



Welcome to Toastmasters

The Mission of Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is the leading movement devoted to making oral communication a worldwide reality.

Through its member clubs, Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking – vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

It is basic to this mission that Toastmasters International continually expand its worldwide network of clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its programs.

Being a Toastmaster means more than simply making a commitment to self-development. Everyone who joins a Toastmasters club is making a commitment to the club, to its members, and to the organization as a whole.

The Mission of the Club

The mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

How does it Work?

A Toastmasters club is a “learn-by-doing” weekly workshop in which men and women hone their skills in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere. The average club meeting lasts approximately 2 hours.

Those joining a Toastmasters club learn communication skills by working in the Communication Program manual, a series of 10 speaking assignments designed to instill a basic foundation in public speaking.

There is no instructor in a Toastmasters club. Instead, members evaluate one another’s oral presentations and leadership activities. This evaluation process is an integral component of the overall educational program. Toastmaster’s members also give impromptu talks on assigned topics, conduct meetings, serve as officers in various leadership roles and learn parliamentary procedure.

Members have Opportunities to:

- Learn and practice techniques of effective public speaking.
- Prepare and deliver formal speeches on subjects of their own choosing.
- Give impromptu talks on assigned topics.
- Gain speaking experience that relates to specific career needs.
- Sharpen their listening / evaluation skills.
- Learn proper parliamentary procedure.
- Preside as a meeting chairman.
- Gain valuable leadership management experience.
- Gain personal confidence that will help when speaking to one person or one thousand.
- Enter Toastmasters International’s Annual Speech Contest, “The World Championship of Public Speaking”.

A Toastmaster's Promise

As a member of Toastmasters International and my club, I promise...

- To attend club meetings regularly;
- To prepare all of my speech and leadership projects to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the Competent Communication, Advanced Communication, or Competent Leadership manuals;
- To prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments;
- To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations;
- To help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow;
- To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so;
- To treat my fellow club members and our guests with respect and courtesy;
- To bring guests to club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers;
- To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs;
- To maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities.