



Pinnacle

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Pinnacle holding 2011 International Speech Contest

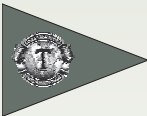
by *Carrie Perrien Smith, ACS, ALB* - Wednesday, February 9 from noon to 1:00 is our Toastmasters club speech contest. Carrie Perrien Smith will be your Spring Contest Chairperson and Tanesha Marshall will be the Toastmaster for the contest.



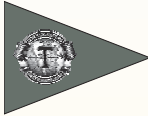
Participants will compete in either the International Speech Contest or the Evaluation Contest. The winners will advance to the next contest at the Area B-2 level on March 5. Winners from the Area contest go on to compete in the Division Contest on March 12 in Little Rock. And those winners will compete in the District 43 Contest in Tupelo, Mississippi on April 1 and 2.

There are a few slots still open for contestants, one for the Evaluation portion and two for the International Speech portion of the contest. There are also a few regular meeting roles available. Contact Carrie or Tanesha to sign up.

All members should have received an email from Carrie on 2/1/11 with details about the contest.



Focus of the Month - **EVALUATION.** Evaluations are the life blood of Toastmaster meetings. Think about it. When you joined Toastmasters, one of the main reasons was to receive guidance and feedback from experienced speakers as a way of improving your speaking skills. Donna Sheppard's article beginning on page 3 provides more detail on how to give an effective evaluation.



Spring Officer Training for Area B-2 -

On January 22, Mike Mondl, DTM, from Deihl Toastmasters Club in Bella Vista and Willie Johnson, DTM, District 43 Governor, led members of Area B-2 in a make-up session for Officer Training.



Area B-2 Club Officer Training at J.B. Hunt Transportation.



Willie Johnson, DTM, District 43 Governor

Our club sent four officers to this session. In addition to the new knowledge and insights they gained, their attendance qualified our club for a credit

toward Distinguished Club Status. See the next section for a discussion of the Distinguished Club Program (DCP).

Progress toward Distinguished Club Status -

You've likely heard some mention of the Distinguished Club Program (DCP), if you've been a Toastmaster for at least a little while. This is a program Toastmasters International uses to keep members focused on club growth and club excellence, without which, clubs lose members and eventually die. The program is a way to keep all of us on track to achieve our individual goals through friendly competition with other clubs. Each club has a responsibility to its members and, it's important to note, each member has made a commitment not only to himself, but a promise to provide support to his or her club. You can find it in the front of your CC Manual.



There are three levels of recognition for Distinguished Clubs.

- The first is Distinguished Club. This means a club has achieved 5 out of 10 specific goals set out by Toastmasters International. See the table on the next page.
- Select Distinguished Club - A club has achieved 7 out of the same 10 goals.
- President's Distinguished Club - A club has achieved 9 out of the 10 goals.

The Pinnacle Club was named President's Distinguished club last year and has currently achieved 7 out of 10 goals, qualifying us as a Select Distinguished Club for this year. Following are the criteria that contribute to these three achievements. Note that each criterion goes toward supporting either individual member achievement or club leadership competence.

	Criteria	Goal	Actual	Achieved
1)	CCs	2	2	✓
2)	Additional CCs	2	1	
3)	ACs	1	0	
4)	Additional ACs	1	0	
5)	CL, AL, or DTM	1	1	✓
6)	Additional CLs, ALs, or DTMs	1	1	✓
7)	New Members	4	4	✓
8)	Additional New Members	4	4	✓
9)	Officers Trained (both required)			
	June-August	4	6	✓
	December-February	4	4	
10)	Submitted on time (both required)			
	October or April Renewal	1	1	✓
	Officer List	1	1	

Members receiving awards (since July 2010)

Donna Sheppard - CC, CL
 Jeff Spencer - CC
 Jon Coker - CL

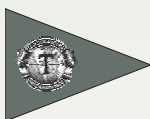
CC = Competent Communicator
 CL = Competent Leader

Congratulate these members for their significant accomplishments the next time you see them.

As you can see, if one of our members completes his CC manual, and another receives his AC, or Advanced Communicator, award before June 30, our club will be recognized at the highest level of Distinguished Club.

This is not a reason, really, for a member to achieve any goals within Toastmasters. You should be focused on your own goals and achievement. However, assuming you're advancing toward either of these goals, "when" you reach the goal can have an impact on the club. You might give some thought to the pace you've set for yourself as a way of supporting the Pinnacle Club's recognition by Toastmasters International.

Toastmasters clubs provide an environment in which individuals like you can reach their communication and leadership goals. Supporting your club in this way helps it attract more new members who will benefit in the same way.



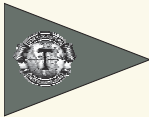
Objectives of An Evaluator for Toastmasters Clubs

by Donna Sheppard, VP of Education, CC, CL

Remember, when you evaluate a speaker, you should "individualize" and "personalize" your evaluation. Focus on the positives, yet provide specific suggestions that will challenge the speaker to

grow. You can stimulate improvement by making suggestions like, "I believe...", "My reaction was...", "I suggest that..." When noting the positives, the evaluator's mantra might be "When I saw...", "What I heard..." or "What I felt..."

It is not only the words that the evaluator uses that can stimulate improvement, but also body language and movement, volume and tone of voice. An excited evaluator who is ready to be a speaker's cheerleader and ready to accentuate the positives will sharpen the skills of other club members and motivate the speaker to get revved up for their next speech. The successful evaluator will not call attention to herself, but to the speaker's individual gifts and goals for improvement.



Get acquainted with your Pinnacle Toastmasters Club web site - How many web sites do you visit

and how many forums do you participate in? However many, you should add the Pinnacle Toastmasters club site to your list. It's a valuable tool to help increase your club involvement and move you forward. Here's why:

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We've been quietly deleting old information and adding new. Our goal is to make our web site's content relevant to you, our members. The links under the main menu are public. Anyone can view this content. It includes information about the club and our members (don't worry—your private information remains private). We're adding new content to nearly all the sections. Articles, documents, news items, etc.

The Members Only section is just for members. I encourage you to explore. Post a question or comment on the forum. Update your profile information. If you misplaced your login information, click the "Forgot Your Login?" link.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL Pinnacle Toastmasters Club

The is a Free Toastmasters.org website

Pinnacle toastmasters.org www.toastmasters.org

Our club meets every Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Bensenville. Members come mostly from the Bensenville/Rogers area, but a few members travel farther to meet with us. Some of us have lots of speaking experience, and some are just getting started, but one thing we all share is a common goal to become better communicators and better leaders.

Headings typically feature two or three prepared speeches, and a portion of the meeting is usually set aside for practice in impromptu speaking, which we call Table Topics. There are various leadership roles members can serve in during the meetings. So, you see, we get a lot done in just one hour!

Come visit as a guest and see firsthand what we do and how we can help you. If you prefer, you can contact one of our officers using the link below. We'll be happy to talk with you and tell you more.

Last Modified:

- When we meet - Each Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Where we meet - Directions to our club - (Element Financial Services on E Street in Bensenville)
- More questions? - CONTACT US (2008) If you have more questions
- Membership Information - Click for toastmasters.org/about/2008
- Find another club - To find another club near where you live or work, visit the toastmasters.org/locate web site. Click on the "Find a Location Near You" button.

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