



Soaring Eagles Toastmasters Club

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Soaring Eagles Toastmasters Club (#9647)
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MISSION

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.

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WELCOME

The holidays are already upon us. With the holidays come holiday preparations. We also need to remember to prepare ourselves for opportunities to speak. Toastmasters gives you that opportunity. Whether you're an experienced speaker or just getting started, Toastmasters gives you the setting to hone and sharpen your public speaking skills.

While we are gearing up for the holidays remember to stay involved in your local club meetings and events. Your involvement ensures others are growing in their abilities also. See you at the next meeting.

TOASTMASTERS DEMO

DISA has long supported the Toastmasters program for its employees. To continue this trend, on October 26th DISA sponsored a Toastmasters Demo at DISA HQS. Mr. Jack Penkoske, Director for DISA Manpower, Personnel and Security, and COL Mark Bowman, DISA Chief of Staff, gave great presentations on the benefits of Toastmasters for DISA personnel. Ms. Julie Esguerra-Marvin, Soaring Eagles newest club member and former 1999 International Speech Contest Winner, gave an absolutely fantastic speech titled, "My Fairy Tale". The meeting was attended by more than 53 people (civilian, military, contractor, and general public).

For more information on how you can join Toastmasters, please contact Walter.Kelley@disa.mil.

CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars and try to attend the following activities:



Nov 5th (*see website)
District 27 Fall Conference
0730-1730



Nov 9th (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



Nov 23rd
Club Meeting CANCELLED
Happy Holidays



Dec 14th (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



Dec 28th
Club Meeting CANCELLED
Happy Holidays

CLUB LEADERSHIP

President..... Renee Cantave, ATM-B
VP Education *vacant*
VP Membership Wauleah Ellison
VP Public Relations Walter Kelley, CTM
Secretary Michael Duerksen, CTM
Treasurer Michael Duerksen, CTM
Sergeant-at-Arms..... Tim Germer

WEBSITE UPDATE

Have you visited the Soaring Eagles website lately? The website is updated several times a month and has schedule items and announcements.

Check back regularly to find out what's happening in the Soaring Eagles Club.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"Peace and justice are two sides of the same coin."

Dwight D. Eisenhower
34th President of the United States (1953-1961)

TOASTMASTERS TESTIMONIAL

By: LtGen Charles Croom, USAF
Director, Defense Information Systems Agency

In my 32 years of service, I have had many opportunities to speak in public. Along the way, I have learned two things: public speaking is difficult; and the more you do it, the easier it becomes. Speaking in public is a common fear, and it may be your fear. Fortunately there's an organization available to help you overcome stage-fright: Toastmasters. Toastmasters will give you more than confidence in front of an audience. Its curriculum covers speaking, listening, critical thinking, and leadership skills, and will make you a more effective communicator.



professionals, and finance personnel.

Why join Toastmasters? The Toastmasters mission statement sums it up best:

“...to help men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking – creating vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.”

I don't know many organizations that have “contribute to the betterment of mankind” in their mission statements, and that alone should be reason enough to take a good look at Toastmasters. So, do it for yourself, do it for the betterment of mankind, and visit a DISA Toastmasters meeting to see what it's all about. Whether in conversation with a friend or briefing a senior leader, your honed communication skills and your ability to speak, listen, and think on your feet will serve you well. I look forward to listening to you speak soon.

The number one job skill that employers look for is the ability to communicate well. The best computer scientist or engineer in the world can't realize their vision if the message isn't clearly communicated. You've got to be able to express complex ideas clearly to a diverse audience of program managers, contract specialists, engineers, communications

WHAT IS A LEADER? THE V.P. OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Over the next several months we will focus in on the expectations of our club's leaders. Last month, we outlined the duties of the V.P. of Membership. This month, we continue with the Vice President of Public Relations, the fourth-ranking Club officer.

Standards outside of the Club meeting are to:

- Promote the Club to local media
- Produce and distribute a Club monthly newsletter
- Promote membership programs
- Attend Club Executive Committee meetings
- Attend other Toastmasters events
- Attend District-sponsored Club officer training
- Arrange for a replacement if unable to attend a Club meeting
- Prepare successor for office

Standards at the Club meeting are to:

- Announce upcoming events and programs
- Ask for contributions to the newsletter
- Greet members and guests

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

When the presentation stakes are high, you need to be at your peak. You're striving for your best—a good grasp of your material, clear focus and, in your delivery, energy without the tension. Here's an item that is commonly overlooked.

Test-drive the equipment

To reduce the risk of problems, make a point of rehearsing in the room you'll be using, ideally with all the visuals, lights, and sound system. Pretend it's the real thing. Get comfortable with your surroundings and eliminate any problems that could impede your success. On presentation day, check the room early to make sure everything is just as it should be. Check the equipment again. Count the chairs. Make sure there are no outside distractions. Carry the phone numbers of anyone you may need to call for help with equipment, room temperature, food for breaks, or anything else that may become a problem.



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