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April 7, 2008 Eagan, MN --- District 6 Toastmasters is proud to announce International President Chris Ford to visit the Minneapolis/St. Paul area at their Spring Convention being held the weekend of May 16-17. Mr. Ford, who resides in Casselman, Ontario Canada, has been an active Toastmaster for over 25 years. He is a retired Canadian Forces Brigadier-general and is currently employed as the Director General of Alternative Dispute Resolution for the Canadian Department of National Defence. Mr. Ford's theme for his term in office is: "Toastmasters: Shaping Ourselves... Shaping Our World."

Toastmasters International is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1924 by Dr. Ralph Smedley. Mr. Smedley believed that people need an organization where they can practice communication and leadership skills in a safe and supportive environment. The vision of the Toastmasters International organization is to empower people to achieve their full potential and realize their dreams. Toastmasters helps its members to become effective thinkers, listeners, and speakers. More than 220,000 members in 92 countries benefit from participation in Toastmasters; the world's largest organization devoted to communication and leadership development.

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[http://www.spring08.d6pages.com/presidential\\_visit.html](http://www.spring08.d6pages.com/presidential_visit.html)