



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:



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



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



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

CLUB LEADERSHIP

President..... Michael Duerksen, CTM, CL
VP Education Brock Webb
VP Membership Wauleah Ellison
VP Public Relations Bill McGrane
Secretary/Treasurer..... Walter Kelley, CTM, CL
Sergeant-at-Arms..... Michael Duerksen, CTM, CL

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

"If we become increasingly humble about how little we know, we may be more eager to search."

-Sir John Templeton

HOW DO I JOIN TOASTMASTERS?

Become a Member

Joining a Toastmasters club is easy. With 10,500 clubs in 90 countries around the world, there is sure to be one near you. Follow the [Find a Club](#) link to search our worldwide index of clubs.

After you find a club, attend a meeting and apply for membership. All clubs have a different personality, so you might want to visit several before you make a decision. Clubs occasionally change their meeting time, day and location, so call ahead to verify the details.

Have you ever paid \$100 for a one-day seminar? You probably won't pay that for an entire year of Toastmasters. There is a \$20 new-member fee, then \$27 dues every six months. Clubs may also assess local dues to cover local expenses.

The more than 211,000 members are from a variety of occupations and backgrounds. They include doctors, auto mechanics, executives, teachers, homemakers, artists, college students, supervisors, attorneys, engineers, salespersons and more. However, Toastmasters is only for individuals 18 years or older.

This Web site contains all the information you need to [Find a Club](#) and learn [About Toastmasters](#). But if you need additional assistance, please call (949) 858-8255, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT, and our operator will direct your call to the most appropriate member of our staff. Or visit the [Contact Us](#) page and e-mail your question to us!

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.

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