

Mission of the RoadToasters' Club

The mission of the RoadToasters 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.

To Participate or not to Participate: That is the Question

By George Howard ATM

How do you look toward a new day or exciting opportunities in your life?

Are you a "Good morning Lord" person – excited for what new and challenging opportunities to grow await you?

Or, are you a "Good Lord, morning" person – not excited for the opportunities the day will bring your way?

The industrialist Henry Ford was quoted as saying, "If you think you can or you think you can't you are right."

There is a children's story about a little train engine pulling a long train that the big engines had given up on. "I think I can't" was their attitude. The

little train engine gathered its resources and confidence to save the day. "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can" attitude made all of the difference.

What does this have to do with a RoadToasters Speech Contest?

RoadToasters has a unique opportunity coming up that only occurs twice a year: the opportunity to stretch ourselves and take our speaking abilities to a higher level by participating in the speech contests.

Members of many Toastmaster clubs look forward to competing in speech

contests to improve their skills and learn from others. It is an opportunity to sharpen our skills as speakers, to better articulate our thoughts. We may even help brighten another person's day with our excitement for giving our best effort.



When preparing and competing in a Club, Area, Division, or District speech contest we stretch ourselves to a new level.

As a Toastmaster who has competed in all four levels, I know these contests have been some of the most exciting and memorable opportunities I have experienced in the Organization.

Whether you are a new member or a long-time member take this opportunity to stretch yourself and compete in the upcoming speech contests.

If you "think you can" or "think you can't" compete and grow, you are right. Be an "I think I can" person. Stretch yourself; you will be amazed how much you will improve your speaking skills by participating in the speech contests (humorous, and table topics).

As the late Bob Stahn, former District 24 Governor, often said, "There are no losers in speech contests, only winners!"

I am looking forward to hearing some improving speakers at the August 16, 2006 Speech Contest.

Congratulations!

- NDOR employees Jacquelyn Allensworth, Ed Palandri, and Brad Finch celebrated completion of the Speechcrafters course May 24. The four month course starting in February is offered annually by RoadToasters.
- Steve Sabra completed his CTM.
- Mike Owen received the Officer of the Year Award for District 24.
- Cindy Shockey completed her second CTM.
- Roe Enchayan completed his ATM-S, third CTM and third CL.



Brad Finch receives Speechcrafters graduation certificate from NDOR Director John Craig.

Quote to Remember...

"The way to develop self-confidence is to do the thing you fear and get a record of successful experiences behind you."

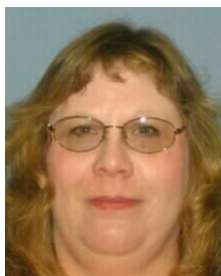
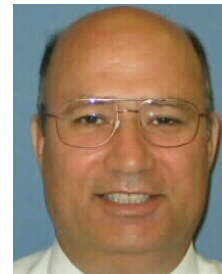
— William Jennings Bryan
1860-1925

Getting to Know You...

In this newsletter and in future issues, we will take a closer look at some of our RoadToaster Club members.

Roe Enchayan — V.P. Education

Roe works for Bridge Division at NDOR. He joined RoadToasters to become more sure of himself at a public hearing. From his experience in Toastmasters, he has learned to control his fear and pay more attention to grammar. He likes to spend his free time with his family. Something unique about Roe is that he has jumped from an airplane ten times. Will he ever grow up? He'll let us know if he does.

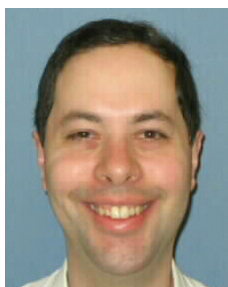
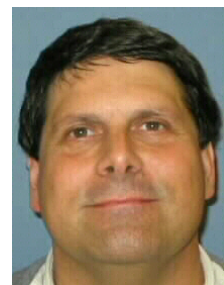


Linda Langdale — Secretary

Linda works in the Planning & Project Development Division at NDOR. She joined Toastmasters to better her communications skills and learn to express her opinions better. She says she is still working on that last part. Being in Toastmasters has helped her learn to listen better. In her free time, she enjoys reading, crafts, playing and taking naps with her dog.

George Howard

George works in the Right of Way Division, Acquisition and Relocation Section. He joined Toastmasters after seeing a cable TV ad in September 1993. He joined Lincoln Toastmasters 403, the oldest Toastmasters club in Lincoln. Patt Harper recruited him and has become a very dear friend and confidant. George says Toastmasters has helped him train the butterflies to fly in formation when speaking to a group, and has improved his extemporaneous speaking skills, not to mention his vocabulary. George enjoys reading the Bible and other self-help books, spending quality time with his wife, children and grandchildren, going for long walks, and meditating.



Glenn Williams

Glenn works as a Senior Cartographer in the Business Technology Support Division, Geo-Spatial Support and Development Section. He joined Toastmasters to improve his communication skills. Glenn says Toastmasters has given him experience talking to people and has improved his confidence. In his free time, Glenn is a home computer hobbyist. He enjoys opening the computer case for upgrades, installing software, surfing the web and watching broadband video.

Konstantin Bogdanov — Treasurer

Konstantin works in Bridge Division. He joined Toastmasters to improve his English. By speaking with the friendly people at RoadToasters, it has helped him speak to the public with greater ease. Kosta says he enjoys being a part of this group of fun and free-speaking people.

