Toastmasters **recognition**

Each time you present a prepared speech, you'll be honing your skills in specific areas ranging from using visual aids to creating impact with your voice and gestures. After presenting ten speeches you can apply for recognition as a *Competent Toastmaster*, then proceed into our advanced speaking program.



Harvey Mackay Bestselling Author "I've never met anyone who didn't think Toastmasters was super valuable to their career. We gain self-esteem, self-confidence, assertiveness. This makes us better salespeople, better managers, better leaders...

Les Brown

Author– Live Your Dreams "If you want your dreams to come true you must have confidence in yourself and your abilities. A Toastmasters Club can give you that confidence. Make your dreams a reality. Join a Toastmasters Club."

What's the next step?

If someone from a Toastmasters club gave this pamphlet to you, attend that club and apply for membership. If you want to find a club that meets at a different time or location, see the Find a Club section of our website at www.toastmasters.org. You can also call or write to:

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

PO. Box 9052 Mission Viejo, California 92690, USA (949) 858-8255 Fax: (949) 858-1207 e-mail: tminfo@toastmasters.org

In North America you can call our voice mail system at 1-800-993-7732 to request additional information and a list of clubs in your area. The fastest way to obtain information is to see our complete list of clubs at www.toastmasters.org.

For More Information Contact:

Club TimeDay Location

Telephone







Toastmasters

Don't be offended;



Tom Peters

Bestselling Author

In Search of Excellence

and The Pursuit of Now

"Join Toastmasters.

skills count. Height and hair color may

be in the genes, but

public speaking isn't.

One good answer to

the public speaking

problem is Toast-

masters. They do a

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Toastmasters I feel

speaking up when I

have something to

say, and I can now

evaluate others in a

more positive con-

structive manner."

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skills."

their communication

Oral communications

everyone needs Toastmasters. Our face-to-face, experiential

learning program benefits skilled professionals and beginning speakers alike. So, whether you're speaking to your staff, your co-workers, or your kids, Toastmasters can help you do it better.

At Toastmasters you'll learn to relax, plan, and present a terrific speech, whether you have 10 days to prepare – or just 10 seconds. You'll learn and practice in a friendly, comfortable environment with people who are there for the same reason you are – to become better communicators.

Everybody talks

At a Toastmasters meeting everybody talks – that's why you're there! You'll build "quickthinking" skills as you present a one- to two-minute impromptu speech during *Table Topics*. At a later meeting you may be the one asking the *Table Topics* questions! Soon after, you'll introduce speakers, give prepared speeches, conduct the meeting, and perform many other roles.

Yes, but how do I improve?

You'll improve just by speaking regularly. But the key to the Toastmasters learn-by-

doing program is constructive evaluation. An assigned evaluator will point out your presentation's strengths and



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offer suggestions for improving your next speech. At first you'll be recognized for your effort; later you'll be recognized for your skills.

Did someone ^{s a y} leadership?

You can't learn to be a leader in a day; it takes practice. In Toastmasters you'll build leadership skills by organizing and conducting meetings and motivating others to help you. You can also build leadership skills by working on a project related to your personal or professional life, or by serving as a leader in Toastmasters.



The mission of a 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. Anita Perez Ferguson President–National Women's Political Caucus "Toastmasters gives me the opportunity to regularly organize and present speeches. The skills I have learned and improved help me make a positive impression every time I speak."



"Table Topics' is fine tuning my ability to think on my feet' and express myself without preparation- something that is always important in dealing with clients."