



Why do I mention that I am a prolific author of business and leadership development books, whose articles have been featured across the globe? **Why is that important to my role as an International Director?**

When I was interviewing current and past International Directors to get a better sense of this role, one of them advised me there was a lot of writing needed. Reports, studies, etc. from committees. Then he said, “but that shouldn’t be a problem for you as you’ve written so many books!” My response, *“Interesting, when I came to Toastmasters 32 years ago my goal was to be a great speaker and speak my way around the globe. What I didn’t realize was Toastmasters taught me how to THINK and organize my thoughts in order to speak. That skill transfers to writing.”* So, I thought I should mention it.

Looking back over the books we’ve published I reflect on how we **learned to collaborate** in order to bring them into reality. Working with publishers, printers, editors, layout artists, fellow authors, cover designers took time and focus.

A few were anthologies in support of specific groups like the CAPS Philanthropic Foundation (**Foundational Success** – 30 authors), Toastmasters 95th Anniversary (**In the Company of Leaders** – 40 authors), and Laura’s Hope (**Quantum Success** – 91 authors, 3 Volumes) where authors like: **Marshall Goldsmith, Seth Godin, Guy Kawaski, Brian Tracy, Jim Cathcart, Patricia Fripp, Jim Rohn, Denis Waitley, Mark Sanborn, and Nido Quebein** graciously contributed their wisdom.

Several of my updated books like **Speaking for Success** feature *bite-sized Pro-tips* contributed from speaker friends and colleagues across the world which enrich their pages and add value for our readers.

In addition, I have been fortunate to have some amazing leaders, authors and speakers do forewords for some of them. I have been humbled by their kind words. See below for a few examples:

Speaking for Success: foreword by **Peter Legge**, CSP, CPAE, Golden Gavel recipient

Think beyond the FIRST Sale: foreword by **Bill Comrie**, founder of The Brick

Running TOO Fast: foreword by **Laura Stack**, CSP, CPAE, Past President NSA

Why Didn't I THINK of That! foreword by **Nabil Doss**, *Past President CAPS & GSF*

Make ME Feel Special: foreword by **Lindsay Adams**, *Past President PSA Australia & GSF*

Legacy of Leadership: foreword by **Chris Ford**, *Brigadier-General (Ret.) DTM, PIP*

Toastmasters taught me how to organize my thoughts so I could deliver them in a manner that makes sense to my audiences and readers. I am forever in your debt.