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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.

Swim or Sink, it is Up To You

By Judy Hunt, C.T.M.

I recently read a story about two frogs that fell into a deep bowl of cream. One frog was an optimist and one was a pessimist.

The pessimist cried and lamented, "All is lost, we are going to drown". Thus he quit even trying to swim, said goodbye to the world and drowned.

The optimist said, "I can't get out but I won't give in, I'll just swim around until I can no longer swim. I may still drown, but I will know I did my best". With that he bravely began to swim. His swimming began to churn the cream. The more he swam, the more the cream turned into butter, until at last he could stand on top of the butter. Then he hopped out of the bowl with the deepest feelings of satisfaction and accomplishment.

The moral of the story is this: Don't give up easily. Success comes through perseverance.

Our Club recently debated the merits of 'taking the summer off'. The members voted down that idea. Those members who cannot attend summer meetings will be missed, certainly. And, we definitely look forward to seeing you back again in the fall. But for those members who want to continue working toward their goals, I applaud you. By making a commitment to 'keep swimming', you are already a success.

There is no right and no wrong answer to the question of attending summer club meetings. Individuality dictates that we make our own decisions in this matter. As one member that will be in attendance, I simply say this: We'll hold down the fort, and we'll leave the light on for you.

May every member have a good summer.

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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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Were You Listening? Did You See?

- ✎ What was the theme of the June 23 meeting?
- ✎ How many visitors were there at the June 9 meeting?
- ✎ What was the topic of the vote at the June 23 meeting?
- ✎ June 9th we played a game at the meeting. Name the game.

Bob's Corner

Fellow Toastmasters:

Integrity. Tell the truth. That way you don't have to remember what you said.

We go through life learning from our peers. Following their examples may be the norm until you learn that is not the real truth.

Today, individuals who have positions of high authority are taking advantage of the least fortunate. They know that if you reject or give negative feedback concerning their ideas you are going to be "pink slipped" even though you tell it like it is—the truth, that is.

Subsequently, they tell you information that you want to hear but behind the scenes they do what they want to do. For example, you ask how is the company is doing relative to bottom line profits or relative to the completions. The answer is "excellent". Now, how many times have workers been misguided when questions are asked relative to the workplace? Oh, sure, you don't want to lose your position in the organization by asking, so you 'muddy' the waters and make your position important in the chain of command.

Do you make decisions for your family on misguided information? What do you, as a parent, do when your child is caught in a lie? Well, I know in my house, their trust was lost for about six months. They in turn had to re-earn that trust.

Our own politicians convey information to us when it is election time. Then when they become elected, go to Washington, and fall in line with the rest of the Congressmen. That is when they begin to have amnesia regarding their promises.

In short, Toastmasters is a starting point in telling the truth. When we evaluate individuals on their speeches, we provide positive feedback where each individual is proud of their speaking capabilities and what to improve. That is why Toastmasters is a keystone to success by speaking with sincerity and telling the truth.

Isn't it ironic when you ask an individual an important question they "dance around" the true answer, trying to confuse the issue. Then you ask yourself, "What did he/she say?"

When was the last time someone said, "Let me tell you the truth". After they are done speaking the so-called truth, ask them, "So, have you been telling me lies all these years?" Watch them 'hem and haw' the answer.

Last question: What category do you qualify in—the truth or not the truth so help you God?

Bob Shimanek
President

MEMBER NEWS!

- Q Karen Teichman recently won three bronze medals and three ribbons during the 2003 National Senior Olympics. The games were held in Hampton, Virginia from May 26 to June 9. Guess that is why we didn't see Karen's winning ways with Toastmasters at our June 9 meeting! Congratulations, Karen!
- Q Bob Shimanek recently won a prestigious award. The Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" award recognizes aviation maintenance personnel who have at least 50 years of experience in the aviation maintenance industry. The award is named for Mr. Charles Taylor, the mechanic who maintained the Wright Brothers airplane. Congratulations, Bob!
- Q Happy Birthday to Stacy and Burt.
- Q Virginia is on the road again, too. She's been too many places to list.
- Q We miss all our members when they are gone.
- Q Mary Belmore, VP/Membership and Judy Hunt, VP/Education are putting together a SpeechCraft. This will be presented this fall. If you would like to assist in this educational, membership building, community project, contact either Mary or Judy.

It is never too late to be what you might have been. --- George Eliot (Mary Evans) 1819

Calendar of Events

July	1	New Toastmaster's Year begins
	4	Independence Day. Celebrate safely.
	14	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room.
	28	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open
August	11	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room.
	25	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open
October	17-18	Fall conference. Green Bay, WI

Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance.
Samuel Johnson 1709

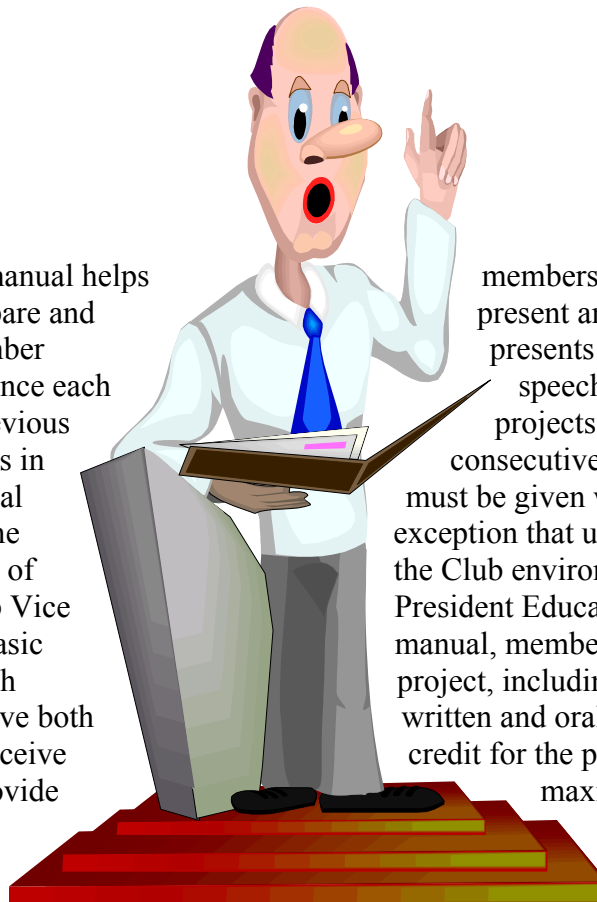
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TI Quotes

“The basic manual helps skills needed to prepare and Every speech a member a manual speech. Since each the skills used in previous complete the projects in from the basic manual environment, with the be presented outside of approval of the Club Vice speeches from the basic the objectives of each Members must receive both speech in order to receive CTM award. To provide members to develop Club should meet



members develop the basic present an effective speech. presents in the Club should be speech project builds upon projects, members should consecutive order. All speeches must be given within a Club exception that up to two projects may the Club environment with advance President Education. When giving manual, members must strive to meet project, including time limits. written and oral evaluations for each credit for the project toward the maximum opportunity for their skills, every weekly.”

How well do you know the Word of the Day?
 Did you listen and learn?
 Match the word on the left with the correct definition on the right.

1. Acumen	a. To speed up the progress of; accelerate.
2. Allium	b. To repeat in concise form.
3. Ambivalence	c. To make easy or easier
4. Apodictic	d. The coexistence of opposing attitudes or feelings, such as love and hate, toward a person, object, or idea.
5. Assiduous	e. Something considered necessary or highly desirable
6. Discernment	f. Quickness, accuracy, and keenness of judgment or insight.
7. Expedite	g. Necessarily or demonstrably true; incontrovertible.
8. Facilitate	h. Feeling or showing haughty disdain
9. Recapitulate	i. Constant in application or attention; diligent
10. Supercilious	j. Any of numerous, usually bulbous plants of the genus <i>Allium</i> in the lily family, having long stalks bearing clusters of variously colored flowers and including many ornamental and food plants, such as onions, leeks, chives, garlic, and shallots.

He who has a thing to sell
 And goes and whispers in a well
 Is not so apt to get the dollars
 As he who climbs a tree and hollers.

Author unknown
 Compliments of Norm Maier, D.T.M.

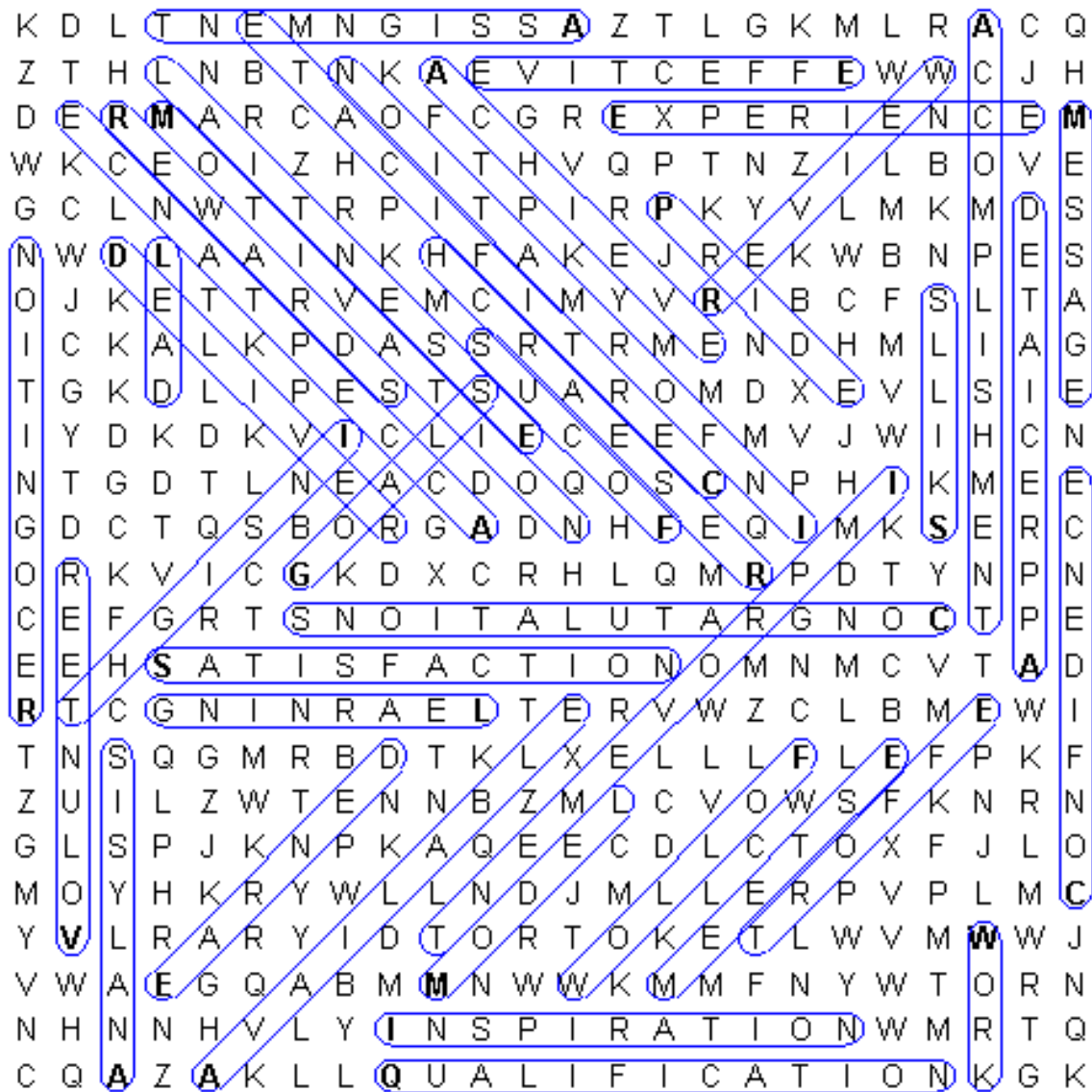
Answers to Were You Listening, Did You hear?

- ✎ Sports was the theme of the June 23 meeting.
- ✎ There were 2 visitors at the June 9 meeting.
- ✎ Summer meetings was the topic of the vote at the June 23 meeting.
- ✎ June 9th we played Bingo. Look for this game to surface again!
 There are prizes to be won.

Match the Word of the Day on the left with the definition on the right.

June's Word Search Puzzle Answer

Words associated with volunteering to be an Active Club member.



There are admirable potentialities in every human being. Believe in your strength and your truth. Learn to repeat endlessly to yourself. "It all depends on me." --- Andre Gide 1869