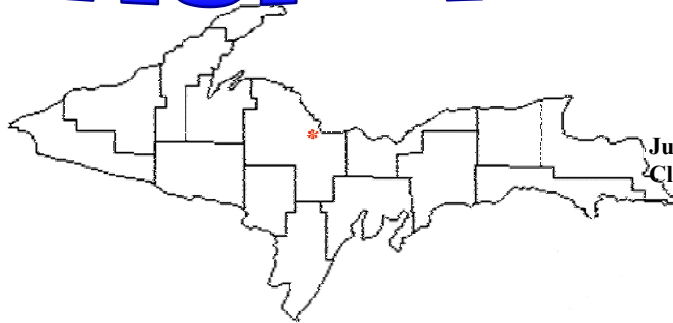


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Mission Statement:

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.

President's Message...



Judy Hunt, President

Three years ago my son got married. It was truly a unique, beautiful wedding using many innovative ideas. One of the special ideas was to have an empty journal at the reception. The guests were invited to write a message or some advice to the newlyweds. Among other things, I wrote that the secret to success in marriage, as well as all of life, is love, commitment, and perseverance. This goes for your Toastmaster experience also.

Love what you are doing and you will do it well. Toastmasters is not a mandatory experience, it is Chosen by the participants. If you are struggling with Toastmasters I suggest you take another look.

Are you trying so hard you are missing the point? Are you attempting to succeed without following the manuals? If you make Toastmasters a fun experience, you will have fun in every role you accept. Don't try to give the perfect speech. Just speak from your heart and you will succeed. First make it fun, success will follow on its own.

Commitment is asked of every member. Although Toastmasters does not have to be your life 24/7, when you joined the club, you promised to do some things. Re-read the Toastmaster's Promise. You promised to attend meetings regularly. You promised to be prepared for your assigned role. You promised to be supportive of others, and to fill an office. You promised to bring guests, follow the rules and to be honest in doing so. Commitment is not denying yourself or your family's existence for the sake of Toastmasters. The

definition of commitment can be summed up in one word, support. Support is showing up at meetings and taking part.

Perseverance is what brings us back to the

meetings after a performance that is less than stellar. It is returning to the club after you have gone absolutely blank during Table Topics. Frank Lloyd Wright once said, "I know the price of success: Dedication, hard work, and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen." If you don't succeed the first time, try it again, and again, and again until you do succeed. The rest of us are here supporting you in your efforts.

Love, commitment, perseverance. These are the three steps of success. These are the things I feel when I come to our Toastmasters meeting. Our challenge for the 2004-05 Toastmaster year is to spread the love, share the commitment, and join forces in perseverance.

We may find we are using a different plan, but we will not change our goal. Love, commitment and perseverance. May these three things lead us to President's Distinguished in 2005! Accept the challenge, reap the reward!

Judy Hunt



**Installation of
Officers 2004-05**

**“It’s Not How
Much We Give,
But How Much
Love We Put
Into Giving.”**

**-Mother
Theresa**



**Immediate Past
President –
Robert Shimanek
And
Incoming President
-Judy Hunt**

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005



President – Judy Hunt

Judy joined Toastmasters December 2001. Her reason for joining was twofold. She wanted to be able to present herself better and increase her self confidence. Judy has been VP/PR, VP/Ed, Newsletter and Website Coordinator. During her TM tenure she has achieved an ATM-Bronze and a CL. Judy’s personal Toastmasters goal for 2005 is to reach her ATM-Silver. Judy’s 2005 club goals is to reach President’s Distinguished Club. Judy has been married to Glenn for 37 years and has 3 grown children, 2 grandchildren, 2 granddogs and 3 grandcats. Her hobbies include quilting, reading, knitting, crocheting, and sewing. She also likes to dabble in numerous crafts.



**Vice President Education
– Mike Erkkila**

My name is Mike Erkkila, and I’m 23 year old. I just recently graduated from Northwood University in Midland, MI with a BBA in International

Busiess/Management. I currently live in Ishpeming, and employed by The Peninsula Bank. My passion for public speaking has prompted me to join Superiorland Toastmasters to enhance my public speaking and skills in leadership. Aside from toastmasters, I enjoy traveling, meeting new people, reading, and enjoying the summers in the Upper Peninsula.



**Vice President
Membership – Linda
Wilson**

Linda Wilson was born in Traverse City, Michigan and grew up just south of there in a little town called Mayfield. She moved to Marquette in 1969 to attend NMU. She received her Bachelor’s degree in 1973 and is still here. She and her husband, J.D., live in Marquette. She has three grown children and J.D. has a daughter and 2 grandsons, ages 9 and 11. Linda is a Graduate Gemologist and works for Wattsson and Wattsson Jewelers as designer, goldsmith, gemologist and appraiser. Her hobbies include rock-hounding, gem-cutting, gardening, reading, hiking and camping. She also enjoys playing music, cross country skiing, and traveling. She has traveled extensively in the US and Canada, and has also visited China, Hong Kong (before it went back to China) Australia, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, and Dominica in the Caribbean.

She joined Toastmasters in April of this year, to overcome her fears of speaking in public and to

improve her communication and leadership skills and her self confidence. She already feels a little more confident in social situations and hopes that Bob Shimanek is right and that soon she will start enjoying the giving of speeches as well as she is enjoying knowing all of the wonderful, supportive and interesting people she has met in Toastmasters.



**Vice President Public
Relations – Mary Belmore**

Bio to appear at later date.



Secretary –

Joanne Shimanek

I was born and raised in Kewaunee, WI. Bob lived in our neighborhood for many of those years, and when we were in high school we began going together. Bob was in sports and I was a cheerleader. After high school, I did secretarial work during the day and worked at the local theater in the evenings. A year after graduation Bob and I were married and moved to Colorado where he was stationed in the Air Force for twenty years and during that time we had four daughters and one son. In between

Officers – continued...

babies I did secretarial work. After Bob retired from the Air Force, he became a partner in a business and I alternately did some secretarial work for the business and volunteer work for the church. We now have nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Since retirement we travel to visit our children who live in lower Michigan, Minnesota, and Florida. Our daughter Jane lives locally, and she also is a member of Toastmasters. Bob and I are charter members of Superiorland Toastmasters. Another retirement activity we have enjoyed the past few years is doing children/adult entertaining thru ventriloquism and magic. This past Flag Day Bob and I celebrated our 52nd wedding anniversary.



Treasurer –

Stacy Jandron

I am a graduate of Negaunee High School, and have Bachelor or Science Degrees from NMU in Finance and Accounting. For the last 10 years I have been an Accountant, at Argonics, Inc., in Marquette. I am single, but have a very close family consisting of my wonderful parents, a supportive older sister, a terrific brother-in-law,

and a beautiful and bossy 2 1/2 year old niece. When I'm not working, I enjoy watching NASCAR (Jeff Gordon) and reality shows, reading and scrap-booking. I am a charter member of Superiorland Toastmasters, and have held the position of secretary since the club started. I recently achieved both my CTM and Competent Leader awards to help the club reach President's Distinguished Club status. I look forward to serving as your Treasurer, and accepting the torch from Karen Jandreau, who has done an excellent job for the past two years. Please contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns you may have about our Club's fund.



Sergeant At Arms & Immediate Past President – Robert Shimanek

Born June 30, 1932 in Kewaunee, WI. Graduated from Kewanee High School, 1951 and enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. Bob was an aviation maintenance technician on B-29 bomber aircraft which were used for training aerial gunners for the Korean Conflict. Two daughters were born at that time. In 1956 Bob transferred to North Africa, Tripoli, Libya for 2.5 years. His family accompanied him to Africa and this is where daughter number three was born, Jane. Jane is a member of Toastmasters also. In 1959 transferred to Homestead AF Base, Homestead, FL. Maintained B-47 bomber aircraft and became involved in square dancing. 1963 Bob transferred to the

missile field and daughter 4 was born. 1966 Bob transferred to KI Sawyer AFB, Gwinn, MI and worked in the Missile field. Also in 1969 became an FAA Designated Mechanic Examiner. Instructed mechanics during off duty in the maintenance of civil aircraft. In 1970 our son was born. Retired from the USAF, 1971. Worked at Marquette County airport and 1973 became a partner in the business of Northern Airmotive. This involved pilot training; aircraft maintenance and servicing, air taxi and air ambulance services. Started Simmon's Airlines as the first Director of Maintenance and had them become certified airlines. In 1993 retired from the business of Northern Airmotive and Capitol City Express. In 1996 to date recertify annually FAA certified mechanics with the Inspection authorization. Also, along with his wife Joanne they do performances for adult/children involving ventriloquism and magic



**Installation
2004-2004**

**“The Achievements
Of An Organization
Are The Result Of
The Combined
Efforts of Each
Individual.”
-Vince Lombardi**

**Congratulations to
Superiorland
Toastmasters
For
Achieving
President's
Distinguished
Club
Status!**



**Thanks For A Great
Year!**

**TOASTMASTER
INTERNATIONAL'S**

**SIX CLUB
STANDARDS**

1. A club is required to hold a minimum of 12 meetings per year, but a minimum of 24 meetings is recommended.
2. Meetings must be held in a physical location. A meeting cannot be conducted over the internet, telephone, or walkie-talkie.
3. Members must be working toward the next award. This goes hand in hand with the 'No Non-Manual Speech' concept.
4. Speeches must be given orally for a member to receive credit. They cannot be simply typed and distributed. They cannot be taped in private and played back at meetings. The presentation must be given to a live audience.
5. Evaluations must be given and received orally. Written evaluations may not be the only means of evaluation a club uses.
6. Every member must be given the opportunity to hold office and present Successful Club or Successful Speaker programs, enabling them to earning credit toward the Competent Leader Award.



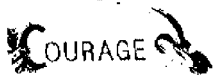
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WORD FIND:**

COLONY
CONSTITUTION
CRESCENDO
DECLARATION
DETONATION
EXPLODE
FLAG
INALIENABLE
INDEPENDENCE,
PARADE
PATRIOTISM
PREAMBLE
PROCLAMATION
PYROTECHNICS
REPUBLIC
REVOLUTIONARY





Welcome to New
Member –Jane
Anderson



COURAGE

Words To Live By!

Part of the agenda at each Toastmasters Meeting is the "Word of the Day". I have found this very interesting and very helpful in enlarging my vocabulary and the use of words in our English language.

Recently I purchased a bracelet and the theme of the bracelet is "Words To Live By". These words are words that we have all learned and grown up with yet it is very powerful for me to look down at my wrist and see these words and

know what they mean to me and to truly make them a part of the life I live each day.

I would like to take a moment and share a couple of the words with you at this time. Words can make or break a person.

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me!" Remember that saying from childhood? Yet As we know words have a lot of power. Words can begin and end a war. Words can let a person know how very much we care. Yet, I can remember a quote my mother always used, "Actions speak louder than words!" How true this statement can be. The words that I want to share with you in this issue can be a living part of our everyday life and make our actions and example for others.

Poet Edwin Markham wrote,

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers. None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others, comes back into our own."

These words are a reminder of the virtues within each of us. COURAGE is bravery of the policemen, fireman, or a soldier who fights a battle, but there is also courage within our hearts, the quiet courage of the elderly, the single

parent or someone fighting a terminal illness. Then there is moral courage, a courage with which we stand for our convictions and values. "Courage is not with out fear; it is the overcoming of fear."—Plato

When we find courage within ourselves we give a tremendous gift to others, we become a source of strength. I believe Toastmasters helps us to develop courage, courage in speaking, leading and expressing our beliefs. Toastmasters helps us to develop that passion that is within our hearts.

PASSION—an intense emotion. Passion gives us energy to live life to the fullest, to express ourselves. In expressing ourselves we gain the ability to "reach for the stars" and make our goals and dreams reality.

With COURAGE and PASSION our lives are enriched.

It is my hope as we begin a new year that you will step out with "courage" and "passion" to make yourself the best that you can be and to make Superiorland

Toastmasters the best organization that it can be! With our united courage and passion we can enrich the lives of others.

—Marilyn R. Beverley



PASSION

**"WITH
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**Congratulation's
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Calendar of Events

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

**July 12 Peninsula
Medical Center, 1414
W. Fair Avenue,
Marquette,
Conference Room**

**July 26
Peter White Public
Library, Community
Room**

**August 9
Peninsula Medical
Center, 1414 W. Fair
Avenue, Marquette,
Conference Room**

**August 23
Peter White Public
Library, Community
Room**

**August 18-21, 200
TM International's
2004 Convention;
Reno Nevada**

**Septemter 13
This meeting location
to be decided at the
August 23rd meeting.**

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

Joke— Communicating?

**"I suppose I
earned enough"**

An elderly man and somewhat hard-of-hearing man was sitting in a stylish downtown attorney's office as his lawyer handed him his will. "Your estate is very complex," said the lawyer, "but I've made sure that all of your wishes will be executed. Due to the complexity, my fee is \$4500.

Just then, the phone rang and the lawyer got involved with a long call. Thinking the lawyer had said "\$500," the old man wrote out his check and left.

When she got off the phone and realized the old man's mistake, the lawyer ran after him down the stairs and into the parking lot just as he drove away. Feeling frustrated, the lawyer looked at the check and decided to accept the situation philosophically. "Oh well," she said to herself, "\$500 for half an hour's work isn't bad."

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**Recruit New Memembers
Invite Guests
Help our Organization to
Grow!**

**Happy Birthday to
All Toastmasters
Members who have
A Birthday in July!**



**Don't forget we need your
input for this newsletter.
Send articles and ideas to
Marilyn R. Beverley –
lbeverle@up.net!**

**Have a safe and happy
Fourth of July Celebration
with you families!**