

Weekly Toastmaster Times

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A speech without a specific purpose is like a journey without a destination. (Ralph C. Smedley)

A SPRINKLE OF HUMOUR...

The duty of a toastmaster is to be so dull that the succeeding speakers will appear brilliant by contrast (Clarence B. Kelland)

Today's public speakers can no longer write their own speeches or books, and there is some evidence they can't read them either. (Gore Vidal)

Public speaking is the art of diluting a two-minute idea with a two-hour vocabulary. (Evan Esar)

VPE QUOTE FOR THE WEEK...

Great is the power of the spoken word, when it is spoken in truth, by one whose life supports what he says. (Ralph C. Smedley)

THE POETMASTER...

I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice—and carven by his power
Rocks are his written words.

Excerpt from the poem *I see His Blood upon the Rose* by Joseph Mary Plunkett

WORD FOR THE WEEK...

Maverick (mid-19th century: from the name of Samuel A. *Maverick* (1803–1870), a Texas engineer and rancher who did not brand his cattle) : Nonconformist; Rebel; Unorthodox; Unconventional.



REEL WISDOM...

Tragedy is a test of courage. If you meet it bravely, it will leave you bigger than it found you. (From the movie *A Star is Born*)

No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world. (From the movie *Dead Poets Society*)

You must write your first draft with your heart. You rewrite with your head. The first key to writing is to write, not to think! (From the movie *Finding Forrester*)

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WAXING LYRICAL...

I walked across an empty land
I knew the pathway like the back of my hand
I felt the earth beneath my feet
Sat by the river and it made me complete

Excerpt from the song *Somewhere Only We Know* by English rock band Keane

THEATRE OF DREAMS...

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,
This day shall gentle his condition:
And gentlemen in England now a-bed
Shall think themselves accursed they were not here,
And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks
That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day.

Excerpt from *Henry V* Act 4 Scene 3 by William Shakespeare

A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS...

There's a place for us,
A time and a place for us,
Hold my hand and we're halfway there,
Hold my hand I'll take you there
Somehow,
Some day,
Somewhere!

Excerpt from the song *Somewhere* taken from the musical *West Side Story*

LITERARY DEVICES...

Euphemism A euphemism can be defined as the substitution of a phrase that may be perceived as harsh, blunt, or offensive with another phrase that is milder or indirect. An example follows:
Instead of saying that he/she *lied*, one can say that he/she was *economical with the truth*.

TIPS FOR WRITING AND SPEAKING...

If you feel you have made a bad speech, take time to pause and reflect, learn from the experience. Try not to be too discouraged, but say to yourself "I will try to do better the next time". Be patient with yourself, it is a work in progress, the goal is worth it, even the most polished and articulate speakers are still on a learning curve. It is a lifelong process, but as one friend said to me at one time, it is a time to laugh and learn.

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STEPS IN THE TOASTMASTER JOURNEY...

Seize the Day!!!



Yes, I did it!

I WILL DO IT

I CAN DO IT

I'LL TRY TO DO IT

HOW DO I DO IT?

I CAN'T DO IT

I WON'T DO IT

WHICH STEP HAVE YOU REACHED TODAY?

The journey all us make into the world of public speaking may be an exciting yet at the same time a challenging one. It starts off with that all important first step. Since I first joined Tralee Toastmasters in late 2008 it has proved to be without doubt an invaluable experience to me personally. It helped me build my confidence in speaking before people, and also gave me incentive to develop my writing skills. It is a voyage of growth and self-discovery in that each year I have been with the club I have learned something new.

Tralee Toastmasters is a place where we can all laugh and learn, from the person who has just joined the club to the most seasoned campaigner. It is a place where all of us without exception can learn from one another, all of us have different blends of wonder, wit, and wisdom to share. Remember always that you are among friends. In conclusion whatever stage you are on the Toastmaster journey personally speaking I believe two things encapsulates the meaning of being a Toastmaster, be always authentic in your writing and speaking, as the words of the song goes "truly, madly deeply". Secondly be always a source of encouragement to fellow club members. Finally I just want to wish one and all a very *Happy 90th Anniversary*, as we look forward to the years to come.

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TOASTMASTERS PROMISE

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

1. To attend *Club* meetings regularly.
2. To prepare all of my speeches to the best of my ability basing them on the Communication and Leadership or the Advanced Communication and Leadership program manuals.
3. To prepare for and fulfil assignments.
4. To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations.
5. To help the *Club* maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow.
6. To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so.
7. To treat my fellow *Club* Members and our guests with respect and courtesy.
8. To bring guests to *Club* meetings so they can see the benefits of Toastmasters meetings.
9. To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters education and recognition programs.

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Club Number 9326
Area 36
District A
District 71
UK and Ireland

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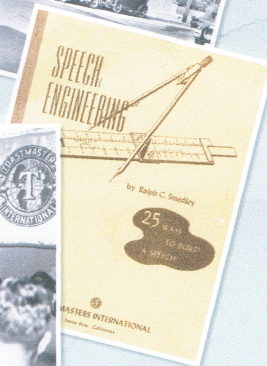
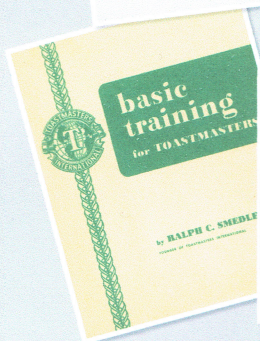
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Timeline 1924–2014

OCTOBER 1924

**The first Toastmasters club meets
in Santa Ana, California**

OCTOBER 1928

The first manual for Toastmasters clubs is copyrighted

DECEMBER 1932

Toastmasters International is incorporated

APRIL 1933

Toastmasters' first magazine is published

AUGUST 1938

Inter-Club Speech Contest starts

JULY 1946

**The first district is organized outside
of the U.S. in Scotland**

JUNE 1951

**The first regional conference is held
in Des Moines, Iowa**

MARCH 1970

The First DTM award is issued

AUGUST 1973

Membership opens to women

OCTOBER 1982

Membership reaches 100,000

AUGUST 2011

Toastmasters International refreshes its brand

JULY 2014

Membership reaches 300,000



Happy 90th Anniversary, Toasters International!

This October marks the 90th anniversary of Toastmasters International. Since 1924, Toastmasters has helped millions of members empower themselves by gaining communication and leadership skills, enabling them to lead richer lives.

Over nine decades, Toastmasters has evolved from a small network of clubs in Southern California to more than 14,650 clubs in 126 countries, with membership

"My amazement at our educational achievement is equaled by my gratified surprise at the results we have produced."

— Ralph C. Smedley

exceeding 313,000. Members of the first group of clubs pioneered the same basic principles we still recognize today: Practice how to speak, keep meetings well-organized and on time, welcome new members enthusiastically and provide constructive feedback.

Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, the founder of Toastmasters, noted that people "learn in moments of enjoyment." Although 90 years have passed, members around the globe still have fun while learning and building their skills. From Stockholm to Singapore, and Cleveland to Shanghai, members continue to learn from each other, while forging friendships in the process.

As we reflect on the history and development of Toastmasters International, especially given its dramatic growth, we must recognize the principles and milestones that have contributed to the organization's enduring impact.

DIVERSITY

Toastmasters became international in 1935 when it chartered its first club in Canada. Over the next 40 years, the organization grew and expanded geographically in English-speaking countries such as the United States and Canada, as well as in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Clubs were also introduced in Japan, Taiwan and multiple European countries during this time, mostly by Toastmasters who served overseas in the United States military.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the network of clubs spread throughout various Southeast Asian countries, while in Europe, Taiwan and Japan, territorial councils grew rapidly into provisional districts, and eventually into full-fledged districts. Clubs formed in countries around the Persian Gulf in the Middle East, and later districts formed in India, Sri Lanka and China.

As of the end of the 2013-2014 Toastmasters year, more than 45 percent of members live outside the United States. In addition, nearly 30 percent of members speak more than one language proficiently.

OPENING TOASTMASTERS TO WOMEN

In 1973, the Board of Directors made a decision that profoundly impacted the growth and development of Toastmasters: Membership was opened to women. Before this decision, women attended meetings as guests of friends or spouses, but could not participate as members. Instead, they could join the International Toastmistress organization, chartered in 1938, or seek training in college speech courses and seminars.

Since 1973, five women have served in the role of Toastmasters International President, and countless women have served as mentors, club officers and district leaders, and have participated in speech contests. The decision to open membership to women was perhaps the most important and valuable one ever made by the organization.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

From the start, cultivating leadership skills has been an integral part of the Toastmasters education program. Initially, Dr. Smedley envisioned the development of communication skills and self-confidence. To him, a

process of personal empowerment produced effective leaders committed to service and community.

This emphasis on leadership was reinvigorated in the mid-1990s. In 2011, as part of a brand update, the Board of Directors introduced a new tagline for the organization: "Toastmasters: Where Leaders Are Made."

CORE VALUES

Dr. Smedley was fond of proclaiming that "Toastmasters

is the only organization built on respect for the individual." Respect has defined the organization since its inception and has remained a core value through the decades, along with integrity, excellence and service.

These foundational core values will continue to foster growth and the well-being of members and clubs around the globe. Dr. Smedley envisioned Toastmasters as an organization devoted to building members' skills to better contribute to greater peace and mutual understanding among people everywhere.

In this 90th year of service to members, we proudly proclaim: "Toastmasters: Where Leaders Are Made."



"We learn in moments of enjoyment."

— Ralph C. Smedley

For free resources to help you celebrate the 90th anniversary in your club, visit toastmasters.org/90thAnniversary