



TOASTMASTERS AT PURDUE NEWSLETTER

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A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ETHAN VAUGHN

At Toastmasters at Purdue, we strive to provide a welcoming and supportive environment where members can effectively improve upon their communication and leadership skills. As a member, you can deliver speeches, take on various meeting roles, run for officer positions, and become involved in many other ways. I encourage you to make the most out of every opportunity within our club as Toastmasters at Purdue is a place where you can feel comfortable making and learning from your mistakes. We are a group of individuals working towards similar goals where we want to see each other learn, grow, and succeed!



President Ethan Vaughn

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<http://4685166.toastmastersclubs.org>

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UPCOMING DISTRICT 11 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING EVENTS

Attention Club Officers - don't miss these valuable learning opportunities in January and February 2023

1/14/23 (Sat) 9:00 am – 10:00 am ET

Facilitator: Shaquana Smiley, DL5, Area 85 Director

“Managing Change Effectively”

Prepare, measure, be aware and envision

Register for this session at: <https://bit.ly/ManagingChangeEffectively>

1/24/23 (Tue) 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm ET

Facilitator: Marcy Renken, IP2

“Speaking to Teach”

Incorporate teaching, become a learning lab, teachable speaking

Register for this session at: <https://bit.ly/SpeakingToTeach>

1/26/23 (Thurs) 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm ET

Facilitator: Diane Stewart, VC3, Area 84 Director and the Toastmasters Club of Fishers

“Open Houses that Work”

Why & when, how to attract, ingredients, and conversion of prospects to members

Register at: <https://bit.ly/COT-OpenHousesThatWork>

2/2/23 (Thurs) 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm ET

Facilitator 1: Ruth Schmidt, EC2

“How to Manage a Hybrid Evaluation Contest”

The purpose, the people, and the process

Facilitator 2: Vanessa Pochette from London

“Apology to Mistakes”

Mistakes when we speak, when we lead, and in society

Register for this combined session at: <https://bit.ly/COTHybridEvalContestandApologytoMistake>

2/9/23 (Thurs) 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Facilitator: Patricia Pick-Franke, DTM, Division H Director

“Why a DTM and What does it take?”

Requirements, benefits, and multiple DTMs

Register at: <https://bit.ly/EarnADTM>

2/11/23 (Sat) 9:30 am – 10:30 am

This is a Hybrid Event. Chose how to attend when you register. If you choose to attend in-person, the location is:

Faith Presbyterian

8170 Hague Rd

Indianapolis In 46256

Organizers: In-Person - Stefanee Townsend, DTM and Turning Point Toastmasters Club

Virtual - Temporarily Rick Holtmeier, DTM, PQD

“Club Officer Roles, Panel Discussion”

Each office, its main responsibilities and challenges.

Specifically recommended for new officers of Semi-Annual clubs and others that did not attend the July-August Club Officer Training sessions.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/ClubOfficerRolesHybridPanelDiscussion>

The Toastmasters International Club Mission

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

WHAT DO TO WHEN YOUR FRIEND IS SPEAKING?

How audience members make a difference.

By Joel Schwartzberg

Article: Toastmasters Magazine, July 2018 (excerpt)

In the vast sea of resources available on becoming a stronger public speaker, one powerful influence rarely discussed is the support of a friend, colleague or fellow Toastmaster. Taking a cue from your parents and simply showing up with a smile and a “go you!” face is a good start, but there are more specific ways—before, during and after the speech—to elevate your support. Here are three supporting tactics that make a difference.

Before the Speech: What’s the Point?

When your friend or colleague practices in front of you, you could say “Great job,” but what does that really mean, and how does it help? The answer to both questions: very little. Confidence doesn’t come from platitudes as much as the internal knowledge that you’re succeeding in your mission. You can help your friend or colleague build that confidence by acknowledging the point he was trying to make:

SPEAKER: “What do you think my point was?”

LISTENER: “That podcasting is a growing and influential platform for sharing ideas?”

SPEAKER: “Exactly!”

Compare this to the impact of:

SPEAKER: “How was I?”

LISTENER: “Great!”

SPEAKER: “Thanks!”

During the Speech: Nod ‘Yes’

Merely smiling says, “I’m enjoying this.” But the speaker’s intention is not to entertain you; it’s to successfully make a point. So the stronger and more supportive reaction is to nod (note: not nod off). Nodding says, “I’m receiving and understanding your point, and it has meaning for me.” Whether the speaker realizes it or not, she will see your nodding as a confirmation of success, not simply a signal of support. Nodding is also the best way to support a speaker struggling to maintain confidence or stay on track. It says, “You are succeeding, whether or not you think so. Be strong and carry on.”

I know this from personal experience. Early in my public speaking journey, seeing heads nodding in my audience was a huge factor in helping me maintain my mettle.

Other nonverbal signs that show support:

- ◆ Arrive on time.
- ◆ Be “present,” which means not checking your phone, working on your laptop or otherwise being distracted as the speaker is talking.
- ◆ Sit close to the front. If the speaker can’t see you, your support has no impact.
- ◆ Lean forward, not back. This says, “I’m engaged and ready to receive your point.”
- ◆ Shush anyone talking loudly during the speech. Don’t scold them; just say, “I’m having trouble listening.”
- ◆ Be the first to applaud when the speaker finishes.

ADVICE FROM THE PROS

The Most Common Technique—Volume

By Bill Brown DTM

Article: *Toastmasters Magazine*, Mar. 2017

Volume is perhaps the best tool for achieving vocal variety, especially when it comes to emphasis. By a slight increase in volume, you can stress or accentuate your key thought within a sentence. I'm not referring to shouting, or even raising your voice to a high level.

There can be a place for that, however, especially if you are trying to indicate anger or alarm. In addition to emphasis, alarm and anger, volume can also be used to indicate intensity or joy. In fact, a common idiom is "shouting for joy." Loudness is not the only way to use volume. Getting very quiet is also an effective technique.

This can be used to indicate calmness, apprehensiveness, tenderness and even having a secret. And just as you can indicate emphasis or anger with high volume, you can also accomplish the same aim with a comparatively lower volume. In fact, a quiet volume, combined with a slow pace, sarcastic tone and gritting of the teeth can show, quite effectively and dramatically, a seething anger.

One of my favorite techniques is to build to a crescendo on a key point, pause, and then continue the thought in a softer-than-normal volume. The contrast can be very dramatic, if that is your intent. One note of caution here. Volume is best used as a contrast to your basic delivery — a word or phrase at a time. If you deliver your entire speech at a high volume, you will lose your audience.

Volume has many uses in a speech. Enjoy using it—and exploring its many possibilities.

Welcome!

TOASTMASTERS AT PURDUE NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to these new members joining Toastmasters at Purdue in Fall 2022
Fanfei Meng • Fangfang Mo • Fung Tien Yueh • Xiaosu Xu



JOIN US!

Toastmasters at Purdue is open to Purdue staff, students, faculty, retirees, alumni, and family members of these groups.

We are currently meeting virtually and in-person in WANG 2501 at 12:00 noon every Friday.

Visit our club website

<http://4685166.toastmastersclubs.org> for more information and be sure to click on "Contact Us" to request the meeting link!

CONNECT WITH US!

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