



Christchurch Toastmasters' Spread

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Need to get in touch? Please send all enquiries to:

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September 2019 News

Combined Meeting 🍞

On Tuesday 10 September at 7.30 pm, we will be having a combined meeting with the nearby Athenians Toastmasters Club.

This will be a fun evening and is a good opportunity to meet new people.

🍞 Facebook Page

You may have noticed that there has been more activity on the club Facebook page in recent weeks.

This can be a powerful marketing tool, so we are trying to use it more. It would be really appreciated if everyone could like the page. Want to help even further? Share an invite to all your friends. You never know who may be interested in Toastmasters!

Canterbury FB Group 🍞

Be sure to join the Toastmasters Canterbury Facebook group. This is a good way to find out about upcoming events or workshops within the city:



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1382784295384336>

🍞 International Fees

Our Toastmasters International fees are due on 30 September. These will be paid by the club treasurer

We can only renew members who are in good financial standing. If you receive a message about outstanding fees, please respond to it immediately!

Toastmasters make us prepay the fees up until 31 March 2020, so it is important that all members can commit to this length of time. If you are intending to leave in the near future, please tell Jayson or other committee members so that we do not incur unnecessary costs.

Remember, Toastmasters fees account for 70% of our club expenditure. For us to keep our monthly fee at \$20, we need to manage this expense carefully.



Toastmasters International HQ

Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests

On 20 August, Christchurch Toastmasters held their annual Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests!

Kate Brooks chaired the Humorous Speech Contest and warmed up the audience with a comical demonstration of different clapping techniques. Congratulations to Stephen Moore, who took home the trophy with his well crafted speech on roundabouts.

Brad Grootelaar chaired the Table Topics contest. The question was "Should we ban Plastic Packaging?" There were quite a few surprising answers and Scott Simpson claimed the trophy for this one.

The top two in each contest are now eligible to compete in the Area Contest.

A big thanks to everyone who competed or filled a role. Special acknowledgement must go to our three judges who visited from other clubs.

Humorous Speech

1st: Stephen Moore

2nd: Scott Simpson

3rd: Leonie Wilkinson

Table Topics

1st: Scott Simpson

2nd: Jayson Elliott

3rd: Stephen Moore



Educational - Values and Leadership

"It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are."

Roy Disney

Values affect the way leaders conduct business. Successful leaders recognize the importance of understanding their own values as well as those of their team and knowing how these values influence decisions and behavior.

WHAT ARE VALUES?

Values are a basic set of beliefs and ideas held by an individual or organisation. Values affect the way people conduct themselves, guiding their decisions, behavior, and world view. In leadership terms, values are not to be confused with morals or ethics. Rather, they define what an individual finds worthy of his or her time and attention. For example, the officers of one Toastmasters Club may value having many people join the club, regardless of these individuals' participation in educational activities. Alternatively, officers in another Toastmasters Club may value members' educational progress above collecting names for the membership roster.

DEMONSTRATE VALUES

Everything a leader says and does reveals his or her values and the sincerity with which he or she regards those values. Effective leaders can also demonstrate the values he or she embraces by:

- ▶ talking about them whenever possible
- ▶ explaining how his values affect the decisions he makes
- ▶ showing that he is proud of his values

Leaders also must understand the values of team members because team members' values may affect the success of the leader's endeavours.

Leaders can reinforce the focus on values by recognising and rewarding team members whose behaviors exemplify the appropriate values and recognize and correct team members' behavior that conflicts with the values. But the leader will only be successful if he or she is able to persuade team members to align their values with his or her own.

THE VALUES OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL:

- ▶ Integrity
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Service
- ▶ Excellence

THE MISSION OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL:

Empowering individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders

CONCLUSION

Successful leaders continually develop and adhere to a set of values that evolve from what they believe is important or relevant. They will earn the respect of the team by consistently acting in keeping with his or her values. They will also inspire their team to adopt his or her values. The leader's values will become a compass that will help him or her consistently make the right decisions in leading the organisation.



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toastmasters.org/resources/the-leadership-excellence-club-series-set

Club Details

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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.

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Speech Contests

The International Speech and Evaluations Contests are coming up soon. To help everyone prepare, here is some information about them:



International Speech Contest

This is the only contest that reaches the international level. The final winner is determined at the annual Toastmasters International Convention.

This consists of a 5 - 7 minute speech on any topic. Nearly any speech could be used, but the winner will ultimately be determined based on the structure, body language and how the message is delivered.

Anyone who speaks for less than **4:30** minutes or more than **7:30** minutes is disqualified.



Evaluation Contest

During the Evaluation Contest, participants demonstrate their active listening and critical thinking skills. This involves a 2 - 3 minute evaluation of a test speaker.

After the test speech is given, all contestants will be asked to leave the room and given five minutes to prepare their analysis. They will then be returned to the room one at a time to give their evaluation.

Anyone who speaks for less than **1:30** minute or more than **3:30** minutes is disqualified.

In addition to contestants, we will also need help with the following roles:

- ▶ **Timer x 2**
- ▶ **Tally Counter x 2**
- ▶ **Contest Chair x 2**
- ▶ **Sergeant at Arms**
- ▶ **Test Speaker**



Area Contests

Due to a recent clarification from further up the Toastmasters ladder, all Area Contests now need to be held after 01 November. The dates for our area contest have not yet been determined, but will most likely take place in November.

Remember, the club can send two contestants to each Area Contest.