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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.

Is Our Club Like a Dr Pepper Can?

By Judy Hunt, CTM, CL

According to Alissa D. Eischens of Northwestern University, "an only child must be exposed to other children" to learn social interaction. When children play together they learn new skills, new vocabulary, like behavior and they learn to facilitate interaction with others. An only child does not know what is missing if they never associate with other children. Like the period after Dr on a Dr. Pepper can.

Did you ever notice the period was missing? Most people overlook this fine detail. Sometimes we don't know what is missing until someone else points it out. On February 9th I will be presenting the Toastmasters "Moments of Truth" module. *This is an important meeting for all Toastmasters!* Like the period on Dr we may discover what our Club is missing or what we do not know.

Another valuable way to learn what we do not know is to associate with other Toastmasters. The reasoning is this: Like an only child, without the association of other Toastmasters we learn to set our standards based upon our own thoughts and actions and not on the standards set by the governing body. While it is true that the governing body of any Toastmasters Club is the Executive Board, there is still a higher authority—Toastmasters International. We are part of an international organization. We are not a private entity. We are not alone in the world.

The value of Toastmaster Conferences and interacting with other Toastmaster clubs is symbiotic. Everyone wins! The nearest Toastmaster Club is in Escanaba. We have already shared events. In the future I hope we will continue to share and learn many things from each other. Perhaps we could even visit a Green Bay Club.

Let's not be like the Dr Pepper can. When something is missing, let's find a fix. Let us aggressively seek the company of other Toastmasters. Attending Conference and sharing time with other Toastmasters club can help us achieve our own goals.

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

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Congratulations to RICH LEINONEN on your CTM!
 And
 Congratulations to JUDY HUNT on your ATM-B

Calendar of Events

February	9	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Open Meeting Room 112
	5	Officer Training, 6:30 p.m., Ferdinand's Restaurant, Escanaba This is not for officers only—all members are encouraged to attend. Contact an officer for a ride or simply show up.
	23	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open
March	8	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Open Meeting Room 112
	22	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open
April	12	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Open Meeting Room 112
	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. Make plans now!

Wit is the salt of conversation, not the food.

Were You Listening? Did You See?

- ✎ Who recently demonstrated ice fishing to our club?
- ✎ Which of our members has a cat named Esther?
- ✎ Who became a new member at the January 26th meeting?
- ✎ How many ribbons are on our Club's banner?

"The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live." Morris Adler (1870-1937)

Member's Forum

Attributes Required To Be A Toastmaster:

T---Time
O---Optimism
A---Attendance
S---Sincerity
T---Traditionalize
M---Motivational
A---Attitude
S---Spirit
T---Technique
E---Evaluate
R---Resolve

Time should be allotted to attend TM club meetings.

Optimism can be portrayed to club member's success.

Attendance is necessary for a successful club.

Sincerity is conveying your message with integrity.

Traditionalize is speaking with the custom dialog.

Motivational speaking is gained by experience.

Attitude is gained by being in the right frame of mind.

Spirit is a state of mind giving power to your speaking.

Technique is a unique trait for everyone.

Evaluate speaking by bringing out the positive points.

Resolve conflicts immediately.

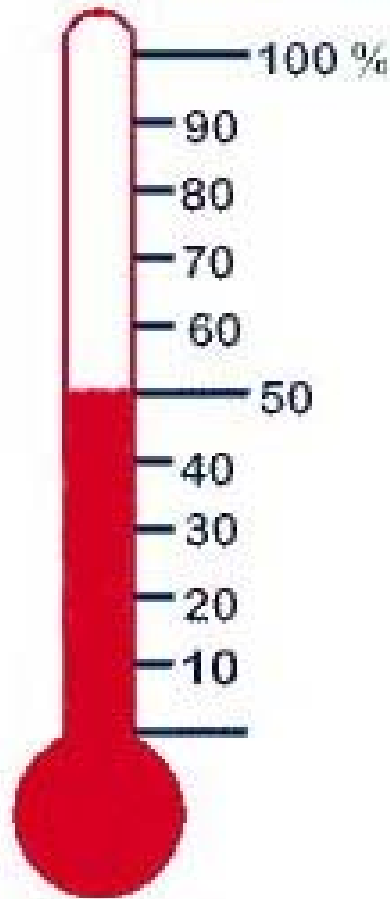
Did you notice that the title “**Attributes Required To Be A Toastmaster**” and the vertical letters of **TOASTMASTER** form the shape of a “T”. What attributes would you place along side of the word Toastmaster? It would be interesting to have a survey for all toastmasters to submit their meanings of the word for evaluation. This is why Toastmasters develop and improve individual skills in a unique way. This is accomplished by experience and practicing in front of a live audience using the speaking manuals curriculum.

Robert Shimanek, CTM
President

Distinguished Club Status

What we have achieved!

1 NEW MEMBER
1 NEW MEMBER
1 NEW MEMBER
1 CL
1 CTM
1 CTM
1 CTM
1 ATM-B



What we need to do to achieve our goal:

1 NEW MEMBER
1 NEW MEMBER
1 NEW MEMBER
1 NEW MEMBER
1 NEW MEMBER
1 CTM
SUBMIT OFFICER LIST
ATTEND WINTER
OFFICER TRAINING

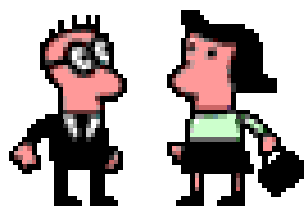
Watch this space each month to monitor our progress!!

It's time to stop looking up the steps and start climbing them.
Ted Corcoran

The 5-S System for Making a Toast

S imple:	Use no more than 10 simple sentences.
S incere:	Speak from the heart and you will find the right words to convey your meaning.
S pend:	This is no time for an impromptu speech. Spend time preparing your toast.
S hort:	Use short words.
S trong:	Strongly emphasize the finish. Raise your voice volume when pronouncing, "Here's to", "Cheers", "Let's drink to" or whatever closing line you have chosen.

Meet The Members



This month's featured member has a resume that reads like an entry in a Who's Who book. Marilyn Beverley has been an executive secretary, licensed insurance agent, and served on the Corporate Board of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. She is the author of two books, a motivational speaker, an independent consultant, and has been on several church missions to Jamaica. Marilyn is also a volunteer with the Experimental Aircraft Association in Wisconsin.

Born in Kentucky, Marilyn left there when she became Leonard's wife. Leonard is an electrical engineer with Kimberly Clark. They have a son who is a minister in Kentucky and is to be married in September 2004.

During the early years of their marriage, Leonard's job transferred him around the country. When they decided to put down roots, they moved to Munising where they have lived on the shore of Lake Superior for over 20 years. Leonard and Marilyn will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary in June of this year.

Relaxation time will find Marilyn reading, surfing the web, or playing with her treasured pet, Snickers. Snickers is a Yorkshire terrier. Marilyn has vacationed in Hawaii and Bermuda.

Marilyn has a mission in life: to use all the talent God has given to her. She lists her greatest accomplishments to be her marriage and her son.

If you would like to know more about Marilyn, you can visit her website at www.themrb.org. There you will find much more information, including where you can buy her books. We certainly look forward to Marilyn's Icebreaker!

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Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.
Helen Keller

Yooperisms I Have Known and Loved

By Guest Contributor, Lynn Laakso

I have grafted myself into the life force of the U.P. I hail from Northern Minnesota where my Finnish family sounds very much like the old timers from Negaunee and West Ishpeming. Of course Grandpa Toivo (and his brother Eino, thank you very much for the jokes) hails from Ewen and Grandma Leona traces her roots to Calumet, so apparently all roads lead back here anyway. Being adopted and of Scotch-Irish genealogy, you can imagine the difference in temperament and appearance I possess...and sadly, one difference is tolerance of their use of the English language.

After all, grammar is an important element of language. Not so important as vocabulary, since without adequate choices of words, you cannot really describe what you mean. Having a wide array of choices in verbs, adjective, and prepositions you can convey meaning with elegance as well as specificity. However, if poor grammar is used, not only the elegance, but also the meaning, can be lost.

So the biggest question I have always pondered: why, oh why, do they neglect their prepositions? I have heard my aunt state her intention to “go store” or plans to “go camp”. Where is “to”?

This is not to say that “do” doesn’t get used...I’ve seen it to many times not too realize it’s being misused. If you didn’t feel the urge to go back and re-read that last sentence, I recommend a wonderful resource on the Internet at <http://www.wsu.edu/~brians/errors/index.html> . In the words of Paul Brians: “Just remember that the only meanings of “too” are “also” (“I want some ice cream too.”) and “in excess” (“Your walkman is playing too loudly.”). Note that the extra O. It should remind you that this word has to do with adding more onto something. “To” is the proper spelling for all the other uses.”

It’s quaint, and it’s colloquial, but it’s not part of a Toastmaster’s repertoire; unless you’re quoting Grandpa Toivo: “Well, den. When you go town say hi to dat Eino fer me, eh?”

MEMBER NEWS!

- Q District 35 is hosting a Tall Tales Contest. This will be a 3-5 minute speech “of a highly exaggerated nature”. Division contests will be held during Officer Training. The District Contest will be held during Spring Conference. Why not you?
- Q New Communications and Leadership manual have been received. If you are a new member that has not received your new membership packet from TI, please call Judy to get your manual. Then when you receive your packet from TI please replace the manual so the next new member will have immediate access. This is a valuable learning tool and is at the heart of our purpose in joining the club.
- Q IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS: Moments of Truth module will be presented at the February 9th meeting. This is an important measurement tool for Toastmaster Clubs. Come and see how we are measuring up to the challenge we have accepted.
- Q Congratulations to Dave Juntti on his recent retirement from CCI.

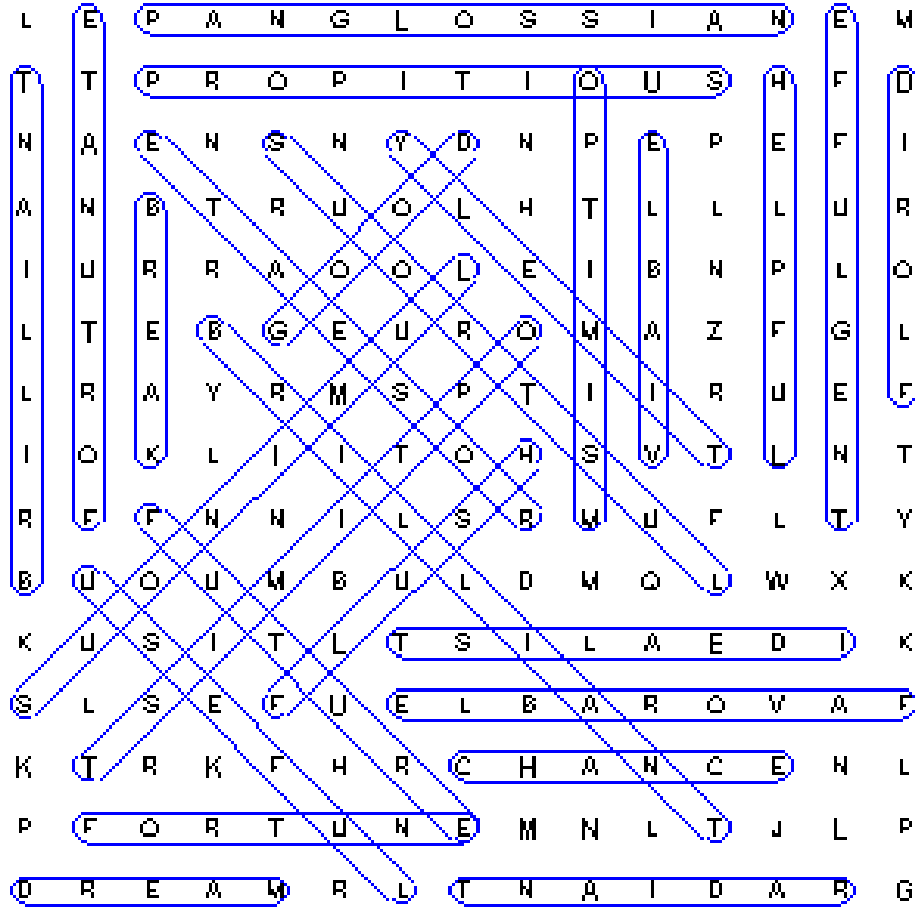
100% TOASTMASTER

Fill in the numbers to the left. The numbers will add up to 100 if entered correctly.

- _____ Number of Toastmaster Clubs in the UP.
- _____ Desired number of members for the DCP
- _____ Number of Advanced Manuals
- _____ Number of projects in each Advanced Manual
- _____ Number of Officer Positions in a Club
- _____ Number of Superiorland Toastmaster members that attended Spring Conference 2002.
- _____ Number of CTMs in the Superiorland Toastmasters Club as of Feb 1, 2004.
- _____ Number of Divisions in District 35.
- _____ Number of ATM-Bs, ATM-S and ATM-G in Superiorland Toastmasters Club.
- _____ Number of Presidents our Club has had during their entire existence.
- _____ How many officers must attend each of 2 Officer Training sessions before it will count on the DCP?
- _____ Number of speech projects in the C&L manual.
- _____ Number of visits the Area Governor makes to each club per year.
- _____ Number of the month in which new Club Officers are elected.
(Jan =1, Feb = 2, etc.)
- _____ Number of the month in which new officers must be reported to TI
(Jan =1, Feb = 2, etc.)
- _____ Number of TM Conferences held in our District each year.

A matter that becomes clear ceases to concern us.
Friedrich Nietzsche

All Things Are Possible Word Search Answer



Answers to Were You Listening? Did You See?

- Dan Barrington gave a speech about ice fishing.
- Suzanne Morris has a cat named Esther.
- Lucille Method is our newest member.
- There are 4 ribbons on our banner.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.