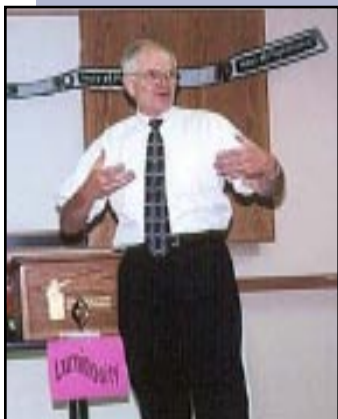


T-Toasters 10th Anniversary photos.



Hank Mix expounds on a table topics question.



Ed Gandia drives home a point in his evaluation.



Wayne Owens makes note of ending perfectly on time.

## Participation needed in new member quest

by Bruce Hayes

If you look around the room during meetings, you'll make one observation. T-Toasters meetings are the place to be.

In addition, you may also notice there are no smiling faces of new members.

It's not that the membership at T-Toasters is sub-par, or that our club is stagnant. With 20 members, our club is holding it's own.

Why the drop in new member enrollment. One factor is the holiday season - potential members seem to wait until after the new year to join a club. (Perhaps energized by New Year's resolutions).

The second factor is that current members are not telling others about our club. Perhaps it's because the subject never comes up in conversation, you

may never think of it, or you may not know all the answers someone may ask.

There is, however, a solution. The following is an outline of how to promote T-Toasters and what you'll receive in return for doing so.

### 1. P.R. Battle Plan

If you go to the main page on our website, you'll see a link in the Promotional Events box for the P.R. Battle Plan. This plan outlines basic concepts that our club needs to carry out in order to obtain new members.

### 2. Business Cards

They're informative, handy, and *free!* Get them if you don't have them. All you have to do is give it to a potential member.

### 3. Membership Drive

Yes, we have had a membership campaign running since September. Here's how it works:

- Bring a guest
- Get that guest to join
- You receive a prize!

Prizes currently include coupons for food at local eateries such as Mellow Mushroom and T.G.I. Friday's.

To get an idea of what potential members want to know, read the joining section of our website.

Remember, T-Toaster members are the driving force behind the club. With members like ours, our club should have no problems growing strong.

## T-Toasters moves into 21st Century

As of October, the T-Toasters website has expanded again. The services offered to members is now truly astounding.

By going to the members section and logging in, you'll have secure access to: our membership database, the weekly meeting schedule, member progress charts, and a photo album.

Our membership database allows you to view each record, edit your own record, and display a printable version. There's also a past members database, featuring the same functionality. Plus you can view and edit our weekly meeting schedule right on the web.

The benefits of these features are numerous. Access to these resources via the internet is simple, convenient, and fast. Having the data centralized on the website reduces the chance of data redundancy and errors. All members have instant access to the most up-to-date information available. There is no longer a need to email someone to get the latest schedule or member database. That means less hassle for the members who previously maintained this information, as well as less hassle for the inquiring member..

The bottom line to remember: "If it has to do with T-Toasters, it's on the web."

## Tall Tales Contest scheduled

The T-Toasters Tall Tales Contest has been scheduled for November 29. If you would like to be a part of this contest, contact Wayne Owens to sign up. Since speech contests are one way of exhibiting a club to visitors, all members are invited to bring guests. Please make arrangements to attend and support your fellow T-Toasters. It's guaranteed to be one fun evening!

## The many roles of club officers

Each officer in T-Toasters is given specific responsibilities. The listing below explains each officer's roles in our club. For an extended list, consult the resource section on the T-Toasters website.

### President

- Leads the club by promoting club excellence.
- Presides over club meetings.
- Conducts club business.

### VP of Education

- Plans dynamic club meetings.
- Orients new club members.
- Oversees mentor program.
- Presides in absence of the president.

### VP of Membership

- Builds club membership.
- Increases member satisfaction.

### VP of Public Relations

- Plans a public relations program (see cover story & website).
- Prepares publicity materials.
- Produces club newsletter, club website, business cards, etc.

### Treasurer

- Collects payable dues and fees.
- Pays all bills promptly
- Presents a monthly report.
- Keeps complete and accurate records of all transactions.

### Secretary

- Maintains an accurate membership roster.
- Records meeting minutes.
- Circulates *TIPS*, the Supply Catalog, and *The Toastmaster* magazine.
- Maintains general club correspondence.

### Sergeant-at-Arms

- Arranges room before meeting.
- Greets all guests/members.

## Past members: Where are they now?

Ever wonder what happened to those T-Toaster members from months or years past? Over the next several issues we'll be tracking them down and telling all.

### *Doug Small*

Doug is taking a strong role in the Lynchburg, VA Toastmasters - establishing a newsletter and pushing for weekly meetings. Doug sends everyone best wishes and is proud of our continued success.

### *Joe Rozza*

Joe continues working at CDM as an environmental engineer. He wishes everyone well and speaks highly of T-Toasters. His experience in our club is helping him give presentations across the country.

## "Quotable Quote"

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream."

-Mark Twain

## Information about T-Toasters

T-Toasters meets every Wednesday at 2100 RiverEdge Parkway. Meetings run from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Toastmasters program consists of impromptu talks, prepared speeches, and also evaluations of the prepared speeches.

Further information and directions can be obtained by emailing our officers listed to the right, or from our website located at: <http://electrowebmedia.com/ttoasters/>



## Calendar of Events

Nov. 29

Club Tall Tales Contest

## New Members

No new members

## Achievements

Oct. 18

Richard Zarnik achieved his CTM.

## D.C.P. Progress

As of October 1, T-Toasters has met two out of the ten goals in the Distinguished Club Program.

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