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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.

Fall Conference

By Judy Hunt

To meet the International President, Mr. Ted Corcoran, DTM, of Dublin, Ireland, was an incredible experience. Fall Conference could not have been more fun. And it was the more so due to the *most* honorable guest a gathering of Toastmasters could ever muster.

Fun night was just that, for me. I had the honor to be seated at the same table as Mr. Corcoran. There were about 10 tables and each accommodated approximately 10 persons. All tables were engaged in a 'Survival' game featuring the reading of tongue twisters, impromptu comedy and a funky type of Table Topics. I was part of a three-headed person that attempted to speak round-robin style in a humorous way. That proved more difficult than I had anticipated. It was also more fun than I had anticipated. My table won the prizes at Fun night. This is mostly, I fear, due to the one celebrity that was sitting with us (Mr. Corcoran).

The educational sessions lived up to their reputation and I came away with more new knowledge than I could store. It has been my experience that even when I cannot make a list of things I learned, I have no problem incorporating these same items into my Toastmaster experience.

Educational topics were evaluations, Youth Leadership Program, Living your Best, and an inspirational message from President Corcoran. The bookstore did a brisk business, as well as did the casino. Bob was the big casino winner in our group!

Once again memories were made at conference that will last for years to come. I wish you all the Toastmaster Conference experience. You will have another chance in the spring.

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District 35's Top Club Website
2002 and 2003

Vision is not seeing things as they are, but as they will be.
Unknown

You Listening? Did You See?

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Stones and Dreams

By Judy Hunt

There is a Russian proverb that says, “Little drops of water wear down big stones”. In Toastmasters, the big stone is the reason(s) we joined the club. It could be the stone of stuttering, fear of public speaking, or disorganization.

There are many items (roles) in the Toastmaster’s repertoire that will wear away at every one of our ‘big stones’. Every role in Toastmasters brings us closer to our Toastmaster goals. We see roles as things to be done, speeches to be written, or activities to be performed. But, let’s take a closer look.

What do we learn from our Toastmaster activities? First, let’s look at being the Toastmaster of the meeting? Our *organizational skills* are tested as we put together a comprehensive meeting. We must fill each role, making sure each member present has a part in the meeting. Being Toastmaster is an added responsibility to fit into our daily life, so we must *prioritize*. Our *salesmanship* and *skills of tact* come in handy when that last role needs to be filled by someone that would rather not

take it. (And that is exactly when that member should fill that particular role!) Even our *telephone skills* are useful in calling to remind members or to obtain information. Our *leadership* skills help us stand in front of the group. That is when we learn that the world will not stop because all eyes on us. *Impromptu skills* are necessary when a member does not show up to a meeting and a replacement must be found immediately. Even our *computer skills* are tested, as we must prepare and print an agenda. Our *imagination* gets a workout as we try to come up with an original idea for a meeting’s theme. Immediately we have eight areas, eight skills that can be improved just by being the Toastmaster. And there are probably more!

What do we learn from telling a joke? We learn not to fear speaking in front of others. We learn how to research. There is more to telling a joke than hanging out at the water cooler! In Toastmasters humor must be tasteful and we must be careful not to offend others. Finding an appropriate, tasteful joke is not always an easy task.

Then we must learn the cadence of speech that is specific to telling jokes; when to pause, when to speak rapidly or when to use a different inflection in your voice. Presenting a joke or humorous moment during a meeting takes planning.

Every role, every moment at a Toastmasters meeting also takes organization, preparation and presentation. There is a lesson to be learned in the cooperative effort that goes into a Toastmaster meeting. Everyone doing his or her part is what makes a good meeting.

We know the Mission of our Club. Yet, sometimes we wonder how we are to accomplish such lofty goals. Look no further than your Toastmaster meeting. By examining each of the meeting roles, we can see that we are, indeed, accomplishing our goals. Each meeting, each role we accept brings us one step closer to being the speaker we want to be.

It was Eleanor Roosevelt that said, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”. Do you believe?

Member's Forum

CONVENTIONS

By
Bob Shimanek, President

When you speak to individuals who have never attended any type of convention they seem to have their eyes glazed over and are not interested. To understand why there are conventions an individual has only to attend one.

At conventions you meet other individuals in your field of experience—your peers. You can speak one-on-one with your peers and they understand what you are saying. They may have experience with various situations that you are trying to deal with and can share with you just how they hand handled these different situations.

Another plus side of attending conventions is that you make new friends. You develop a bond with individuals that you may never have otherwise met. You never know when you may need to contact him or her, but you will be remembered and your new friend will remember the convention where you met. The same thing happens when they call you. You remember them and you remember the good times you had at the conference.

Educational sessions at conventions are designed for the attendees to learn from the experts—someone who has “been there and done that”. When an individual speaks from experience, they automatically have your undivided attention. They are the authority because of their experiences. The speaker may take questions from the audience after their presentation. This is one of the learning tools used at the convention that may be of interest to you. By asking questions in a group everyone learns from the answers. Through the years I have been to many seminars, meetings and conventions. It seems that individuals are afraid to ask questions when they are in a group. But as Toastmasters you learn to ask questions, in front of other people, about issues that you may want to have resolved.

Demonstrations, performances, and presentations excite your interest whereby you can come out more knowledgeable in your field. I know some conventions or meetings are redundant, however, in most cases they fulfill a special need. Whether you are new on the block or a seasoned Toastmaster, I recommend you attend the Toastmaster conventions. You’ll be surprised what knowledge you will gain and can convey to your fellow members. Then you and your club can both grow and gain from your experience.



Bless This Land

Within all of us there is an elusive melody which when heard and followed will lead us to the fulfillment of our fondest dream. Unknown

MEMBER NEWS!

- Q Happy Birthday to Karen and Dave!
- Q Welcome new members Marilyn Beverley and Leonard Kaanta.
- Q Linda Lynch was called out of town, due to her husband's health, and she was unable to give her first SpeechCraft speech. We wish him well, and hope to see Linda back soon.
- Q Did you see Virginia when you visited the new Kohl's? Virginia was hired as one of the temporary employees for the Grand Opening.
- Q Calling all missing members: Have you sent a card or made a phone call to any of our 'missing members'? We all want to know we are missed when we are not in attendance. If you need numbers or addresses, contact Stacy. Don't let members fall by the wayside without knowing why.



*It is amazing what you can accomplish
if you do not care who gets the credit.
Unknown*

Calendar of Events

November	10	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Judy
	24	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Bob
December	9	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Open Will this be potluck night?
	22	Due to the Christmas Season, to meet or not to meet has yet to be decided. Watch this space.
January 2004	12	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Open
	26	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open

Build bridges, not walls.

CLUB OFFICERS



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President	Bob Shimanek
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VP Public Relations	Dan Barrington
Secretary	Stacy Jandron
Treasurer	Karen Jandreau
Sergeant at Arms	Joanne Shimanek
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A positive attitude is a powerful force.

Educational Items Available for Loan

Humor File

The Better Speaker Series:

Using Body Language

Creating an Introduction

Organizing Your Speech

Select Your Topic

Beginning Your Speech

Successful Club Series

The Toastmasters Educational Program

Evaluate to Motivate

Roles and Responsibilities

Effective Evaluations Tape

Many hands, many minds, one goal.

TI Quotes

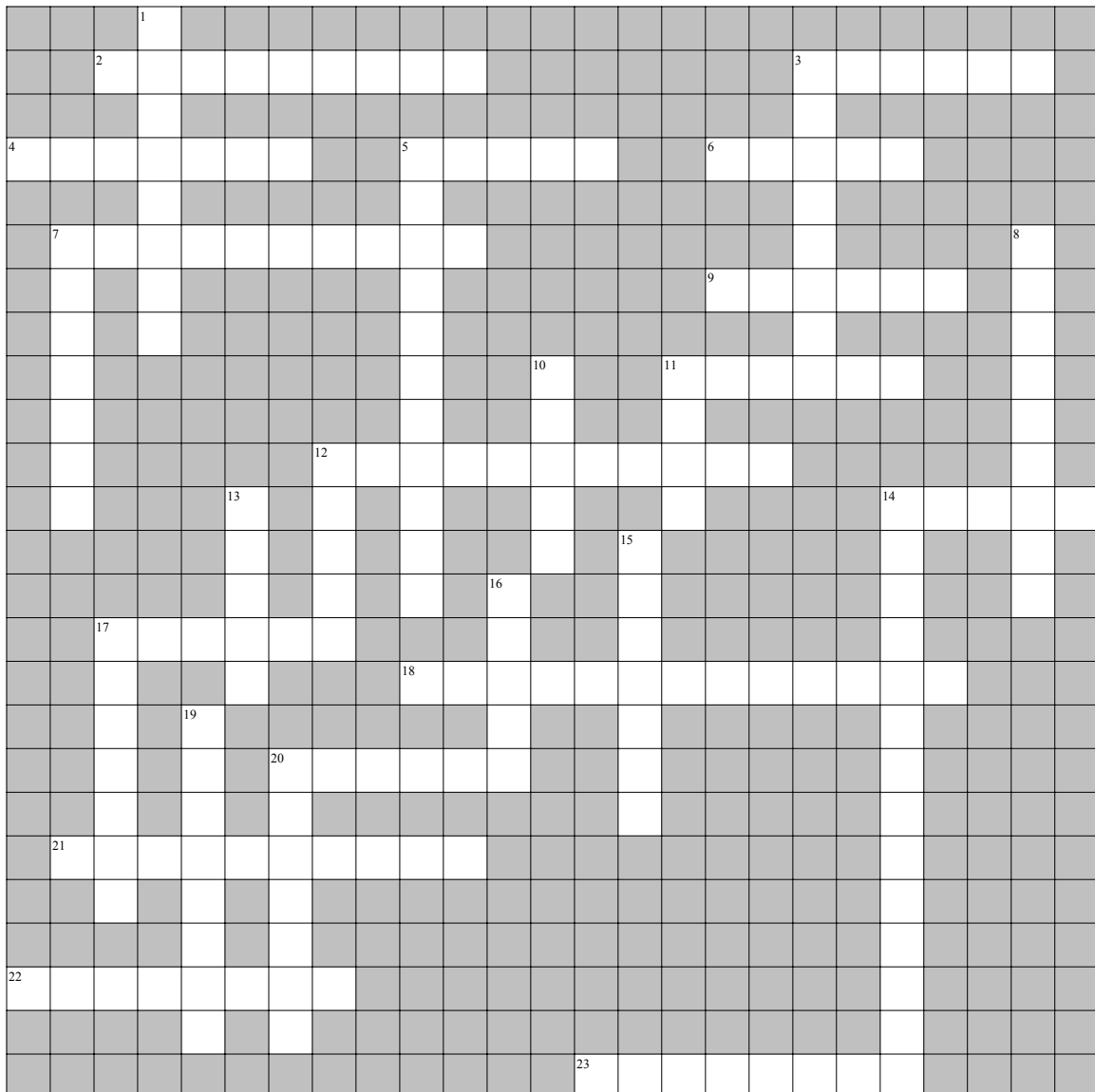
Taken from the 2003 Award Winning Newsletter,
Connected of the Ipswich Toastmaster's Club

- Isn't it odd that you can only get down to it if you feel up to it?
- Most of us have dismantled things, but do you know anyone that has mantled something?
- We have all been disgruntled, but have you ever been gruntled?



THE Q AND YOU

All words in the following crossword puzzle begin with the letter Q.
How strong is your vocabulary? How many new words can you learn today?



ACROSS

2. A square dance of four couples, consisting regularly of five parts or movements, each complete in itself.
3. A game of cards whose object is to count as near to 15 as possible without going over
4. Weight of a hundred pounds
5. A. Resembling the sound of a duck or b. A fraudulent pretender to medical skill
6. To drink freely and with enjoyment
7. A poem or stanza of fourteen lines, resembling a sonnet but without adherence to strict sonnet forms
9. A near round, edible American clam
11. The hard, yellowish acid fruit of a small hardy tree
12. A thousand trillions, represented by one followed by 15 zeros
14. A corner-stone
17. The number of members of any constituted body as must be present for the legal or valid transaction of business.
18. Pertaining to five hundred or a period of five hundred years
20. Strange or odd in an interesting, pleasing, or amusing way; oddly picturesque, having an old fashioned attractiveness or charm
21. Cleft into four parts or lobes
22. The act of asking or inquiring
23. Boggy ground; a bog

DOWN

1. State of embarrassing perplexity or uncertainty
3. A stanza or poem of four lines, usually with alternate rhymes
5. A plane figure with fifteen angles and fifteen sides
7. One fourth part
8. Something occurring daily
10. Another word for quinine
11. A sharp, sarcastic remark
12. A sudden misgiving or feeling of apprehensive uneasiness
13. A primitive hand mill for grinding grain
14. A word of four syllables
15. Be at rest, subside, to be come quiet
16. A coverlet for a bed, made by stitching together two thickness of fabric with some soft substance between them
17. Acquaintance or discharge from a debt or obligation
19. That which makes a thing what it is, or the essential nature
20. Either arm of a transverse piece forming a guard for the hand between the hilt and the blade of a sword

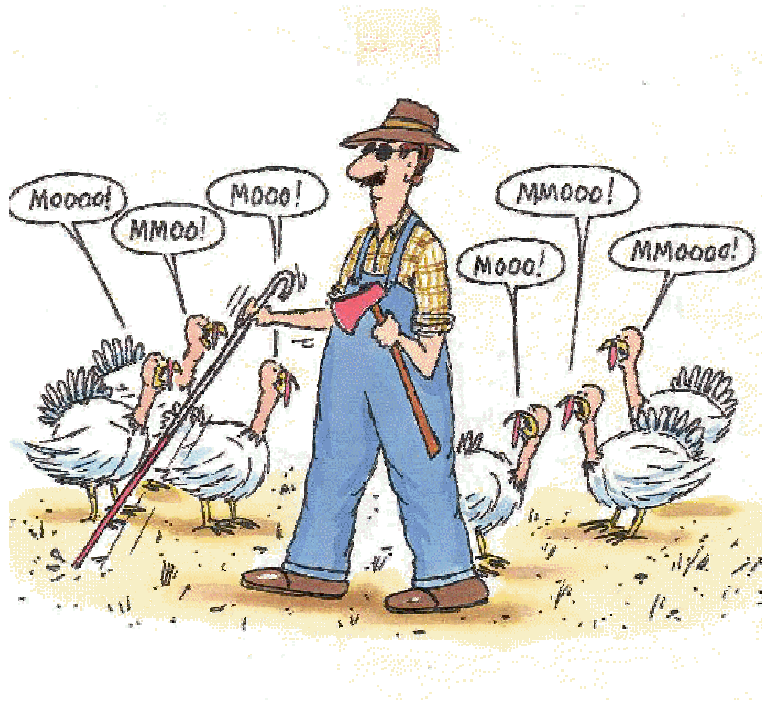
ANSWERS TO WORD CHANGE

Were you able to change these words from top to bottom by changing one letter at a time?
The answers are listed below.

LIFE LOVE TEST PLAN CAST MULE JOLT CALF GAME TIDE
LINE LIVE REST PLAY CART MALE BOLT HALF SAME RIDE
LANE LINE RUST PRAY PART MALL BELT HALE SOME RIFE
LAND MINE RUSE TRAY PORT FALL BEAT HOLE SOLE RIFT
BAND MINT RULE TROY PORK FAIL BEAR HOME SOLD RAFT

Answers to Were You Listening, Did You Hear?

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