



# Saeko VonBehren, MBA, DTM

Division X Director – District 19

## Candidate's Corner 2020



Saeko VonBehren, MBA, DTM is a candidate for the Division X Director in TM 2020-2021. Saeko joined Toastmasters in 2016 and belongs to the Heritage Toastmasters club. She has served as various officers such as VP of Public Relations, VP of Education, President and Immediate Past President. She also served as a Trio Plus's role, Public Relations Manager for District 19 in 2018-2019.

There were two major accomplishments that she has so far, one as the President of the Heritage Club and another as your fellow Toastmaster.

When she was the President, she spearheaded to help the Heritage Club achieve the President Distinguished in 2018-2019. Another accomplishment is as a Toastmaster. After 3.5 years of her dedicated time as a Toastmaster, she achieved her DTM in December 2019. Utilizing her experience of helping the club to achieve President Distinguished Club and her personal experience on her DTM journey, she is thrilled to serve as the Division X director and would like to support the Area Directors so that all the members in Division X can experience the beauty of what Toastmasters offers.

Other than Toastmasters, she also serves another international non-profit organization, Project Management Institute (PMI), which has over half a million members internationally. She serves as the President of the Eastern Iowa Chapter. She has over 15 years of project management experience, and she is certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP®) and a Certified ScrumMaster (CSM®).

Other than Toastmasters and PMI, she has a full-time job as Director of Strategic Execution for Buchanan County Health Center in Independence, Iowa. She has been practicing servant leadership and coaching skills throughout her career.

She is a Japanese national and has been living in the U.S.A. for 23 years. She received her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Hawaii Pacific University, and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Upper Iowa University. Her 5 strengths from the StrengthFinder are Responsibility, Learner, Discipline, Maximizer, and Focus. She is looking forward to working with the Area Directors to achieve a Distinguished Division!