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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.

How Do You Feel?

Success is...being who you are, and feeling proud of yourself for every task and challenge that you face and conquer along the way. *W. Clement Stone*

Many times in life we fail to achieve our goals because we want it all, and we want it now! Progress takes time. And, it takes change. The most successful change is a slow change--one step at a time. Our decision to join Toastmasters indicates we also decided to change something about ourselves. We may have decided to eliminate a stutter, enhance our thought process, or strengthen our voices.

Each step in the Toastmaster process helps us achieve our goal. Often, the steps are missed because they are small and thought to be unimportant. They may look small to some, but the small steps are important steps.

How important can it be to speak to a gathering of 8 people when you really need the ability to speak to 100? How important can it be to practice voice inflection when 'practice' feels insincere and contrived. This is training for the *big* event. When the time comes to speak to 100, it will be the lessons learned in front of 8 people that will get you through.

Volume, voice inflection, vocabulary, and good old common sense for the speaker are all learned at the club level. They are learned little by little, one step at a time. Rome was not built in a day. Professional speakers are not made in 10 lessons. It takes time and consistency and it takes the small lessons to add up to the final goal.

Your success is what you make it. Go ahead, feel pride in small steps. It is those small steps that will make you a success.

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Member's Forum

WHERE ARE WE & WHERE ARE WE GOING?

By Joanne Shimanek, Sergeant At Arms

Snow is in the forecast! Are you ready for that? We haven't even experienced the color season yet. Snow is coming early this year whether we're ready for it or not. Life is like that sometimes isn't it? Be Prepared was the Girl Scout motto. It is a good motto, but it isn't always easy to stick to. The big picture gets lost in the many smaller pictures that consume our lives.

That is true of Toastmasters as well. We all recite the Mission of the Club before each meeting. The Toastmaster's Promise expects a commitment to self-development to ourselves, our club, and the organization in its entirety. We all mean it at the time. Time fills up fast in our busy lives. We need to take time to reassess our progress though if we really intend to improve ourselves and also be a productive member of Toastmasters.

Attendance is first on the list of the Toastmasters Promise. It all starts there. How can we get to the bigger picture if we ignore the first stepping-stone? Has our interest and resolve weakened? The District 35 Fall Conference is coming up on October 17-18 in Green Bay. It is a good time to be re-energized and re-evaluate our focus on where we are and where we hope to be personally and as a club.

Our President has asked all members to try to bring a guest to our next meeting. We must enthusiastically pass the word how Toastmasters can teach many valuable lessons. Surely we want other people to benefit from skill learned there. Membership is important. It is also one of the basic stepping-stones. How can we accomplish the big picture without the members? It has been said, "Set short term goals and you'll win games. Set long term goals and you'll win championships!" Let's focus on attendance and membership for starters. We all win if we take the Mission of the Club seriously.

Express Yourself!

In ancient Roman cities the forum was a public square or marketplace where business was conducted and the courts of law were situated. Great ideas were shared, progress was achieved and communication was enhanced.

Our Member's Forum is also a place where you can express your ideas and opinions. All club members are encouraged, entreated even, to submit your ideas and articles for inclusion in this space. So start thinking! When you are approached for your contribution, will you be ready?

The day you stop learning is the day you start dying."
- Unknown

You Listening? Did You See?

- ✎ Who was the Toastmaster on September 8, 2003? Mary Belmore
- ✎ Do you remember the September 8th Word of the Day AND it's definition?
- ✎ How many visitors were at the September 22nd meeting?
- ✎ How many SpeechCrafters were there?

MEMBER NEWS!

- Q Happy Birthday to Virginia Korte, Jackie Dault and Lynn Laakso!
- Q Please welcome Linda Lynch, our SpeechCrafter. You will be seeing Linda at our meetings.
- Q Rich was scheduled to go TDY again. Luck for us it was cancelled.
- Q It pains us to lose Kay Wirtanen and Lynn Laakso from our membership. We wish you both success and happiness always. Thank you both for your contribution to our Club. You are welcome to visit us anytime.
- Q A huge thank you to Joanne for stepping up to fill the office of Sergeant at Arms.
- 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.

Toastmasters Tip: Keep an "idea notebook" with you at all times to record your creative ideas and observations for use in future speeches.

Calendar of Events

October	13	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Joanne
	17-18	Fall conference. Green Bay, WI Special rates only good until September 29. Plan to attend and bring a friend!
	27	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Stacy
November	10	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Open
	24	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Peter White Public Library, Community room. Toastmaster: Open
December	9	Superiorland TM meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ramada Inn, Ancestor's Room. Toastmaster: Open
	22	Due to the Christmas Season, to meet or not to meet has yet to be decided. Watch this space.

Fall Conference

There are at least 6 members from our Club that plan to attend Fall Conference. We would like to see more attend. Not only is it good for the Toastmaster's soul, there will be a prize for the two Clubs with the highest percentage of members in attendance. With 6 attendees we would have 35%. More attendees would equal a greater percent. How about it fellas, can we fill a guestroom with men?

The International President, Ted Corcoran, is from Ireland. Word is out that the Irish like to sing, and Ted is not exception. Come and be prepared for a sing-along session. Sounds like some old fashioned fun!

The final list is out for the Educational sessions. Topics featured will be "The Wild Side of Toastmasters" (Youth Leadership Program); "Effective Evaluations" or you can create a self-profile when you attend "Are Your Leadership Skills on Target?"

International Toastmaster President, Ted Corcoran, will also be giving the Keynote Address. This promises to be a great Conference. Plan now to attend and encourage your Toastmaster friends to attend also.

IF YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU ALWAYS DID -
YOU'LL ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU ALWAYS GOT! Dotti

Educational Video Available for Loan

The videotape (VHS) "Effective Evaluation" is available for loan to Superiorland Toastmaster members. This tape was produced by Toastmasters International and available for purchase from the Toastmaster's International Catalog. If interested borrowing this tape, contact the VP/Education, Judy Hunt.

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TI Quotes *From your TIPS Newsletter*

Members often tell us that other Toastmasters have told them that speeches concerning politics, religion and sex are forbidden by Toastmasters International because "such controversial subjects are not appropriate."

This is not true. Toastmasters International does not prohibit any speech topic, content or language.

Toastmasters International recognizes club members may learn much about the world around them from listening to others' speeches on a variety of subjects. This variety can add interest to club meetings and stimulate thoughts and ideas. For these reasons, Toastmasters International does not place restrictions on topics, content or language of any speeches. It also recognizes that a club is a diverse group of people and recommends members be sensitive to this diversity and use good taste and responsibility when selecting speech topics, content and language. While Toastmasters International has no restrictions, a club may guide its members on how to observe good taste and sensitivity in the context of that particular club.



"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

~ Confucious

Answers to Were You Listening, Did You Hear?

- ❖ Mary Belmore was the Toastmaster on September 8, 2003.
- ❖ The Word of the Day on September 8th was penultimate and it 'means next to last'.
- ❖ There were two visitors at the September 22nd meeting?
- ❖ There was one SpeechCrafter.

Now That's Adapting!

Many centuries ago the Anasazi Indians lived in America's southwest. They seemed to have suddenly vanished from the earth. The general feeling was that their civilization was a failure for it to have simply disappeared.

During an American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting it was announced that some archaeologists have concluded that perhaps the Anasazi did not disappear after all, but left their homes by choice. There may have been good reason for them to do so, like famine, drought, or war. The same archaeologists feel that today's Pueblo Indians are the direct descendants of the Anasazi.

If this is true, then what a great example it is of human adaptability. According to Dr. Margaret Nelson, "We now see the Southwest as a sequence of shifting adaptations rather than a sequence of failures."

Can you relate this example to your own life? Are some of your failures in reality a blessing to you, an example of how adaptable you are? When we can substitute the word failure for the words change, progress or adaptability, we are well on our way to success. For the Anasazi and for you, change and flexibility can be a lifesaver.

"Time stays long enough for those who use it."
Leonardo da Vinci

WORD CHANGE

Can you change these words from top to bottom by changing one letter at a time? The first column is given as an example. Can you finish the others? Look for the answers in next month's issue.

LIFE	LOVE	TEST	PLAN	CAST	MULE	JOLT	CALF	GAME	TIDE
LINE	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
LANE	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
LAND	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
BAND	MINT	RULE	TROY	PORK	FAIL	BEAR	HOME	SOLD	RAFT

Answers to September's Wordsearch Puzzle:
"GOING TO FALL CONFERENCE"

All words pertain to Fall Conference.
 Superiorland Toastmasters will be well represented,
 won't you please will you join us?

