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Mission of our Toastmasters Club

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 communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Conference Bells Are Ringing!

By Judy Hunt

Spring Toastmasters Convention is just a month away. Held in Waupaca, Wisconsin on April 30th and May 1st this convention will see many exciting events. Spring Convention is when new District Officers are elected. It is time of year for Newsletter and Website contests, the International Speech Contest, and this year there is a Tall Tales Contest. And, of course, Friday night is Fun Night. This is an icebreaker to help us reacquaint with old friends and make new ones.

At Spring Convention the Hall of Fame is played. This is a video presentation of past and present District 35 achievers. Being listed in the Hall of Fame is definitely an honor not to be taken lightly. Being recognized in front of 150 of your peers is no small accomplishment. Remember the last time your heart swelled with pride for your club? It is 10 times better than that!

This year the educational sessions are:

1. "Find The Job You Love And Never Work A Day In Your Life."
2. "PS I Love You, Or How I Learned To Love Public Speaking"
3. "Club Resources—The Secret To Club Success"
4. "Judging Speech Contests, A Primer."

It will be difficult to choose which session to attend. I would like to attend all of them.

These meetings are held by the members and for the members. Do not think it is not for you! Every member is invited to attend. Last fall we had five members represent our club. I encourage each of you to attend. I have never been disappointed with the meetings. I don't believe you will be either.

Registration forms are available on the District's website (<http://www.geocities.com/athens/thebes/1232/conv.html>). Register before April 9th and save money.

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Superiorland Toastmasters meet twice each month from 6:30-8:00 pm. 2nd Monday, Mtg. Room 112, Ramada Inn, 412 W. Washington, 4th Monday, Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 North Front Street, Marquette.

WWW.Geocities.com/Superiorlandtm

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District 35's Top Club Website
2002 and 2003

Were You Listening? Did You See?

- ✎ Which two members worked together on one speech at the March 8th meeting?
- ✎ What do Judy Hunt and Martha Stewart have in common?
- ✎ What is a UFO as defined at the March 8th meeting?
- ✎ How many people joined our club at the March 8th meeting?

Calendar of Events

April	12	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Meeting Room 112 Toastmaster: Open
	26	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open
April 30 – May 1		Spring Conference, Waupaca, WI. Registration form is available on the District 35 website. Make plans now. Share the ride!
May	10	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Meeting Room 112 Toastmaster: Open <i>Important meeting for all members!</i>
	24	Annual Meeting: Time and location to be determined.
June	12	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Meeting Room 112 Toastmaster:
	26	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open

Over the Roll or Under the Roll??

By Judy Hunt, ATM-B/CL

A great national debate has raged on for years in our country. It began with the advice columnists. They created quite a stir when they asked if the toilet paper should be unrolled from the top or bottom. There are those whose opinion is held so strongly that they are willing to change the direction of the roll in public bathrooms as well as in the homes of their friends and relatives.

Advocates on both sides of the issue have some very strong supporting arguments. They both site ease of use, accessibility, cleanliness, and common sense among their arguments for their side of the issue.

So if they agree on all the basic points, what is the controversy? I believe the world has missed the whole point of the debate. It is all about control. It is often the case where we all think we have the best idea. We all want our ideas to be heard. Personally I believe we should all take charge of those situations wherein we want to have some type of control. If you want the roll under (or over) then change the roll yourself.

So what does this have to do with Toastmasters? The moral of the story is that if you want to have a definitive say in how your club runs, then you must put yourself in a position to make those decisions. This means holding an office. Is there any reason to not accept a nomination and let it be known you would like to hold an office?

The Executive Board of Superiorland Toastmasters is comprised of the President, VP/Education, VP/Membership, VP/Public Relations, Secretary, Treasurer and Master Host. If you want to make the decisions, then it is for you to decide: Which office will you hold next year?

Member's Forum

What Can I Do To Increase Membership?

By Robert Shimanek, CTM

Every time I start to write this newsletter column, I'm confronted by the same question; how do we increase our membership in Toastmasters? Maybe you just say "let the other members do the soliciting, I just don't have the time." That is a person, in my opinion, that wants the benefit from clubs and does nothing to contribute to its success. If we leave things up to the other individuals where would we be in this world? I hope you are not one of them. It is the old adage "If you want to get something accomplished, find the individual that is the busiest. They will find the time and get the job done." This individual, being active, has a purpose whether it is helping other Toastmasters members or satisfying a personal sense of purpose.

If you really look into it, all you have to do to sell Toastmasters is by your example. Explain the reason you joined Toastmasters and the education you have received at the meetings. When an individual receives the "Competent Toastmaster" (CTM) award, they are on their way to success. This is first step in the speaking process. They can show the world that they can speak effectively without fear in front of any individual or group. They are proud of being an active member.

So let's go back to the drawing board. How can we increase our club membership? This can be accomplished in a normal way with anyone, whether in the your home, workplace, break rooms and/or commuting to work, and in an everyday normal conversation. Tell them how your fear of speaking in front of a group of individuals was your most dreaded thing in life. Tell them how you overcame this fear with the help of club members and now you can speak effectively on just about any subject where everyone listens. Let's use this phrase "When a Superiorland Toastmaster speaks—everyone listens".

Superiorland Toastmasters club has accomplished many goals since it was formed 28 months ago. These accomplishments are due to the members being active and working together as an active club. So let us all continue to work together to be an example to follow for any or all clubs.

Robert Shimanek
President—CTM

"Always behave like a duck--keep calm and unruffled on the surface
but paddle like the devil underneath." -Jacob Braude

If we want something different to happen,
We will have to **DO** something different.
Unknown

"Ten people who speak make more noise than
Ten thousand who are silent." -Napoleon Bonaparte

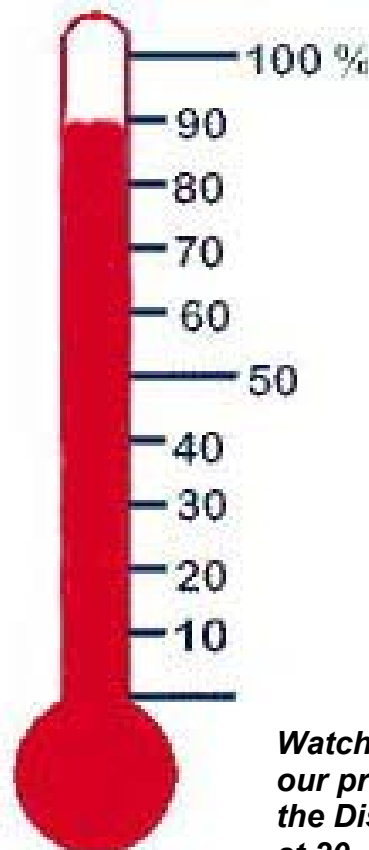
MEMBER NEWS!

- Welcome to our newest members, Jane Anderson and Linda Wilson!
- Happy Birthday all our April birthdays!
- Burt Parolini has had some health problems and will not be at the next few meetings. Burt has sent a message of appreciation to those that have extended the hand of friendship and support to him during this time. You can visit, call or send well wishes to Burt at his home or at the Jacobetti Veteran's Facility. If you need his address you can call Stacy or Judy.
- Our Area Governor, Judy Hunt, has been on the move. Superiorland Toastmasters had a very interesting, educational, successful club meeting for Judy's 'visit' on March 8. Visits have also been made to Woodruff and Rhinelander Wisconsin. If you are interested in visiting the Eagle River Club on April 8th or the Escanaba club on April 28 contact Judy. If you are interested in being an Area Governor contact Judy.
- Bob and Joanne are in Florida enjoying a family visit. Suzanne will be traveling, as will Marilyn. We will miss them all while they are gone. Look for them to an April meeting.
- We sadly say good-bye to Dave Juntti and Virginia Korte. These two members will not be renewing their membership. We wish them the best always and remind them that 'Once a Toastmaster, always a Toastmaster'. Please visit us from time to time if you are in town. You will be missed.
- Did you see Dan Barrington's extraordinary snow sculpture of Old Man Winter? His picture was in the Mining Journal on March 14th. Good job Dan!

Distinguished Club Status

What we have achieved!

1 NEW MEMBER
 1 NEW MEMBER
 1 NEW MEMBER
 1 NEW MEMBER
 1 NEW MEMBER
 1 CL
 1 CTM
 1 CTM
 1 CTM
 1 ATM-B
 OFFICERS TRAINED x 2
 REPORTS ON TIME



What we need to complete before we achieve our goal:

1 NEW MEMBER
 1 NEW MEMBER
 1 NEW MEMBER
 1 CTM (1 more speech)
 1 CL (2 PRESENTATIONS)
 1 ATM-S (1 more speech)

Watch this space each month to monitor our progress!!..... Membership for the Distinguished Club Program must be at 20.....We must gain and retain!

Miranda Rights for Toastmasters

The Miranda rights are a set of instructions given to a prisoner (theoretically before he speaks) to tell him of his rights. This prevents him from ‘sticking his foot in his mouth’ and incriminating himself—confessing to the crime.

When a toastmaster speaks, does he need to be read his rights first? Do you need to be prevented from ‘sticking your foot in your mouth’?

Here are the Miranda Rights for Toastmasters:

1. You have the right to remain silent. Opening your mouth and spewing forth many words is not the same as speaking coherently.
2. You have the right to consult your manual before preparing your speech.
3. You have the right to consult your mentor before you finish the planning stage of your speech.
4. If you do not have a mentor, the VP of Education will appoint one for you. Ask for a mentor soon after joining. A mentor can answer any question you can ask, or they will know where to find the answer.
5. If you decide to speak without proper preparation, you have the right to quit speaking as soon as you realize your mistake.
6. A Toastmaster should choose the right words at all times. Consider your audience when considering your choice of words
7. A Toastmaster should use the right volume at all times. Speak so everyone can hear you.
8. A Toastmaster should have the right audience for his speech.
9. A Toastmaster should wear the right clothing. Don’t wear jeans to a businessman’s luncheon.
10. Choose the right topic for your audience.
11. Know the right location. Do not get lost on your way to the venue so that you show up an hour late.
12. Always have the right date marked on your calendar.

“The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it.”

Chinese Proverb

Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence,
is the quality that most frequently makes for success.

Dale Carnegie

Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing.

Oscar Wilde

CLUB OFFICERS



Office	Officer
President	Bob Shimanek
VP Education	Judy Hunt
VP Membership	Mary Belmore
VP Public Relations	Dan Barrington
Secretary	Stacy Jandron
Treasurer	Karen Jandreau
Sergeant at Arms	Joanne Shimanek
Immediate Past President	Pam Kauppila

Achieving Administrative Excellence

By Judy Hunt, ATM-B/CL

Achieving administrative excellence can make or break a club. Club Officers do the best they can with what they have to work with. Since we are a new club, barely 2 ½ years old, we do not have the wisdom of the years to draw upon. And, after all, Toastmasters is a learning experience. That is why we are here.

Being an officer carries responsibilities. There are forms to fill out, deadlines to be met, contacts to be made and new members to glean. Administratively organizing the tasks at hand can be a daunting task. Each person holding an office for the first time will have the same basic experience. By the time they learn the office, it will be time to turn the reigns over to someone else.

If information is power, then as a past officer you have been given the power—the power to make a difference in your club. Would having a knowledgeable person as your assistant have helped you? Then why not offer that same assistance to the next group of officers? Leaving office is not the time to forget what you have learned. It is the time to share what you have learned.

Now that you have read the book and have the experience, it is time to share. In every officer's manual it states that part of the job is preparing materials to turn your office over to the next person elected to that position. You cannot do another person's job for them, but you can offer guidance and you can encourage the new officer to call you if they have questions. You can also faithfully attend meetings to be at the ready.

We all know that Toastmasters is a learning experience. When we combine these two things, doing your best and learning, success will be nearby. If we 'knew it all' we would not need Toastmasters. During two recent Toastmaster conversations I heard two different club presidents say, "I just learned this job and now it is almost time to give it to someone else." I ask all officers, what makes you think your job is completed just because someone else is elected to the office you have held for the past year? You are still needed.

The I's Have It

All words in the following puzzle begin with the letter 'i'.

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A	V	K	T	C	K	E	J	N	N	T	L	I	C	I	E	Q	T	U	E	Z	T	R	M	L	C
B	I	W	Z	C	H	V	L	Z	N	Q	D	L	I	L	L	E	G	T	K	R	A	I	R	E	H
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Imperative	Imbricate	Impromptu	Initiate	Intrigue	Isonomy
Inevitable	Idea	Imminent	Inaugurate	Innovate	Introduce
Intellectual	Isosceles	Identity	Impavid	Incalculable	Inscription
Ironic	Ipomoea	Isthmus	Idoneous	Impeach	Industrial
Ibis	Inspid	Irenic	Itinerate	Ignicolist	Impearl
Ilmenite	Ineluctable	Inspired	Iridize	Ivorist	Ilex
Impetus	Impediment	Inertia	Intact	Iris	Izzard

My Book Report Answer Sheet

These words were found in the two books, Beyond the City by A. Conan Doyle and Paddy Clark Ha Ha Ha by Roddy Doyle. These are recommended reading.

Abrogating	To abolish, do away with, or annul, especially by authority
Affectation	A show, pretense, or display
Arnica	A tincture of the dried flower heads of the European species <i>A. montana</i> , applied externally to reduce the pain and inflammation of bruises and sprains.
Bacchanalian	Referring to a riotous, boisterous, or drunken festivity; a revel.
Balaclava	A warm woolen hood covering the head and neck, worn especially by mountain climbers and skiers
Caprice	A sudden, unpredictable action, change, or series of actions or changes
Defalcations	To misuse funds; embezzle
Denizens	One that frequents a particular place: <i>a bar and its denizens</i> .
Dissipate	To drive away; disperse.
Fustian	Pretentious speech or writing; pompous language
Meerschaum	A fine, compact, usually white claylike mineral of hydrous magnesium silicate, $H_4Mg_2Si_3O_{10}$, found in the Mediterranean area and used in fashioning tobacco pipes and as a building stone. Also called sepiolite.
Obtrude	To impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others with undue insistence or without invitation.
Picayune	Of little value or importance; paltry
Stentorian	Extremely loud: <i>a stentorian voice</i>
Whinge	To complain or protest, especially in an annoying or persistent manner.
Who is Napoleon Solo?	The man from U.N.C.L.E.
Zenana	The part of a house in Asian countries such as India and Pakistan reserved for the women of the household.

Answers to Were You Listening? Did You See?

- ✎ Burt helped Mary by being her customer during an Advanced Manual Speech.
- ✎ Judy was required to draw a picture of Martha Stewart during Table Topics in which one member directed while the other did the drawing.
- ✎ A UFO as defined at the March 8th meeting is an unfinished object—a quilters term for an unfinished quilt.
- ✎ Linda Wilson joined our club. Welcome Linda!