

Why Be a Toastmasters Member?

How is membership beneficial to me?

As an active member you will prepare and present speeches as well as assist in performing the roles essential to each meeting. Toastmaster members develop not only their speaking skills; it also develops their leadership skills.

Your membership can be added to your PMDs.

Time Commitment

Our main activities are our two monthly meetings. These are typically on the second and fourth Thursdays, during lunch from noon to 1:00 (you can bring your lunch with you). Sometimes this schedule must be altered due to holidays or other things.

Attend meetings as regularly as possible. Several members travel for their jobs. Most of us have families. You attend when you can.

We meet during lunch. So that's two lunch hours a month plus a little more time when you prepare a speech or prepare for a role. Most roles performed during the meeting do not take much preparation time.

Participate as a speaker and perform the various roles in our meetings.

As a member you will receive two manuals – Competent Communicator (CC) and Competent Leadership (CL). Each manual contains 10 projects to complete at whatever pace you decide. For CC you prepare speeches, per the instructions in the manual, each is presented during a meeting.

For CL you sign-up and perform roles during of our meetings as well as additional tasks. You will choose someone to evaluate how you perform each role or task.

Members are encouraged to participate often, without being on the schedule every time. This allows everyone an opportunity to work on both their speaking skills as well as their leadership skills.

What takes place during the two monthly meetings?

The first monthly meeting is a combination of speeches, oral evaluations and Table Topics (brief, impromptu speeches).

The second meeting of the month is what we call a speech-a-thon. We have so many members we want plenty of opportunities for everyone to present their speeches. For this meeting the evaluators present their reviews to the presenters one-on-one after the meeting.

What are the expectations of a member of the group?

The expectations during the year are as follows: 1) Attend at least 12 meetings (that's half the meetings), 2) Give at least 2 speeches and 3) Perform at least 6 meeting roles.

** You can attend as many meetings as you want to as a guest. Guests are always welcome.

