

# Superior Speakers



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**Judy Hunt, President**

## **President's Message...**

Toastmaster Zig Ziglar said it best, "If you go looking for a friend, you're going to find they're very scarce. If you go out to be a friend, you'll find them everywhere."

Because we each joined Toastmasters for various reasons, it is easy to think some may join Toastmasters to make new friends. Even if making friends was not the initial reason for joining, I wonder if we can be members without being friends.

The basics of Toastmasters are to accept each person as an individual, to assist in goal achievement where able, and to cooperate with each other to produce lively, energetic, educational, fun meetings by giving of one's self.

If you made a list of all the things that make a good friend you would include all the things that are basic to being a Toastmaster. This would include being a helper, someone that accepts you as you are, or someone that gives themselves for the common goal of creating and sustaining the friendship. So Toastmasters and friendship have commonalities.

Are you a Toastmaster friend outside the club? Have you ever called a fellow Toastmaster with a Toastmaster question? Did you send a birthday card or a get-well card? Did you congratulate someone on their latest achievement? Did you send a card or flowers when there was a death in the member's family? Did you call when a member 'went missing' from our meetings? Have you ever called a fellow Toastmaster to go out just for a cup of coffee? These are some of the things friends do together.

According to the lyrics of a Barbara Streisand song, "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world." Needing people is akin to saying 'needing friends'. If we trade the word people for friends, the lyrics would read: "Friends who have friends are the luckiest people in the world."

And so to you, my friends, I give an old Irish Blessing:

"May your day be filled with blessings, like the sun that lights the sky.

And may you always have the courage to spread your wings and fly!"

*-Judy Hunt, President STM*

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

"Friends cherish each other's hopes. They are kind to each other's dreams.

*- Henry David Thoreau*

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## Calendar of Events

### **Superiorland TM meeting 6:30-8:00p.m.**

**September 13 – Peninsula Medical Center  
Conference Room (next to the Snack Bar,  
use the Waldo St. entrance).  
Toastmaster Mike Erkkila.**

**September 27 – Peter White Public  
Library, Community Room.**

**October 11 – Peninsula Medical Center  
Conference Room (next to the Snack Bar,  
use the Waldo St. entrance).**

**October 25 –Peter White Public Library,  
Community Room.**

#### **CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005**

1. President – Judy Hunt
2. Vice President Education – Mike Erkkila
3. Vice President Membership – Linda Wilson
4. Vice President Public Relations – Mary Belmore
5. Secretary – Joanne Shimanek
6. Treasurer – Stacy Jandron
7. Sergeant At Arms & Immediate Past President –  
Robert Shimanek
8. Web Master and Newsletter Editor -  
Marilyn R. Beverley

### **A Message from Mike – Vice President Education STM**

As Vice President Education, I have set some ambitious goals that I would like our club as a whole to achieve.

Each and every one of us are capable of achieving the next echelon in our quest in becoming a distinguished Toastmaster. Together, if we all work towards this goal, we will be well on our way to achieving the President's Distinguished Club for the second year in a row. It is my mission to work with my fellow Toastmasters to encourage and motivate them to reach their next level.

In order to help Superiorland Toastmasters build good-will in the community, I would like to establish a Youth Leadership Program with a local high school, youth group, and/or for young people in the community. The program is an ideal way for any person under 18 years of age to further enhance their communication and leadership skills they need to be successful adults. This program will be an excellent way to make a mark in the community.

With the help of the members, I am confident that we can all achieve these goals. Together, we can all make Superiorland Toastmasters a “Superior” place to develop our communication and leadership qualities!

*-Mike Erkkila, Vice President Education*

## WORDPUZZLE – States

### A Little Humor...

#### A FEW WORDS

“Daddy, Do all fairy tales begin with the words ‘Once upon a time?’” the little girl asked.

“No,” he replied. “ A whole lot of them begin with the words, ‘If elected, I promise.’” – American Legion

A woman held a séance in hopes of getting in touch with her late husband who, during his life, had been a waiter in a big swanky restaurant. The candles were lit and the room was silent. The medium went into a trance, and soon the table began to make knocking sounds. “Phil,” she cried, “is that you? Speak to me.”

“I can’t,” said a ghostly voice. “It’s not my table.” -unknown

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Alaska	Maine	Oklahoma
Arizona	Maryland	Oregon
Arkansas	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
California	Michigan	Rhode Island
Colorado	Minnesota	South Carolina
Connecticut	Mississippi	South Dakota
Delaware	Missouri	Tennessee
Florida	Montana	Texas
Georgia	Nebraska	Utah
Hawaii	Nevada	Vermont
Idaho	New Hampshire	Virginia
Illinois	New Jersey	Washington
Indiana	New Mexico	West Virginia
Iowa	New York	Wisconsin
Kansas	North Carolina	Wyoming
Kentucky	North Dakota	

#### **Congratulations to Mike Erkkila!**

**Congratulations! Michael J. Erkkila, of Ishpeming, has graduated from Northwood University of Midland, Michigan.**

**Mike earned a bachelor of business administration degree.**

**We wish Mike all the best in his future endeavors!**

**A job well done!**

## MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT - Linda Wilson, Vice President Membership STM

It is the nature of the universe that everything changes and nothing stays the same. The same holds true for a club like Toastmasters. If a club isn't moving forward then it will move backward. There are many things that can keep a club moving forward. For instance: Strong leadership, member enthusiasm and participation. There are also goal setting and teamwork to reach those goals. Three words stand out! Leader, member, team; these are people! That's what a club is, people. The membership in a club is always changing. People come, people go. If more people go than come, membership drops, and teamwork and enthusiasm drop, too. If more people come than go, membership goes up and the club becomes more dynamic. Higher membership means a wider variety of personalities, backgrounds and interests. There are more diverse speech topics, more ideas, more sharing of tasks and responsibilities, more points of view. All of these help a club move forward! They also make club membership more enjoyable for everyone.

It seems to me that membership building, or recruitment, is rather important for us as we want to have a successful Toastmasters club, to say nothing of achieving Presidents Distinguished Club for the second year in a row!


The best recruitment technique is just to talk about Toastmasters whenever you can and invite anyone who seems at all interested to a meeting. If Toastmasters is a good thing for us, it can be a good thing for almost anyone! The next time someone says, "What's new with you?" You have a perfect opening! So "Talk It Up!" and I'll see you at our next meeting! Bring a visitor and let's celebrate together!

- *Linda Wilson,*  
*Vice President Membership*

**Let's  
Celebrate!**

**Superiorland Toastmasters  
has achieved**

**President's Distinguished  
Club  
status!**



**6:30 pm Monday September 13, 2004  
Peninsula Medical Center Conference Room  
1414 W Fair Ave. Marquette, MI**

**Refreshments and Program**

## President's Distinguished Award Status for 2004-05

Required	# req.	# achieved
2 CTMs	2	0
Addl 2 CTM	2	0
1 ATM	1	0
Addl 1 ATM	1	0
1 CL, AL or DTM	1	0
Addl CL, AL, DTM	1	0
New Members	4	0
Add'l New Members	4	0
1 of 2 Required Officer Training with 4 or more officers attending	1 of 2	0
Reports submitted on time.	1 of 1	0

## Recognition

Achieve 5 of 10 goals -  
Distinguished Club.

Achieve 7 of 10 goals - Select  
Distinguished Club.

Achieve 9 of 10 goals - President's  
Distinguished Club.

## The 10 Goals

- Two CTMs
- Two more CTMs
- One ATM-B, ATM-S, or ATM-G
- One more ATM-B, ATM-S, or ATM-G
- One CL, AL, or DTM
- Four new members
- Four more new members
- Minimum four officers trained each training period
- One semi and one officer list submitted on time

## Membership Requirement

At year-end a club must have:

- At least 20 members
- Net growth or at least five new members

## CLUB BULLETIN BOARD:

### RECRUIT NEW MEMEBERS

Has Toastmasters helped you in your work, developing a greater confidence?

Share the Toastmasters experience with a friend or co-worker and bring them to the meeting!

Don't forget we need your input for this newsletter.

Send articles and ideas to

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We are just a click away!

Happy Birthday!  
To all Toastmasters  
Members who have  
A Birthday in September!



A wish for wellness to:

**Joanne Shimanek  
Suzanne Morris**

**Our thoughts and prayers are  
with you.**

**Judy Hunt, Publisher  
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**Monthly deadline for submissions:  
22<sup>nd</sup> of each month.**

**We're on the Web!**

**-[www.Geocities.  
com/Superiorlandtm](http://www.Geocities.com/Superiorlandtm)**

**Congratulation's**

**To**

**Superiorland**

**Toastmasters on**

**Receiving –**

**Presidents**

**Distinguished**

**Club**

**Status!**

**WE WILL BE CELEBRATING**

**AT OUR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2004**

**Peninsula Medical Center Conference  
Room**

**MARK THE DATE ON YOUR**

**CALENDAR!**