

What Will it Cost?

✓ **New Member Fee.....\$20.00**

Paid only by New Members. Covers costs of the New Member Kit and Processing.

✓ **Membership Dues** (all members) Pro-rated at \$6.00 per month.

October	or	April	=	\$36.00
November	or	May	=	30.00
December	or	June	=	24.00
January	or	July	=	18.00
February	or	August	=	12.00
March	or	September	=	6.00

✓ **Club Dues** (all members)

In some instances, Clubs may add a small monthly Club Dues charge to the amount listed above. Check with any Club officer for details.

State taxes, if applicable, NOT included.

How Do I Join?

Joining a Toastmasters club is easy. With more than 10,500 clubs around the world, there is sure to be one near you. Go to www.toastmasters.org and follow the **Find a Club** link to search our world wide 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.

If you've already visited a club, just ask one of the members what to do next.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

A Toastmaster's Promise

Being a Toastmaster means more than simply making a commitment to self-development. Everyone who joins a Toastmasters club is making a commitment to the club, to its members, and to the organization as a whole.

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As a member of Toastmasters International and my club, I promise...

- ~ To attend club meetings regularly;
- ~ To prepare all of my speeches to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the **Competent Communication** manual or the **Advanced Communication** manuals;
- ~ To prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments;
- ~ To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations;
- ~ To help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow;
- ~ To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so;
- ~ To treat my fellow club members and our guests with respect and courtesy;
- ~ To bring guests to club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers;
- ~ To adhere to the guidelines and rules of all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs;
- ~ To maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities.

The Mission of the Club

The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is 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.

World Headquarters

<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members.aspx>

Visit the District 63 Website

<http://www.d63toastmasters.wordpress.com/resources>
and download your own copy of the pocket guide!



Toastmasters! *What's in it for Me?*

Your success in business is based on how effective you are. Through participation in the Toastmasters **Communication and Leadership** program, people from all backgrounds learn to effectively speak, conduct a meeting, manage a department or business...lead, delegate, and motivate.

"If you want your dreams to come true you must have confidence in your abilities. A Toastmasters Club can give you that confidence. Make your dreams a reality. Join a Toastmasters Club"

Les Brown, Author - Live Your Dreams

Toastmasters...

Is for Everyone! Everyone needs Toastmasters. Our face-to-face, experimental learning program benefits skilled professionals and beginning speakers alike.

At Toastmasters you'll learn to relax, plan, and present a terrific speech, whether you have 10 days to prepare - or just 10 seconds. You'll learn and practice in a friendly comfortable environment with people who are there for the same reason you are - to become a better communicator.

Lets You Talk! At a Toastmasters meeting everyone talks - that's why you're there. You'll build "quick-thinking" skills as you present a one-to-two minute impromptu speech during Table Topics. You'll also introduce speakers, give prepared speeches, conduct evaluations and perform many other roles.

Will Help You Improve! You'll improve just by speaking regularly. But the key to the Toastmasters learn-by-doing program is constructive evaluation. An assigned evaluator will point out your presentation's strengths and offer suggestions for improving your next speech.

Lets You Learn Leadership! You can't learn to be a leader in a day; it takes practice. In Toastmasters you'll build leadership skills by organizing and conducting meetings and motivating others to help you. You can also build leadership skills by working on a project related to your personal or professional life, or by serving as a leader in Toastmasters.

Gives You Recognition! Each time you present a prepared speech, you'll be honing your skills in specific areas ranging from using visual aids to inspiring your audience to persuading with power. After presenting ten speeches you can apply for recognition as a Competent Communicator, then proceed into our advanced speaking program.

"I've never met anyone who didn't think Toastmasters was super valuable to their career. We gain self-esteem, self-confidence, assertiveness. This makes us better salespeople, better managers, better leaders..."

Harvey Mackay, Bestselling Author

A Typical Meeting

A Toastmasters club meeting consists of three basic parts:

Prepared Speeches. During this portion of the meeting, several members present speeches based on projects in the *Competent Communication Manual* and/or *Advanced Communication Manuals*. Usually at least three speakers are scheduled, but this may vary depending on the meeting program and length of the meeting.

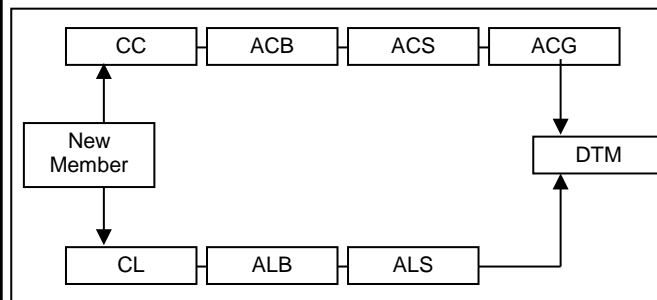
Evaluations. Each prepared speech is orally evaluated by a fellow member in a helpful, constructive manner using given evaluation criteria. In addition, the evaluator prepares a written evaluation for the speaker, and all members are invited to submit written comments to the speaker, too.

Table Topics. In this segment, members not otherwise scheduled as program participants have an opportunity to present one-to-two minute impromptu talks.

Some clubs also conduct a business meetings at least once a month to handle club affairs. The business meeting provides an opportunity for members to practice parliamentary procedure and leadership skills. The order in which these segments are conducted vary, too, depending on meeting length. Some clubs meet for one hour or less, while some clubs meet for 90 minutes or more. At the right is a sample agenda for clubs that meet for one hour.

The Communication and Leadership Tracks

The Toastmasters educational program consists of two tracks - a communication track and a leadership track.



The Club Meeting

- 00:00 PRESIDENT**
 - ~ Call meeting to order
 - ~ Invocation (optional)
 - ~ Introduce Guests
 - ~ Introduce Toastmaster
- 00:05 TOASTMASTER**
 - ~ Introduce Ah Counter
 - ~ Introduce Grammarian
 - ~ Introduce General Evaluator
 - ~ Introduce Timer, etc.
- 00:10 TOASTMASTER**
 - ~ Introduce Speaker #1 (manual speech)
 - ~ Introduce Speaker #2 (manual speech)
 - ~ Introduce Speaker #3 (manual speech)
 - ~ Introduce Topic Master
- 00:26 TABLE TOPICS MASTER**
 - ~ Explain Table Topics and theme
 - ~ Conduct Table Topics
 - ~ Return control to Toastmaster
- 00:43 TOASTMASTER**
 - ~ Introduce General Evaluator
- 00:45 GENERAL EVALUATOR**
 - ~ Introduce Evaluator #1
 - ~ Introduce Evaluator #2
 - ~ Introduce Evaluator #3
 - ~ Call for vote
 - ~ Call for reports from:
 - Timer
 - Grammarian
 - Ah Counter
 - ~ Make general comments
 - ~ Return control to Toastmaster
- 00:55 TOASTMASTER**
 - ~ Present awards
 - ~ Return control to President
- 00:57 PRESIDENT**
 - ~ Club Business
 - ~ Thank guest(s) for attending and allow them to comment, if they wish
- 01:00 ADJOURN**