

## Speaking Opportunities Abound

How soon would you like to receive your next CTM or ATM Award? What if you belong to a large club where many members are waiting to get on the speaking schedule? Think about these venues and ways to find additional speaking opportunities to deliver manual speeches and achieve your educational goals:

- **Other Toastmasters Clubs** - If you join two clubs, you have twice the speaking opportunities. Smaller clubs in your area may welcome you as a speaker. Also, check with your Area or Division Governor to see if there are new clubs being formed in the area or division. New clubs usually need speakers from other clubs to help out at the first few meetings.
- **Advanced Toastmasters Club** - If your club has many members working toward the ATM awards, it may be advantageous to form an advanced club where the longer speech times required in some advanced manual projects can be accommodated.
- **Speakathons** - Ask your club VP Education to organize special meetings focusing on manual speeches and evaluations.
- **Club Speech Contests** - Compete in a speech contest, deliver a manual speech, and ask another member to evaluate your speech so that you may receive credit.
- **Speechcraft and Youth Leadership Programs** - Coordinators of these programs often look for guest speakers to deliver educational speeches. Volunteer to help out as a guest speaker.
- **Speakers Bureau** - Some Toastmasters clubs or areas organize speakers bureaus to allow members more speaking opportunities and to promote the Toastmasters program in the community. Or, participate in speakers bureaus of civic groups.
- **Civic and Business Organizations** - Many organizations such as the Lions Club or Rotary Club constantly look for speakers to present at their monthly meetings. They would be delighted to have a Toastmaster as a presenter.

Remember that you may receive credit for up to two speeches per manual given outside a Toastmasters club if: (1) your VP Education agrees in advance, (2) a Toastmasters evaluator is present and completes the written project evaluation, and (3) you meet all project objectives.

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