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**Watkins Wellness Recognized by Toastmasters International**  
*Company receives Corporate Recognition Award*

**VISTA, California — June 1, 2017** — Watkins Wellness President Steve Hammock, and Sandra Shuda, Vice President of People Strategy & Services, accepted the Corporate Recognition Award from Toastmasters International during a May ceremony at the company's Vista, California headquarters. The award, presented to Hammock and Shuda by Toastmasters International District Director Joyce Persichilli, recognizes organizations that show significant support for the Toastmasters program.

The Watkins Wellness Toastmasters Club was chartered in April 2003. The club has 36 current members and has helped hundreds of employees in various roles throughout the company improve their speaking and leadership skills. Hammock said it was an honor to accept the award on their behalf.

"Time and again, I have seen our team members join Toastmasters International and grow professionally and personally," Hammock said. "Through a proven program, they are empowered to develop stronger communication, presentation and leadership skills in a supportive and positive learning environment."



*Watkins Wellness President Steve Hammock, left, accepts the Toastmasters International Corporate Recognition Award from District Director Joyce Persichilli.*

## Integrity, Respect, Service & Excellence



*Watkins Wellness received the Toastmasters International Corporate Recognition Award in May 2017.*

Watkins Wellness, the world's leading manufacturer of hot tubs and spas, and maker of aquatic fitness products, places great emphasis on quality, innovation and continuous learning. Toastmasters International complements that focus with its values of integrity, respect, service and excellence. Watkins Wellness provides onsite Toastmasters meetings and membership for its employees during the workday to make participation convenient and easily accessible.

"I joined Toastmasters in 2012," said Jasmin Valadez, President of the Watkins Wellness Toastmasters Club. "It's true what they say: 'Every Toastmasters journey starts with a single speech,' and I was more than a little nervous when I gave my first one! But the flexible, self-paced program and supportive environment built my confidence, speaking and presentation skills, and overall leadership ability. Now, I'm president of our chapter. While my journey was unique, Toastmasters is a proven path to success for many people like me."

To qualify for the award, a participating company must have a Toastmasters chapter in existence for more than two years, pay the members' dues, provide meeting space for the chapter and incorporate the Toastmasters program into the company culture. The Watkins Wellness Toastmasters Club is celebrating its 15th year.



*Watkins Wellness, a leader in hot tub, spa and aquatic fitness products, celebrates 15 years of Toastmasters International membership in 2017.*

**About Watkins Wellness**

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