



Carroll County Toastmasters

Letter from the President

Welcome to the Carroll County chapter of Toastmasters International. The mission of our organization is **to provide a mutually supportive learning environment for members to develop and practice effective communication and leadership skills.**

These skills foster self-confidence and personal growth. Our members learn a variety of valuable skills including speech writing, public speaking, constructive evaluation, meeting planning and leadership.

People generally join our organization because of a desire to increase confidence in their public speaking abilities. Our club provides a fostering environment to develop that confidence. New members develop their speaking skills, at their own pace, as they deliver a series of ten speeches focused on sharpening specific skills, including organization, gesturing, vocal variety and persuasive techniques. The group provides supportive, yet constructive feedback for every speech; stressing the speaker's positive achievements and areas that can be improved upon.

One of our club's greatest strengths is the diversity of our membership. We have people of all ages and varied occupations. Our members bring unique experiences and styles to the table which helps to keep our club engaging.

In addition to the public speaking/evaluation aspect of our club, we also have a leadership component. Members can volunteer for club officer roles that steer the direction and operations of our organization. Acting in these roles provides an opportunity to develop management and leadership skills that can be leveraged into professional careers.

Our club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the Carroll County Non-Profit Center at 255 Clifton Boulevard (near the Westminster Wal-Mart and Post Office). If our club sounds interesting to you, I would encourage you to stop by and observe one of our meetings. After that experience, you will be better able to evaluate if becoming a member would be personally beneficial to you. From that point, you are free to join or walk away.

Sincerely,

The President