



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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CHANGES AT TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters International is making some exciting changes in its educational system and award designations. Here are answers to some common questions.

Q: I am now a Competent Leader. After July 1, 2006, could I apply for the Advanced Leader Bronze award?

A: The requirements for the current Competent Leader and the Advanced Leader Bronze awards are the same, and Toastmasters International does not issue multiple awards for the same work. If you want to earn the Advanced Leader Bronze award, you would have to meet all of the requirements a second time. Instead of doing this, we recommend that you work toward the next level award, the Advanced Leader Silver.

Q: I have met almost all conditions for the current Competent Leader award. Will I have to start over and complete the requirements for the new Competent Leader award, which includes completing the new Competent Leadership manual?

A: You need not start over as long as you complete the current award requirements and apply for the Competent Leader award before June 30, 2008. After that date, all applicants must meet the new criteria.

CALENDAR

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



May 6th (*See Pg. 2 article)
Spring Conference
0730-1830



May 10th (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



May 24nd (SKY7: 1W38)
Club Meeting
1200-1300



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

CLUB LEADERSHIP

President.....Walt Okon, CTM
VP Education *vacant*
VP Membership Wauleah Ellison
VP Public Relations Walter Kelley, CTM
Secretary/Treasurer..... Michael Duerksen, CTM
Sergeant-at-Arms..... *vacant*

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

"Each person must live their life as a model for others."

Rosa Parks

DISTRICT 27 SPRING CONFERENCE

Interested in learning more about Toastmasters as well as being entertained by some dynamic speakers, plan to attend the District 27 Spring Conference. Scheduled for Saturday May 6th, attendees will be able to interact with out clubs in our area and learn about opportunities and changes coming within Toastmasters. Registration is required and can be completed on-site. The fee is \$35 for the conference alone or \$70 for the conference and a buffet lunch. The conference this Spring will be held at the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks located at 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Fairfax, Virginia.

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Briefings for Evaluation Contest
- 8:30 a.m. Conference Begins
- 9:00 a.m. District 27 Evaluation Contest
- 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Educational Sessions
 - "Leadership Out of the Blue" MacArthur Burton, ATM-G/CL
 - "Dancing to Better Speaking" Michael Ditkoff, ATM
 - "Living on Higher Ground" Paul Lawrence Vann, ATM-G/CL
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
 - Keynote Speech: International Director Rodger Baker, DTM
 - Toast to the Members: District 27 Governor Vince Caldwell, DTM
- 1:30 p.m. District 27 Hall of Fame
- 2:30 p.m. District 27 Business Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Break and Briefings for International Speech Contest
- 4:30 p.m. District 27 International Speech Contest
- 6:30 p.m. Conference Ends

The Bookstore will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Credentials Desk will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

LISTENING TIPS

Here are a few pointers to help you become a better listener:

- Pay attention; watch and listen
- Stay quiet; absolutely no talking
- Never make fun of another person's speech
- Refrain from shouting comments to or intentionally distracting the speaker during his/her presentation
- Avoid practicing your speech during other speeches
- Applaud every presentation
- Never get out of your seat, move around the room, or distract the speaker during a performance

By practicing these items, not only do you show respect for the speaker, but you also learn to help the speaker be the best speaker he/she can be. It's daunting enough to get in front of people and deliver a speech you prepared, but to have your audience actually compete against you makes giving a successful speech that much harder.