



TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL®

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publication to club,
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district officers
for circulation
to members*

TI Gift Certificates

Gift certificates are a great way to reward members and/or clubs, but please be aware that there are some important guidelines for districts to consider when using them.

- ▶ Toastmasters strongly discourages using gift certificates at the district bookstore. Instead, members should use gift certificates to order directly from World Headquarters. WHQ cannot reimburse the district for TI-issued gift certificates.
- ▶ We suggest instead that districts make up their own gift certificates for use at their district bookstores.
- ▶ In order to keep our records straight, orders using gift certificates cannot be mixed with payments from the District Reserve.
- ▶ If a WHQ gift certificate is used for an order and the total order is less than the amount of the gift certificate, we do not keep the difference on the account; it is refunded to the person who submitted the order.

Distinguished Club Program Report

This report is the best way for clubs to ensure they're on track with all of their goals. Each club's report displays the ten possible goals a club can achieve as well as the club's progress toward or fulfillment of each goal.

To find this report from members.toastmasters.org, search for Distinguished Club Reports or navigate to members.toastmasters.org > Officer Resources > Reports > Club Reports.

Talk Up Toastmasters!

It's that time of year again – time to Talk Up Toastmasters. During this membership-building contest, encourage your members to invite as many guests as possible to your club meetings. Consider setting aside a portion of a regular meeting to specifically discuss the benefits Toastmasters members receive as they participate. Invite members from other clubs to participate and offer testimonials. Add five new, dual or reinstated members to your club between February 1 and March 31 and receive a special Talk Up Toastmasters ribbon to display on your club's banner. In addition, your club will be eligible to select one item from *The Successful Club Series*, *The Better Speaker Series*, or *The Leadership Excellence Series*, free of charge. Start thinking today of who will benefit from the Toastmasters experience and invite them to your meeting. You never know: You could help change their lives. For complete details go to: members.toastmasters.org > Membership Building > Brochures > Toastmasters Annual Membership Building Contest (Flier, Item 1620).

Members First!

The public Toastmasters Web site – toastmasters.org – is a great place for nonmembers to learn about our organization. But if you're already a member, your first stop should be the Toastmasters Web site for members. To find it, simply put the members first... literally. This new site – members.toastmasters.org – is the place where Toastmasters members go to catch up on the latest TI news, see Convention photos, conduct Toastmasters business and much more. Just remember, it's where *the members go first*. Add a dot, and you're there: members.toastmasters.org.

You are invited to a Board Meeting at World Headquarters

Toastmasters International's Board of Directors is meeting at Toastmasters' World Headquarters on February 16, 2008, at 2 p.m. All members are invited to attend the meeting at 23182 Arroyo Vista, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688.

“Mistakes are the portals of discovery.”

James Joyce (1882-1941)

Word Search Puzzle: Eight Great Ways to Enjoy members.toastmasters.org

CLUES:

1. The second item listed under "News" where you'll find the latest messages from TI.
2. The Tips and District _____ are one click away from the home page.
3. Where are the International Convention photos?
4. To purchase a new manual, click this.
5. The Toastmaster magazine offers an online _____.
6. To read about the 2008 Convention, click first on the Member Experience _____.
7. The main page of the Web site.
8. The Web site where Toastmasters go first!

Find the answers to the clues hidden both horizontally and vertically.

PUZZLE:

Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	G	I	O	P	L	K
L	Z	X	C	V	B	N	A	B	N	N	N	T
K	M	K	O	N	J	I	L	B	H	U	E	V
H	V	G	Y	C	F	T	L	R	D	C	W	Z
G	R	E	W	L	K	J	E	H	H	F	S	D
F	W	D	S	R	T	A	R	M	O	G	L	B
T	S	H	H	D	F	R	I	E	M	H	E	J
A	N	N	O	U	N	C	E	M	E	N	T	S
B	J	K	P	M	T	H	S	B	Z	M	T	L
M	X	N	C	N	M	I	P	E	D	R	E	T
N	G	T	M	P	Q	V	L	R	J	K	R	P
B	E	F	K	L	D	E	H	S	M	N	S	D
V	Z	T	A	L	H	P	Y	I	E	S	D	T

For the solution, please go to members.toastmasters.org and click on the "Newsletters" link.

It's Not Too Late to Participate

If you haven't attended club officer training yet, you still have time to collect your share of the benefits of training.

Second-round club officer training provides newly-elected officers with the opportunity to:

- ▶ learn the basic responsibilities of their new role
- ▶ meet district leaders who can help them during their terms
- ▶ discover and share ideas that can help them improve their clubs

Veteran and mid-term officers have the advantage of:

- ▶ participating in training sessions to complement their core training
- ▶ discussing with district and other club officers the challenges their clubs may be facing
- ▶ sharing experiences and solutions for these challenges

Districts conduct training for club officers between December 1 and February 29. Contact your LGET for training dates and locations and for make-up training events.

2008 Catalog

Watch for Toastmasters International's 2008 Catalog coming in January. You'll find exciting new awards, books, promotional items, t-shirts, gifts and more! Whether you want to enhance your communication skills, leadership abilities or build your confidence, everything you need to achieve these goals is right there. Request your copy and start taking advantage of all Toastmasters has to offer.

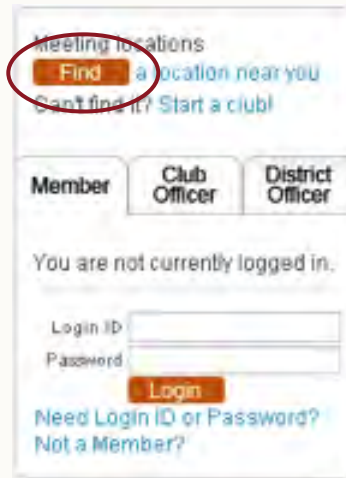
What You Can Do On the TI Web Site

Make your club easy to find. Visit the TI Web site and verify your club's meeting information. Navigate to members.toastmasters.org and click the Find button in the login box on the left side of your screen.

Enter your club number in the Club Number Search box to see the information that potential members see.

If you need to update your club's information, navigate to members.toastmasters.org > **Officer Resources > Club and District Business > Club Business**. Log in using your club number and club password. Select the Change my club's meeting and/or club officer information link and update your club's information. Changes made here will appear on the Web site within two business days.

Help your club get discovered – verify its meeting time and location online today!



E-MAIL DIRECTORY

New clubs:

newclubs@toastmasters.org

Contact information changes:

addresschanges@toastmasters.org

Club officer questions or club

list requests:

clubofficers@toastmasters.org

Award applications:

educationawards@toastmasters.org

Password requests:

lostpassword@toastmasters.org

Membership-related questions:

membership@toastmasters.org

Dues renewals:

renewals@toastmasters.org

Club statements:

statements@toastmasters.org

Club bylaws amendments or questions:

clubbylaws@toastmasters.org

Orders:

supplyorders@toastmasters.org

Other questions:

E-mail: tminfo@toastmasters.org

Featured Product

Looking for some new awards?

Look no further! Choose from our beautiful Shooting Star Acrylics (Items 1956A-C), contemporary Mirage Acrylics (Items 1957A-C) or our attractive Midnight Acrylics (Items 1958A-B). Ranging from \$14 - \$25, these affordable, quality awards are great for all occasions!

For more information or to view or purchase these awards, please visit our online store at www.toastmasters.org/shop. You may also order by contacting our Member Services Department at supplyorders@toastmasters.org or call 949-858-8255.



Does Your Club Have Its Contest Supplies?

Rules for the International Speech Contest are posted on our Web site; however, all other contest supplies and rules for other contests must be purchased from TI. Be sure to check your club's contest supplies and confirm you have enough rulebooks, speech contest manuals, judges' guides and ballots, timing forms, certificates of eligibility and originality and other materials for the club contest season. Also, check out our featured product to learn more about our great new acrylic awards!

Remember, awards **MUST** be ordered from Toastmasters International. All materials are protected by copyright and trademark laws. To order, visit our online store at www.toastmasters.org/shop, e-mail supplyorders@toastmasters.org or call our Member Services Department at 949-858-8255.