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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.

Party, Hope, Success

By Judy Hunt, CTM, CL

Party, party, party! It would seem that is what 'New Years' means. What does New Years mean to you—in your heart. Is it all about new beginnings? Another chance? Another opportunity? Why is it so magical? On January 1 life will go on just as it did on December 31st. So what is the big deal, what is the magic ingredient? Perhaps the magic is hope. Simply hope. Hope that this year will see all the events and goals that evaded us last year.

When we aspire to paint the house, mend a relationship, or reach a goal, we have hope in our hearts. Without hope we could not dream. We could not plan. If we had no hope we would not take the action necessary to even begin to reach our goals.

Truth is, if you can dream it, you can make it happen. The biggest reason for failure is not the lack of a plan, but the lack of hope, a dream in which we can believe. Do you lack hope?

Hope is the reason for New Year's resolutions; hope is the reason for dreams. We each have a dream of being a better speaker—so we joined Toastmasters. Will this be the year of you give your Ice Breaker Speech? Will it be the year of your CTM? Will you become an officer? Will you *demonstrate* your hope?

You will not become the eloquent speaker of your dreams without *your own* club participation. If you, and your club, follow the Toastmaster plan, if you work towards the Distinguished Club, CTM, ATM, etc., you can be the speaker you want to be. You can be the leader of your dreams. It cannot be done without your participation. This year is your year. Make your actions reflect your dreams.

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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.

WWW.Geocities.com/Superiorlandtm
Voted the
District 35's Top Club Website
2002 and 2003



Ideas for Building Membership

1. Design a pamphlet specifically for your club. Then distribute the pamphlet around town.
2. Have a booth or table at the County Fair, Career Day, etc.
3. Be active in the community. Volunteer in the community as a club, i.e. Petunia Pandemonium, Cheer Club, answer phones for a telethon or Ask The Doctors (lawyers, DNR, etc.) or sponsor a highway mile.
4. Meet every week, but have every other meeting at noon and every other meeting in the evening. This way your club will be available for persons of both persuasions.
5. Run a classified ad in the local newspaper.
6. Have social events for club members. This will promote friendship, camaraderie, and communication between members.
7. Have Club business cards with or without your name printed on them. Pass them out everywhere and to everyone. These are available for Superiorland Toastmaster members, just ask Judy.
8. Make a list of your club's good points. This will assure members are prepared with a list when speaking with prospective members.
9. From time to time have Toastmaster oriented door prizes at your meetings.
10. Always have membership materials and information at every meeting.

You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them.
Michael Jordan

Calendar of Events

January 2004	3	Holiday Party at Wahlstrom's restaurant. Bay de Noc Toastmasters will be joining us. Social at 6:00 PM, Public Buffet at 6:30 PM.
	12	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Mary Meet in new room.
	26	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open
February	9	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Open Meet in new room.
	23	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!

Member's Forum

LOOKING AHEAD 2004

By Robert Shimanek, CTM

What lies ahead in this coming year of 2004? Did you make New Year Resolutions and then forget about them? Can you predict what you are going to do during the forthcoming year? Just saying what you are going to do without acting is like "Water going over the bridge." There is a big rush and then the water reverts back to its own slow movement.. Nothing gained and nothing accomplished.

If you think about it our basic nature is to act and not be acted upon. When we respond to particular circumstances, this empowers us to create circumstances in the workplace or home.

Many individuals fail to take the time and necessary steps to succeed in verbal communications. They always let the other person do it. These individuals are in a comfort zone in the workplace. They don't want changes. They don't want to improve themselves or learn better skills to make the workplace enjoyable in lieu of "I hate my job." By failing to take the necessary steps individuals wait for other people to make something happen or have someone to do the work for them. You may see CEO's or supervisors in their comfort zones. They tell you "This is the way we have been doing it and we are not going to change." Then you have a new supervisor who never supervised before and their people skills are like a dictator. These individuals cannot face reality from company personnel feedback of the problem because it wasn't their idea. They are in charge. Then one day a "wake-up call" comes down from management. Things are going "amuck" in the organization and we need to do something.

In Toastmasters we learn both effective communication and listening skills. These learned skills make us more aware of what is happening. You can have things happen when the need arises by effectively communicating your solution to the problem to upper management. Remember it is not a problem once it is resolved.

If you look around in the workplace, notice all the talent that surrounds you. All you have to do is tap into it. Giving credit to individuals who convey constructive ideas and placing them into effect will bring outstanding results.

It's not who you are that holds you back, it's who you think you're not.

Author Unknown

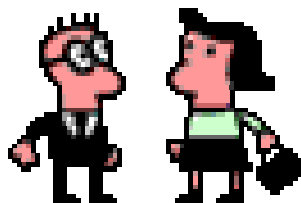
Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Whether you think you can or think you can't - you are right.

Henry Ford





Meet The Members. . .

Suzanne Morris was born in Minnesota during the month of August. Between jobs and adventure, she has been a Michigan resident several times. She has several brothers and sisters.

Sue is married to Jack. She has two stepdaughters and two grandchildren. Trained as a paralegal, Sue currently works for a local law firm, although in the past she has worked for CCI, the Mining Journal and was in the Navy. Hopefully we will hear more about her Navy days. She has always enjoyed animals and as a child wanted to be a veterinarian. She even did a work-study program working with animals. Her only pet is a cat named Esther.

When asked what her 'greatest accomplishment in life' was, Sue gave the most wonderful answer: existing. Life is good, isn't it? Sue's considers her greatest life experience was getting married.

Sue has traveled the world including Europe, Alaska, Mexico, Ireland, Germany and many of the states. Her idea vacation would be to just 'go and do'.

Among her interests are singing. Sue belongs to two choirs and her taste in music includes almost everything except hard rock, jazz, blues or rap.

Sue joined Superiorland Toastmasters recently. We are very pleased to have Sue as a member.

Were You Listening? Did You See?

- ✧ What was Burt's speech about on December 8?
- ✧ How many speakers were there on December 8?
- ✧ Did anyone complete his or her 10th C&L manual speech December 8?
- ✧ There were 6 Table Topics participants on December 8. How many stayed within the time limit?

CLUB OFFICERS



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Have You Forgotten

By Judy Hunt, CTM CL

Have you forgotten to take the risk? If you do something out of character during a Toastmaster speech you will not lose your job! You will not be cast out at the edge of town! You will probably learn something new about yourself and your abilities.

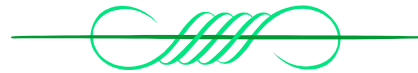
What a gift to give to your club! When other club members see you raise the bar it will empower them to do the same. Wouldn't it be just awful if each of us were just waiting for someone else to step outside the box, to do something quite 'different' and daring! How enlightening it can be when someone else is the strong one, the brave one that will give it all they have.

And what if your idea doesn't work? When I accepted my first nursing position, the Head Nurse suggested I ask for a day off any time I thought I wanted one. She let me know up front that I would

not get about 80% of the time I asked for, but if I asked every time I needed a day, I would surely be happy with 20%. There is wisdom in those words. Can you translate that into Toastmaster talk?

Every idea you have may not be a winner. The important thing is the 20% that is a winner! Sooner or later you will have a hit. In the mean time you will elicit the evaluations from your fellow members that will guide you to being the best speaker possible.

So why not wear the costume of an old western outlaw during your speech on the Wild West. Why not let a tear fall when you read a sad poem. Why not test the waters and see what makes you great.



Can You Explain This Communication?

Maybe they need Toastmasters!

- A label on a hand-held massager advises consumers not to use "while sleeping or unconscious"
- An "Aim-n-Flame" fireplace lighter cautions, "Do not use near fire, flame or sparks."
- A 13-inch wheel on a wheelbarrow warns: "Not intended for highway use."
- A cardboard car sunshield that keeps sun off the dashboard warns, "Do not drive with sunshield in place."
- A can of self-defense pepper spray warns users: "May irritate eyes."
- A warning on a pair of shin guards manufactured for bicyclists says: "Shin pads cannot protect any part of the body they do not cover."

Just for Chuckles and Grins

A distraught woman calls the fire department to report a fire in her neighborhood.

"Well," said the fire chief, "how do we get there?"

The woman replied, "Don't you still have those little red fire engines?"

All Things Are Possible

L E P A N G L O S S I A N E M
T T P R O P I T I O U S H F D
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BREAK
BRILLIANT
BRILLIANT
CHANCE
DREAM
EFFULGENT
FAVORABLE
FLORID
FLUSH

FORTUNATE
FORTUNE
FUTURE
GOOD
HELPFUL
IDEALIST
LUMINOUS
LUSTROUS
OPTIMISM

OPTIMIST
PANGLOSSIAN
PROFITIOUS
RADIANT
ROSEATE
TIMELY
USEFUL

Answers to Christmas chuckles.

1. Why does Santa Claus have three gardens?
So he can ho, ho, ho.
2. What does a cat on a beach have in common with Christmas?
Sandy Claws
3. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite
4. What does Santa clean his sleigh with?
Comet, of course.

Put your future in good hands - your own. ~Author Unknown

Answers to Were You Listening, Did You Hear?

- ✎ Burt's speech was about abstract concepts.
- ✎ There were two speakers on December 8.
- ✎ No one completed the 10th C&L manual speech.
- ✎ There were 6 Table Topics participants and everyone was within the time limit.

