

FACTS ABOUT
Toastmasters International

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- A non-profit educational organization.
- More than four million men and women have benefited from Toastmasters training.
- The world's leading organization devoted to the improvement and development of individual communication and leadership skills.
- Approximately 8,800 Toastmasters clubs and 175,000 members exist in the United States, Canada and 69 other countries.
- Thousands of corporation and government agencies sponsor in-house Toastmasters clubs as communication training workshops for their employees.
- Specialized clubs have been established at military bases, colleges and universities, churches and prisons, as well as among senior citizens, professional groups, bilingual groups, singles and the visually-impaired.
- Founded in October 1924 by Dr. Ralph C. Smedley at the YMCA in Santa Ana, California.
- World Headquarters is located at 23182 Arroyo Vista, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688; (949) 858-8255; FAX: (949) 858-1207.

Members Have Opportunities To:

- Gain speaking experience that relates to specific career needs.
- Develop and practice leadership skills.
- Sharpen their listening and evaluation skills.
- Give regular impromptu talks on assigned topics.
- Learn and practice techniques of effective public speaking.
- Prepare and deliver formal speeches on subjects of their own choosing.
- Learn proper parliamentary procedure.
- Preside over meetings.

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- Gain personal confidence that will help when speaking to one person or one thousand.
- Enter Toastmasters International's Annual Speech Contest, "The World Championship of Public Speaking."

Members Promote Effective Communication and Leadership in Their Communities by Conducting:

- **SPEECHCRAFT** – a "short course" in public speaking for adults in business, education, industry and government.
- **SUCCESS/LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS** – Educational modules in a how-to format on topics such as conducting productive meetings, effective listening, parliamentary procedure, evaluation, creative thinking, leadership, management and training.
- **SPEAKERS BUREAU** – to help other nonprofit organizations and community and government groups tell their stories to the community.
- **GAVEL CLUBS** – bringing Toastmasters training to prisons and other institutions.
- **YOUTH LEADERSHIP** – public speaking training for junior and high school students.



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