Beat the Clock" award. As Chair of the Membership Campaign, and member of the Club Executive Committee she promoted the club in the community and updated web content and social media. She remained our webpage administrator. Betty contributed to the DCP by earning 24 points in educational awards. She received meeting awards ribbons and recognition, participated in Club, Area, Division and District contests. She participated in inter-club visits, written and verbal evaluations for club members' leadership projects. She was both the High Performance Leadership Guidance Committee Member and Project Leader. She was Chair of the "Effective Public Speaking Bootcamp" hosted by West Kendall Regional Library.



The crowning glory as leader was her awesome marketing of West Kendall Toastmasters Club. She promptly responded to guests who arrived and lead to many who joined.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## August

Toastmasters International Convention and World Champion Public Speaking Contest is **August 22-25, 2018 Chicago, Illinois.**

Contest Season begins at the Club level on the last meeting in **August 22, 2018, at the Kendall Sports Grill.** It's for the Humorous and Evaluation Speech Contests.

## Rising Stars

Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) designation is the highest education award given by Toastmasters International. Currently West Kendall is home club to four members, **Rex Lehmann, DTM, Evelyn Benson, DTM, Kathy Dyke, DTM, and Kimberley Green, DTM.** Expect to see featured interviews on our website of two rising stars **Nadia Usher, ACG, ALS, and Joseph Russo, ACG, ALS.**

## Outside Club Activities

Club Officer Training Leadership Institute (TLI) available for free to all West Kendall Club members. Mark your calendars for Saturday, **August 4, 2018.** The venue is Keiser University. See our website for details.

## Club Officer Vice President Education's (VPE) Report

This Club VPE (position currently vacant) is responsible for planning successful club meetings and making sure each members has the opportunity to achieve their educational goals. The VPE is Chair of the Mentoring Committee.

Mentors are experienced toastmaster members responsible to introduce new members to the Toastmasters club experience. They help with the Ice Breaker and the first three speeches. They explain how to sign up on the West Kendall's website. They acquaint members with other roles in club meetings. They listen. They provide positive feedback. Visit the website. Volunteer as mentor, or to be assigned a mentor. Currently informal mentoring sessions occurs on Mondays after work at the Barnes & Nobles Book Store Cafe (just off Kendall Drive). Call or text to confirm a mentor will be present (305) 484-7522 or (305) 372-7800.

Pathways Guide, Kathy Dyke, DTM provides Pathways Educational Program mentoring. Details available at Toastmasters International website, [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).



The Mentors and new members may arrange to meet wherever and whenever convenient for both parties to rehearse and provide insight into Toastmasters roles and responsibilities.

Experienced members mentor new members on the Pathways Education Program, the speeches, opportunities outside Toastmasters Club meetings, workshops and trainings and other resources for self-improvement.



Visit us at <http://8370.toastmastersclubs.org>



**KENDALL SPORTS GRILL 9090 SW 97TH AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA - JUST OFF KENDALL DRIVE.**



Photo taken in May 2018  
**West Kendall Toastmasters Club Members and Guests**

**Newsletter Editor: Kimberley Green, DTM Club Secretary**  
**Please submit Newsletter Articles and story ideas to email: [kimberleygreen@comcast.net](mailto:kimberleygreen@comcast.net)**

The Club Officer, Vice President Public Relations (VPPR), **William Trigos** promotes the club in the community and notified the media about the club news and benefits. The VPPR designates a member to update web content and social media, and safeguards the Toastmasters brand identity.