



## Superiorland Toastmasters Newsletter

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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.

## Your Order Please

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a local ice cream shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins. "How much is a dish of plain ice cream?" he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient.

"Thirty-five cents," she said brusquely. The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies - her tip.

This young boy had enough money to buy himself the ice cream sundae that he desired. Yet, unselfishly, he took less for himself so that he could fulfill what he deemed to be his responsibility—leave a tip.

How many of us are willing to take less for ourselves so we can fulfill our responsibilities? How can we translate this less to reflect our own situations? Have you done your best to keep your Toastmaster's Promise?

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Superiorland Toastmasters meet twice each month from 6:30-8:00 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, Mtg. Room 112, Ramada Inn, 412 W. Washington, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 North Front Street, Marquette.

[WWW.Geocities.com/Superiorlandtm](http://WWW.Geocities.com/Superiorlandtm)

Voted the  
District 35's Top Club Website  
2002 and 2003

## Were You Listening? Did You See?

- Who was our 'surprise guest' on April 12<sup>th</sup>?
- What 'refreshments' were available at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting?
- How many Icebreaker Speeches were given on April 26<sup>th</sup>?
- What constitutes a quorum when voting in new members?

### Calendar of Events

May	10	<b>Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Meeting Room 112 Toastmaster: Open Important meeting for all members! Officer Nominations</b>
	24	<b>Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open Important meeting for all members! Officer Elections</b>
June	14	<b>Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Wahlstrom's Restaurant, Officer Training Guest Speaker: Daris McLaughlin, District Lt. Governor</b>
	28	<b>Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open</b>
July	12	<b>Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Meeting Room 112 Toastmaster:</b>
	26	<b>Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open</b>

### **TOASTMASTERING**

By Raymond Matlosz, ATM-S  
District 35 Lt. Gov Education & Training

Nouns, passive. Verbs, action. We are Toastmasters. But do we Toastmaster? Have you been Toastmastering lately? This is the season when new club officers are elected as well as district officers. July first is the beginning of the Toastmaster year. Anybody can be a Toastmaster (well, almost anybody, you have to be 18 years old and voted in by the club). Once you pay your dues, you don't have to do anything else to be a Toastmaster. Don't even have to come to a meeting. Don't have to give a speech. Don't even have to participate in table topics or give an evaluation. Not a good return for the money spent.

Consider Toastmastering. Doing something. For yourself, for your club, for your district. Participate. Get involved. Set a goal and work for it. You grow as an individual and the club grows.

Have you asked people why they didn't come to the meeting or prepare a speech and hear them say, "I didn't have the time" or "I had something else to do"? What we need to do as Toastmasters is to Toastmaster. Make that meeting, make that speech something people want to do and hear more than anything else in their life. Create the environment that people will make Toastmasters number one on their list of things to do. Do some Toastmastering today.

## Are We Fulfilling Every Member's needs?

According to the District 72's website:

45% of club members stay in Toastmasters to build leadership skills  
25% enjoy meeting people  
20% want to build communication skills  
10% like socializing.

Are we fulfilling each member's need? What could we be doing better?  
Contact an Officer to lend your ideas for improving our club.

When the light has gone from your eyes and tears fall.  
Look and you will see—even your tears sparkle in the light.

# Member's Forum

## SPRING TIME!!!!

What bird sounds do you enjoy the most during springtime? Robins, of course. You hear them in the trees and see them on the front lawn. You know the warm weather is soon on the way, and the green grass is starting to come up in the lawns. It seems winter never ends until the robins arrive.

There is another reason why spring is so important to everyone. It is the start of a new growth. Looking back when everyone tries to make New Year's Resolutions before the first of the year, the question should be asked "Why can't these New Year's Resolutions be delayed and put into effect on the first day of spring?" This would be in tune with the new growth of nature, and you would have two and one half months to get them to work.. Give yourself a goal to strive for and go for it.

When an individual joins a Toastmaster Club, their ultimate goal is to speak with confidence in front of people. This is new growth for them, and subsequently they are proud that they took a step in the right direction.

Club members—we can continue to give new growth to our club by enlisting new members. They inturn will bring new ideas which can be used by all. Upcoming elections in the month of May will elect members into executive positions and will continue to guide our club to another successful year.

Robert Shimanek –CTM  
President.

This is how our Toast master meetings look when members  
Are absent . This is how it would look if each member attended each meeting and brought a guest.

## MEMBER NEWS!

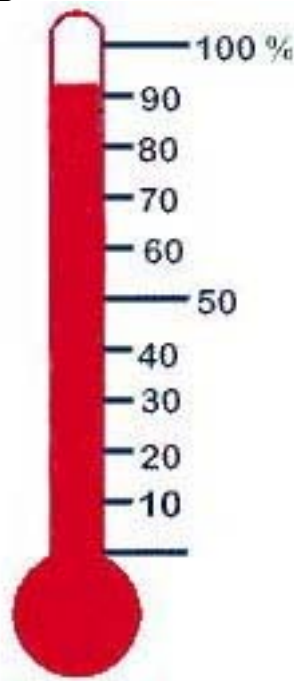
- Happy Birthday to Dan and Mary!
- Get well wishes to Burt. We hope you will be back with us soon.
- Several of our members have been traveling. More will be traveling soon. Have a good time, all, but come back to us soon. We will miss you.
- Welcome to our newest members, Linda Wilson and Mike Erkkila.

"In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but  
planning is indispensable." Dwight D. Eisenhower

## Distinguished Club Status

### What we have achieved!

6 New Members  
1 CL  
4 CTMs  
1 ATM-B  
OFFICERS TRAINED x 2  
REPORTS ON TIME



### What we need to complete before we achieve our goal:

2 NEW MEMBERS  
1 CL (1 PRESENTATIONS)  
1 ATM-S (1 more speech)

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

There are only two types of public speakers in the world: the nervous and the liars.  
Mark Twain

# Commonly Mispronounced Words

Courtesy of Family Education Network

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>aegis:</b> <i>ee-jis</i>, not <i>ay-jis</i></li> <li>• <b>asterisk:</b> <i>as-ter-isk</i>, not <i>as-ter-ik</i></li> <li>• <b>alumnae:</b> <i>a-lum-nee</i>, not <i>a-lum-nay</i></li> <li>• <b>archipelago:</b> <i>ar-ki-PEL-a-go</i>, not <i>arch-i-pel-a-go</i></li> <li>• <b>athlete:</b> <i>ath-leet</i>, not <i>ath-a-leet</i></li> <li>• <b>candidate:</b> <i>kan-di-dayt</i>, not <i>kan-i-dayt</i></li> <li>• <b>chimera:</b> <i>kiy-MEER-a</i>, not <i>CHIM-er-a</i></li> <li>• <b>disastrous:</b> <i>di-zas-tres</i>, not <i>di-zas-ter-es</i></li> <li>• <b>electoral:</b> <i>e-LEK-tor-al</i>, not <i>e-lek-TOR-al</i></li> <li>• <b>erudition:</b> <i>ayr-yoo-dish-en</i>, not <i>ayr-a-dish-en</i></li> <li>• <b>espresso:</b> <i>e-spres-o</i>, not <i>ex-pres-o</i></li> <li>• <b>etcetera:</b> <i>et-set-er-a</i>, not <i>ek-set-er-a</i></li> <li>• <b>February:</b> <i>Feb-roo-a-ree</i>, not <i>Feb-yoo-a-ree</i></li> <li>• <b>inaugural:</b> <i>in-nawg-yoor-al</i>, not <i>in-nawg-a-ral</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>hegemony:</b> <i>he-JEM-o-nee</i>, not <i>HEJ-e-mo-nee</i></li> <li>• <b>lambaste:</b> <i>lam-bayst</i>, not <i>lam-bast</i></li> <li>• <b>larvae:</b> <i>lar-vee</i>, not <i>lar-vay</i></li> <li>• <b>library:</b> <i>li-bra-ry</i>, not <i>li-bary</i></li> <li>• <b>mischievous:</b> <i>MIS-che-vus</i>, not <i>mis-CHEE-vee-us</i></li> <li>• <b>mispronunciation:</b> <i>mis-pro-nun-see-ay-shun</i>, not <i>mis-pro-nown-see-ay-shun</i></li> <li>• <b>nuclear:</b> <i>noo-klee-ur</i>, not <i>noo-kyu-lur</i></li> <li>• <b>nuptial:</b> <i>nup-shul</i>, not <i>nup-shoo-al</i></li> <li>• <b>primer:</b> <i>prim-mer</i>, not <i>pry-mer</i></li> <li>• <b>picture:</b> <i>pik-cher</i>, not <i>pit-cher</i></li> <li>• <b>prescription:</b> <i>pre-skrip-shun</i>, not <i>per-skrip-shun</i></li> <li>• <b>prerogative:</b> <i>pre-rrog-a-tive</i>, not <i>per-rrog-a-tive</i></li> <li>• <b>peremptory:</b> <i>per-emp-tor-ee</i>, not <i>pre-emp-tor-ee</i></li> <li>• <b>probably:</b> <i>prob-a-blee</i>, not <i>pra-lee</i> or <i>prob-lee</i></li> <li>• <b>realtor:</b> <i>reel-ter</i>, not <i>ree-la-ter</i></li> <li>• <b>supposedly:</b> <i>su-pos-ed-lee</i>, not <i>su-pos-ab-lee</i></li> <li>• <b>spurious:</b> <i>spyoor-ee-us</i>, not <i>spur-ee-us</i></li> <li>• <b>ticklish:</b> <i>tik-lish</i>, not <i>tik-i-lish</i></li> <li>• <b>triathlon:</b> <i>try-ath-lon</i>, not <i>try-ath-a-lon</i></li> </ul> |
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The unprepared speaker has a right to be afraid.  
(Dr. Ralph Smedley)

## 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

Three more rules: Be

Seated!

Sincere, Be Brief, and Be

## Presidential Trivia

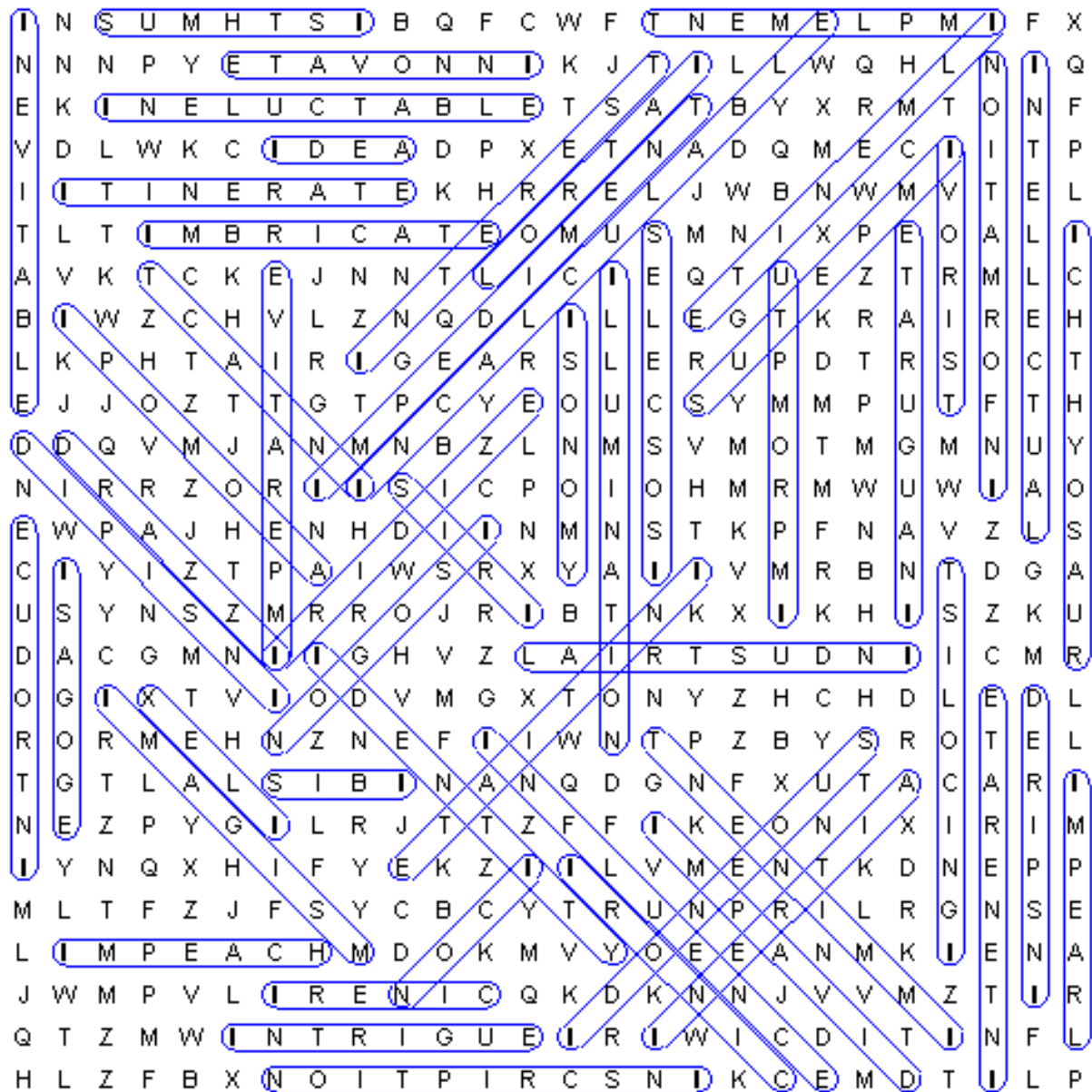
Match the president on the left with the trivia on the right.

Look for the answers in next month's newsletter.

Andrew Jackson	Could read Greek, Latin, French and English
Benjamin Harrison	Was elected by the House of Representatives because neither candidate had enough electoral votes.
Franklin Pierce	Would get up two hours before sunrise to go skinny-dipping in the Potomac River.
Gerald Ford	Was the only President to ever kill a man in a duel.
Gerald Ford	Let his horse graze on the White House lawn.
John F. Kennedy	Was arrested for running over a woman while driving his carriage in Washington, D.C. The charges were later dropped.
John Quincy Adams	Was arrested for speeding his horse and buggy through town. He had to pay a \$20 fine and walk back to the White House.
John Quincy Adams	Was afraid of electric lights.
Lyndon Baines Johnson	Bet and lost all the White House china on one hand of cards.
Ronald Reagan	Received \$1,000,000 from his father when he turned twenty-one.
Ronald Reagan	Ran away from home at age 15, went to California where he worked as a grape picker.
Thomas Jefferson	Was never elected President. He was appointed by his predecessor.
Ulysses S. Grant	Was a model for Cosmopolitan and Look magazines.
Warren G. Harding	Was an announcer for Chicago Cubs games on the radio.
William Clinton	Had a nickname—Dutch
Zachary Taylor	Had a nickname--Bubba

There are no absolutes in public speaking

## *The I's Have It Word Search Answers*



## **Answers to Were You Listening? Did You See?**

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- We were surprised and pleased to see Mike Erkkila join us on April 12th.
- Coffee, brownies and cookies were available (and enjoyed) at the April 12th meeting?
- We heard two Icebreaker Speeches on April 26th.
- A majority of those members present constitutes a quorum when voting in new members.