



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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WHAT'S NEW

Welcome aboard Ms. Nicie Grier. Nicie is the newest member of the Soaring Eagles Toastmasters Club.

Toastmasters International is making some exciting changes in its educational system and award designations. In January 2006, new leadership award programs will be introduced and educational awards will be renamed in order to distinguish between speech programs and leadership programs. This will strengthen leadership training and make all educational designations in the communication and leadership tracks clearer and more meaningful. The development of leadership skills has always been part of the Toastmasters program. Members have had the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills while serving in various club meeting roles and in officer positions. In fact, many people join because they want to improve their leadership skills. Beginning in 2006, you will see the following improvements in TI's educational program:

- A new manual on leadership and a new leadership award
- New titles for the existing leadership awards
- New titles for the Communication and Leadership Program and Advanced Communication and Leadership Program manuals
- New titles for the communication track awards
- A change in the Distinguished Toastmaster award requirements



CALENDAR

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



Jan 11th (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



Jan 25th (CPK: 445)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



Feb 8th (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



Feb 22nd (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



Mar 8th (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300

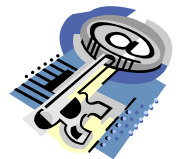
CLUB LEADERSHIP

President.....	Renee Cantave, ATM-B
VP Education	<i>vacant</i>
VP Membership	Wauleah Ellison
VP Public Relations	Walter Kelley, CTM
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Michael Duerksen, CTM
Serageant-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

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.

Walt Disney

NEW TITLES COMING IN 2006

The current Competent Leader award will become the Advanced Leader Bronze award. The current Advanced Leader award will become the Advanced Leader Silver award. The requirements for the Advanced Leader Bronze award will include completion of the new Competent Leader manual. Because the requirements for this award are changing, there will be a two-year "grace period" for those working toward the current Competent Leader award. This means World Headquarters will continue to issue Competent Leader awards under the current requirements through June 30, 2008. Beginning July 1, 2008, all members will have to meet the new requirements.

WHAT IS A DISTINGUISHED CLUB?

The Toastmasters Distinguished Club program is a year-long (1 July to 30 June) process for clubs to achieve significant milestones. There are three levels a club can achieve for the Distinguished Club program by completing 5, 7, or 9 of the following goals: Distinguished Club (achieve any 5), Select Distinguished Club (achieve any 7), and President's Distinguished Club (achieve any 9).



Soaring Eagles is working towards achieving the President's Distinguished Club status. You can help. Please see a member of the leadership team to learn how you can help our club become **Distinguished**.

Have	Need	Goal
		Two Competent Toastmaster (CTM)
		Two more CTMs
		One Advanced Toastmaster (ATM) Bronze, Silver, or Gold
		One more ATM Bronze, Silver, or Gold
		One Competent Leader (CL), Advanced Leader (AL), or Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM)
		One more CL, AL, or DTM
		Four new members
		Four more new members
		Minimum of four club officers trained
		One semiannual membership report and one club officer list submitted on time

WHAT IS A LEADER? THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

This month, we conclude our series on the descriptions of the various club leadership positions and their respective responsibilities. This month, we conclude with the Sergeant At Arms, the seventh-ranking Club officer.

Standards outside of the Club meeting are to:

- Schedule meeting location
- Maintain Club equipment in working order and check after every meeting to ensure adequate supplies are available
- Attend Club Executive Committee meetings
- Attend District-sponsored Club officer training
- Arrange for a replacement and for assistance if necessary
- Prepare successor for office



Standards at the Club meeting are to:

- Arrange the room at least 10 minutes before the meeting begins
- Make sure the lectern is in place, the banner displayed, evaluation forms and ballots distributed, awards, supply catalog, progress chart and educational material displayed, place cards arranged, and name badges available
- Greet members and guests and arrange for guests to sit with members
- Greet the Area Governor and other visiting officers and escort them to the Club President
- Arrange for food service at meal meetings
- Ensure the meeting starts on time
- Collect ballots and tally votes for awards