



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

Congratulations are in order for two of our Soaring Eagles Toastmasters Club members. First is Mr. Randy McHugh. Randy joined Soaring Eagles in July of 2005 and has already delivered 4 speeches. Randy sets an example for other club members in how to set goals and achieve them.

Secondly, we welcome back Mr. Michael Duerksen, CTM, to the Soaring Eagles Toastmasters Club leadership team. Michael was the 2004-2005 club president and has volunteered to be the 2005-2006 club Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks for stepping up to the plate to handle our club's finances.

TOASTMASTERS DEMO

DISA has long supported the Toastmasters program for its employees. To continue this trend, DISA will be sponsoring a Toastmasters Demo meeting in the coming weeks. The demo will last for 1 hour and will provide a sample of a standard club meeting. The purpose of this demo will be to inform the DISA population what Toastmasters is all about. The demo will include speakers from Toastmasters International, DISA Senior Leadership and a former Toastmasters International Speech Champion. Current plans are to have the demo either at DISA's HQS or at DISA's Eagle building and to have the meeting broadcast on DISAVision, DISA's internal closed circuit television system. For more information on how you can get the word, out please contact Walter.Kelley@disa.mil.

CALENDAR

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



Oct 12th (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



Oct 26th (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



Nov 5th (*see website)
District 27 Fall Conference
1200-1300



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



Nov 23rd (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300

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

"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."

Aristotle

TOASTMASTERS MENTOR PROGRAM

Webster's defines a mentor as "an experienced and trusted advisor". A Mentor relationship allows a new member to work with an experienced speaker and obtain more personalized feedback and support in their pursuit of improvement.

Each Mentor relationship is different and each new member is at a different level of enthusiasm, skill and commitment. However, the following objectives can be viewed as common among new members:

- ✦ Increase knowledge and skills about public speaking
- ✦ Increase comfort level in speaking in front of an audience
- ✦ Enhance self-esteem and self-confidence
- ✦ Observe skilled and professional role models in public speaking

The role of the Mentor is intended to work in conjunction with routine orientation into club activities, duties and etiquette, usually initiated by the VP of Membership. As each new member joins the club, a Mentor will be appointed for them.

A mentor is an experienced speaker who has

WHAT IS A LEADER? THE V.P. OF MEMBERSHIP

Over the next several months we will focus in on the expectations of our club's leaders. Last month, we outlined the duties of a Club President. This month, we continue with the Vice President of Membership, the third-ranking Club officer following the President and the Vice President of Education. The V.P. of Membership is the glue that holds the club together.

Standards outside of the Club meeting are to:

- Conduct ongoing membership building programs and efforts
- Promote the membership goal of one new member per month
- If the Club has fewer than 20 members, achieving 20 members by year-end or sooner
- Promote Club and Toastmasters International membership building programs
- Conduct a minimum of two formal Club membership programs annually
- Follow up on and keep track of guests, new members joining, and members not attending meetings
- Send follow-up note to guests
- For all prospective members, explain the educational program, get their commitment to join, collect membership applications, and bring the applications to the Club for voting
- If new members are accepted, collect dues and fees and give them to the Treasurer with the applications
- Attend Club Executive Committee meetings
- Attend and vote at Area Council meetings
- Attend District-sponsored Club officer training
- Arrange for a replacement if unable to attend Club meeting
- Prepare successor for office

Standards at the Club meeting are to:

- Greet guests and have each complete a guest card
- Report on current membership, promote membership campaigns, and welcome new members
- Work with the President and Vice President Education to ensure each new member is formally inducted at the first meeting after being voted in by the Club
- Help guests wishing to join complete the Application for Membership
- Speak with fellow members to determine if their needs are being met

completed at least 7 of the Basic Communication and Leadership Manual speeches (preferably has their CTM) and who has an interest in personally supporting the development of new speakers.

A mentor has the following duties:

- ✦ Help new member become comfortable in club and orientate them to club, club activities and Toastmasters program
- ✦ Assist new member in developing personal speaking objectives
- ✦ Provide constructive feedback and opportunity to discuss new member progress
- ✦ Provide feedback on planned speeches and activities prior to delivery

If a new member elects to participate in the mentor program they must agree to:

- ✦ Identify learning goals and desired level of involvement with a mentor
- ✦ With a mentor, develop learning objectives and a plan to achieve the objectives

Time commitment for these activities will vary but should be negotiated between partners.

