

T-Toasters Newsletter

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Club #7804, Division D, District 14



T-Toasters' banner displays various ribbons awarded to the club.

10th Anniversary!

T-Toasters is celebrating its 10th anniversary. We would like to celebrate this momentous occasion, but need feedback from the membership on what activity should be done. Please discuss and share your views at an upcoming meetings or with a club officer.

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Speakers For Success

by: Doug Small, CTM, VPE

Leaders in Division D invite you to participate in chartering a new Advanced club to be formed in the Atlanta area—the *Speakers For Success*. “Advanced” clubs mean that all members are already members of a “home” club and have earned their Competent

Toastmaster (CTM) designation or above.

For those of you who have professional or semiprofessional speaking ambitions... or who want to improve presentations for your work place... or even help you with your interpersonal relationships, this is something that might be for you.

The meeting formats are different than in regular clubs. With everyone already familiar with ordinary Toastmaster protocol, there is no “Role Explanation.” The time saved here allows room for “Round Robin” Evaluations. Every single audience member has a chance to offer his or her comments to help you grow.

What is in it for you?

Participating in an Advanced club allows you additional speaking opportunities beyond your “regular” club.

Those of us who have attended Area, Division, District, Region, and even International Toastmaster events tend to participate in higher quality presentations than we do in regular club meetings. Advanced clubs tend to have similar, high quality programs at every meeting. This is because members of Advanced clubs generally are those

who have higher aspirations in their communication... and leadership goals.

You will receive more advanced feedback than in most regular clubs. This is because all speeches are in round robin format... and presented by members with greater experience by virtue of having earned a CTM or above. That, combined with very few “non-Toastmaster Guests” in the audience to consider, means that you will get more in-depth... and usually more insightful suggestions. In a regular club meeting, you get one person’s opinion in 2 to 3 1/2 minutes. The *Speakers For Success* will provide you with probably 10 or more minutes worth of more in-depth ideas.

Opportunities to deliver longer presentations: While T-Toasters now offers us opportunities to deliver a 20 minute presentation on occasion, the

Speakers For Success club is designed to allow longer speeches at every meeting.

This will allow more of you to earn your ATM designations... and to learn ways to captivate an audience for a longer period.

When each of us grows as presenters... our club will grow in numbers. You will share ideas to help improve our meetings... and speaking skills. When you advance, you offer ideas that we

all can use to improve.

Please contact Doug Small (doug411@earthlink.net) if you are interested in helping to charter this club. Ideally, meetings will be once a month for 3-4 hours depending on membership. We will need to locate a meeting site and in order to charter the club will need twenty or more members.

Your thoughts and participation are greatly encouraged!

“More advanced feedback... more in-depth and insightful suggestions.”

T-Toasters web site revamped

Located now at <http://www.electrowebmedia.com/ttoasters> the T-Toasters website offers improved and easier navigation through the site. The goal of the web site is not only to attract new members to the club, but also to serve as an information source for our members. Comments are welcomed.



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CURRENT EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

On January 19, Chris Ramey received 1st place in T-Toasters' International Speech Contest with his approach to "Attitude, Balance & Clarity." Other club member participants included: Theresa Schnider, Clint Osborne, and Grace Zhao. A round-robin evaluation took place at the end of the meeting, providing Chris with an abundance of feedback.

CREATE A SPEECH

Next week Larry Anderson will host an unusual meeting entitled "Create a Speech." During this meeting, members will discuss various speech topics, ways to put the topic into use, and points to highlight in the speech. At the end of the meeting, one lucky soul (perhaps two) will be chosen to give a speech based on what was decided during the meeting. Be sure to attend, as the meeting is guaranteed to be a fun experience.

CLUB NEEDS SPEAKERS

Sales Center Speakers is looking for Toastmasters from the area to give speeches at their club. They meet Thursdays at noon in the Georgia Pacific / Wildwood building. For more information, contact Carol Wolken.

MEMBER PROGRESS CHARTS

Doug Small, VP of Education, recently unveiled two member progress charts. These posters will chart each member's progress through the CTM and ATM manuals, thus giving officers and mentors a way to keep track of member & club progress.

CHANGE OF RANK

Chris Ramey has stepped down from his position as Vice President of Membership, leaving Steve Pracht as the acting V.P. head.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Still months away... but still something to think about. Do you want to be a T-Toasters leader?

So you think timing is unimportant?

When you think about it, the timing of a speech is just as important as the evaluation. Being able to control the time of a speech is a necessary aspect for both the quality and content. If it's too short, you may not get your point across. If it's too long, your audience may become bored.

Also, timing isn't just something that a speaker should worry about - the timer should focus on their duty at hand also.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Feb 2: "Create a Speech" meeting
Feb 3 & 8: Officer's Makeup training.
Feb 23 "All Speakers same topic."

MAY

May 5-6: District 14 Conference

JUNE

June 1-3 Region VIII Conference

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Since September, the following people have joined T-Toasters:

- Thomas O'Connor
- Ed Gandia
- Wayne Owens
- Shelia Jackson
- Jerry Lee

CONTINUING EXCELLENCE

Since September, the following people have achieved special recognition:

- Wayne Owens achieved his ATM-B.
- Theresa Schnider achieved her 2nd CTM.
- Hank Mix achieved his ATM-B.
- Clint Osborne achieved his CTM.
- Terry Manavi achieved his CTM.

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