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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.

Time and Project Management

By Judy Hunt, ATM-B, CL

When I was a child I had one of those games with numbers that slid back and forth. I think we all had one at some time. The objective was to get the numbers all in order, reverse order, or some pre-planned scheme. It kept me busy just imagining the possibilities.

The lesson I was really learning was time and project management—learning to set priorities. You know: what move came first, what had to be done before I could make the next three moves, and so on. My life is like that now. Juggling a schedule and a plan come easy for me. I think because I enjoyed that puzzle so much, I learned the lessons well.

We continually face these same challenges in Toastmasters. It may be at a Toastmaster meeting when someone has a last minute emergency and is a no-show. It may be while administering the DCP plan. It may also be during the adjustment period following new officer elections.

We fill an agenda and expect everyone will do his or her job as planned. “Life is what happens when we are busy making other plans” is a quote I love. Flexibility in planning is a priceless asset. If a member doesn’t show up, just fill the empty role with another person and go on as if it were planned that way. If it is done smoothly and with confidence there will be no need for an interruption of the meeting. This is time and project management

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At the beginning of the Toastmaster year the Executive Board prepares a Club Success Plan. Basically, this is an in-depth look at how to achieve the DCP award. The Board looks for members that can theoretically complete the next award, bring in members, file reports on time, etc. and makes 'assignments'. Life happens, remember. We need to have a back up plan just in case a projected goal is not realized. Again, this is time and project management.

When new officers are elected, even if some members are retaining their office or taking a different office, a new Board is in place. It is a different mix of people. This means a new way of seeing the same challenges. Since we all think differently, we also see choices and solutions differently. Working together to achieve our club's mission is what leadership is all about. This is also another chance to learn better time and project management skills.

Whatever your Toastmaster challenges are, you are stronger for the challenge. Use the little slide puzzle as an example—juggle schedules, make contingency plans, and set your priorities straight. If we can learn to manage our clubs like we managed that number game, we will be winners every time.

Calendar of Events

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| March | 8 | Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Ramada Inn, Meeting Room 112 Toastmaster: Joanne |
| | 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, 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 |
| May | 24 | Annual Meeting: Time and location to be determined. |

Were You Listening? Did You See?

- ✎ Who recently answered the phone during a speech?
- ✎ At the February 9th meeting, what happened when an advanced speaker said 'Ahhh'?
- ✎ In last month's newsletter we published an article by a non-member. Who?
- ✎ Who brought a gazillion hats for a manual speech on February 23?
- ✎ How many visitors were there at the February 23rd meeting?
- ✎ On February 23rd which Club office was featured?

Getting Together...Communication

By Marilyn R. Beverley

Communication where would life be without it? I became a member of Superiorland Toastmasters in October of 2003. Toastmasters was a new organization to me and I wasn't quite sure what to expect. One of the greatest delights I have found is a group of comrades that work together to make each other the best at communicating that we can be whether it be in speaking or in listening. When I walked through the door the President of the club greeted me as if I were a long lost friend. The teamwork in this group is incredible, one of the best I have ever experienced. It is refreshing to be a part of this group. I look forward to each meeting with delight. I learn something at every meeting. I enjoy the experience of learning with and from others who have the desire to grow. I am still learning the structure of the club and realize that all members wear "many hats".

One of the most interesting facts about the club is that we, the members, come from all walks of life, yet have one common goal...that of communication. In the busyness of life, I find it vital that we learn to communicate. I

find it encouraging that Toastmasters tries to cover every aspect of communication. From presiding as "Toastmaster", to timekeeper, quizmaster, delivering a particular type of speech, and to delivering a joke to make sure that we remember to keep a sense of humor in our lives.

Communication has always been a big part of my life. In grade school I received "C" in conduct along with the comment "talks too much!" It is a joy to take the passion within my heart, that of communicating, and be a part of such a tremendous organization that is created to help me accomplish goals which I have in life, that of being a motivational speaker.

One of the biggest things I like about our meetings is that I can pick a particular type of communication were I need extra "coaching" and not have fear in trying to tackle it successfully. The feedback I receive from fellow members is constructive and positive. I can take my weaknesses as a communicator and grow with the strength of fellow toastmasters.

I look forward to being a part of this organization and

encouraging friends and colleagues to be a part of Toastmasters International. I look forward to each meeting. I like being part of an organization that not only helps me grow but that I can share and help others be the best that they can be!

In today's world communication is the number one challenge from the family to the corporate level. If you think about it you can go back to days of old and ask yourself, "How did Noah know to build the ark?" You might say, "Because God told him". Yes, but and this is an important "but" Noah heard! I am learning that listening is just as important as speaking. I like the idea that Toastmasters teaches us not only to speak but also to listen effectively.

I feel that Toastmasters International, especially Superiorland Toastmasters, has had and will continue to have such a positive impact on my life in such a short time that I want to tell the whole world about Toastmasters. I and encourage others to be a part of an organization that has such a positive impact for all who become a part of the organization!

Mary is finalizing the details for the Membership Contest with the Bay de Noc Club. Are you doing your part—making lists of people, sending invitation cards, calling friends and thinking of any new ideas to help find new members?

Member's Forum

Thoughts We Can Apply To Toastmasters

“Chance favors the prepared mind.”

By Louis Pasteur

“I’m a slow walker, but I never walk back.”

By Abraham Lincoln

**“If we are strong, our strength will speak for itself.
If we are weak, words will be no help.”**

By John F. Kennedy

“See everything: overlook a great deal, correct a little.”

By Pope John XXIII

**“Snowflakes are one of natures’ most fragile things,
but just look what they can do when they stick together.”**

By Vesta M. Kelly

**“The high prize of life, the crowning fortune of man,
is to be born with a bias to some pursuit which finds
him employment and happiness.”**

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

By Eleanor Roosevelt

“Success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.”

By Sir Winston Churchill

“If it is to be it is up to me.”

By William H. Johnson

**“All our talents increase in the using and every faculty both good
and bad strengthens by exercise.”**

By Anne Bronte

**“If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it.
Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of the earth.”**

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Toastmaster International's Six Club Standards

Did you know that Toastmasters International has a set of minimum club standards? Have you ever wondered what are these standards? A Club's charter *may* be revoked if these standards are not met. There are six of them and they are listed below.

- A club is required to hold a minimum of 12 meetings per year, but a minimum of 24 meetings is recommended.
- Meetings must be held in a physical location. A meeting cannot be conducted over the Internet, telephone, or walkie-talkie.
- Members must be working toward the next award. This goes hand in hand with the 'No Non-Manual Speech' concept.
- 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.
- Evaluations must be given and received orally. Written evaluations may not be the only means of evaluation a club uses.
- 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.

Salesman of the Year

When the store manager returned from lunch, he noticed his clerk's hand was bandaged. Before he could ask about the bandage, the clerk said he had some very good news for him.

"Guess what, sir?" the clerk said. "I finally sold that terrible, ugly suit we've had so long!"

"Do you mean that repulsive pink and blue double-breasted thing?" the manager asked.

"That's the one!"

"That's great!" the manager cried, "I thought we'd never get rid of that monstrosity! That had to be the ugliest suit we've ever had! But tell me, why is your hand bandaged?"

"Oh," the clerk replied, "after I sold the guy that suit, his guide dog bit

MEMBER NEWS!

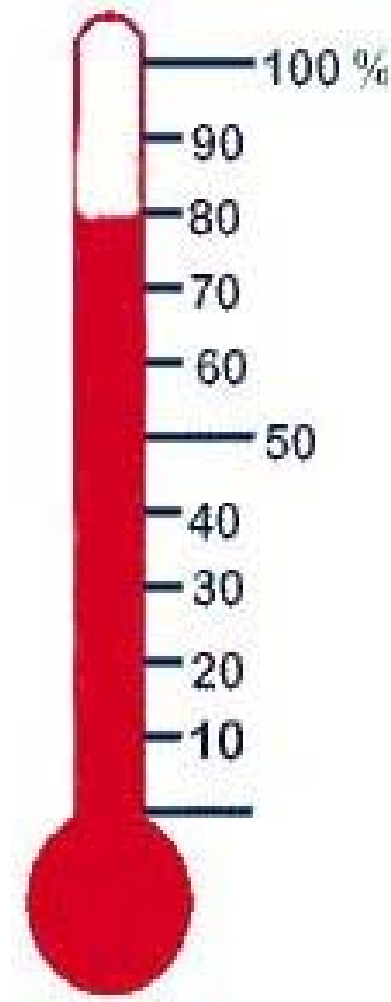
- Q Welcome to our newest member, Jane Anderson!
- Q Happy Birthday to Rich and all the other March Birthdays!
- Q Bob and Joanne were downstate Michigan giving presentations in the second half of February. We wish them a successful trip and hope to hear about their exploits when they return.
- Q Everyone will be happy to know that Stacy has finally received more help at work! This will lessen her burden at work. Now Stacy will have more time to complete her CTM!
- Q Suzanne's husband is gravely ill. This is a good time to send her a note of support.
- Q We are all pleased to hear that Stacy finally has more help at work. Now she will have more time for Toastmasters!

Elections are just 2 months away.
During each meeting, until elections, an Officer will be telling you about their office.
Please listen and find out what you may not know—how much fun it is to be an officer.
As with all things, no one understands better than someone who has had the experience.
This is the Leadership part of the Toastmasters program. Everyone should hold office at least once.

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



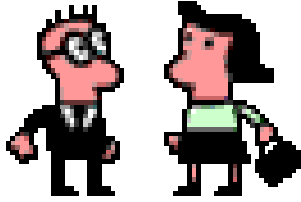
What we need to complete before we achieve our goal:

1 NEW MEMBER
1 NEW MEMBER
1 NEW MEMBER
1 CTM (2 more speeches)
1 CL
1 ATM-B, S (2 more speeches)
SUBMIT OFFICER LIST

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

Officer Training was attended by six of our officers.
We offer a big thank you to our officers for taking their responsibilities seriously.
This is one reason we have a successful club.

Meet The Members



This month's featured member, Lucille Method, began life in Ashland, Wisconsin. Ashland is on the shore of Lake Superior. She spent 20 years living in Duluth where she went to school, worked, and married.

She and her husband lived in northern Minnesota, on the Minnesota Iron Range, for 20 years. Then he was transferred to Michigan with C.C.I.

They had seven children 3 sons and 4 daughters. Each of their children have very interesting careers. Lucille's husband was a "good, resourceful and civic minded man". Lucille says he prepared her to live alone and be involved in the community. Her husband passed away in 1990.

Lucille volunteers in many places. She has traveled to every state in the U.S., all across Canada, Europe, Mexico City, and Beijing.

Her hobbies include gardening, reading, collecting books, bells, bears, Hummels, and plates. Lucille enjoys excellent health, still drives, and sings in both the church and concert choirs. Lucille says, "I am not lonesome or bored!"

We welcome Lucille to our club. She has many interesting experiences to draw upon when looking for a speech topic. Personally, I hope to hear about her books—and her gardening—and her bells—gosh, I want to hear all about Lucille. She sounds like a very interesting person with a lot of good presentations just waiting to happen.

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 |

My Book Report

By Judy Hunt

An unknown person once said, "A library is a hospital for the mind." I totally agree. Books are our friends. I have recently had the marvelous opportunity to read two books by Irish authors. Both books were well worth the time to read. Although the authors have the same last name, I do not know if they were related.

Beyond the City by A. Conan Doyle (of Sherlock Holmes fame) was first published in 1892. Yes, you read that correctly. It is a humorous look at life on the block. Taken in the context of its time, the book is still a delightfully entertaining read today, over 110 years later.

Published in 1993, Paddy Clark Ha Ha Ha was a national bestseller and winner of the Booker Prize. Written by Roddy Doyle, this book takes you on an exciting journey through a 10-year-old boy's childhood.

I keep a pencil and paper with me when I read. To increase my vocabulary, I write down the words I read, but don't know or understand. Below you will find my list for these two books. Where there were two or more definitions of a word, I have chosen the one most appropriate to how it was used. How many of these words do you know? Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right. Look for the answers in next month's newsletter. Good Luck!

| Word | Definition |
|----------------|---|
| A Abrogating | 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. |
| B Affectation | A show, pretense, or display |
| C Arnica | A sudden, unpredictable action, change, or series of actions or changes |
| D Bacchanalian | 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. |
| E Balaclava | A warm woolen hood covering the head and neck, worn especially by mountain climbers and skiers |
| F Caprice | Extremely loud: <i>a stentorian voice</i> |
| G Defalcations | Of little value or importance; paltry |
| H Denizens | One that frequents a particular place: <i>a bar and its denizens</i> . |
| I Dissipate | Pretentious speech or writing; pompous language |
| J Fustian | Referring to a riotous, boisterous, or drunken festivity; a revel. |
| K Meerscham | To misuse funds; embezzle |
| L Obtrude | The part of a house in Asian countries such as India and Pakistan reserved for the women of the household. |
| M Picayune | To abolish, do away with, or annul, especially by authority |
| N Stentorian | To complain or protest, especially in an annoying or persistent manner. |
| O Whinge | To drive away; disperse. |
| P Zenana | To impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others with undue insistence or without invitation. |

Answers to Are You 100% TOASTMASTER?

When the numbers in the left hand column are added, they equal 100%

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| 2 | Number of Toastmaster Clubs in the UP. |
| 20 | Desired number of members for the DCP |
| 15 | Number of Advanced Manuals |
| 5 | Number of projects in each Advanced Manual |
| 7 | Number of Officer Positions in a Club |
| 5 | Number of Superiorland Toastmaster members that attended Spring Conference 2002. |
| 8 | Number of CTMs in the Superiorland Toastmasters Club as of Feb 1, 2004. |
| 4 | Number of Divisions in District 35. |
| 3 | Number of ATM-Bs, ATM-S and ATM-G in Superiorland Toastmasters Club. |
| 2 | Number of Presidents our Club has had during their entire existence. |
| 4 | How many officers must attend each of 2 Officer Training sessions before it will count on the DCP? |
| 10 | Number of speech projects in the C&L manual. |
| 2 | Number of visits the Area Governor makes to each club per year. |
| 5 | Number of the month in which new Club Officers are elected. (Jan =1, Feb = 2, etc.) |
| 6 | Number of the month in which new officers must be reported to TI (Jan =1, Feb = 2, etc.) |
| 2 | Number of TM Conferences held in our District each year. |
| 100% | Totally Toastmaster |

Answers to Were You Listening? Did You See?

- ✎ Joanne answered a phone during a speech. (It was part of her speech.)
- ✎ At the February 9th meeting, a bell rang every time an advanced speaker said 'Ahh'?
- ✎ In last month's newsletter we published an article by a former member Lynn Laakso.
- ✎ Karen T. brought a gazillion hats, and wore each one, for a manual speech on February 23.
- ✎ There were three visitors at the February 23rd meeting.
- ✎ The office of Vice President of Education was featured on February 23rd.