



Liberty Village Toastmasters Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of the Liberty Village Toastmasters newsletter! This edition marks the **7th year anniversary** of the inception of our club. During this time, numerous members have come through our doors and gone on to become accomplished speakers and successful individuals.

Today Liberty Village Toastmasters continues to thrive with a roster of over 10 advanced speakers and by attracting dynamic new members to become one of the premier clubs in Toronto. This is because we all have a common goal – *the desire to achieve our potential*. You will not find a more dedicated, energetic, and supportive Toastmasters group anywhere else.



Toastmasters meeting, summer 2009

No matter what your life's objectives are, if you're serious about achieving your potential, this is the right place for you. Take a few minutes to read the rest of this inaugural newsletter to understand more about who we are and why you should join us. Enjoy the reading! - **Eric de Col, President**

About us

Liberty Village Toastmasters was founded in 2001 by a handful of ambitious people who went on to become successful in various fields. **Brian Robinson**, presently a professional motivational keynote speaker, was one of the founders of our club, together with **Naindra Dawn**, who is now a film and television actress.



Our summer "Mad Men" party

From the get-go, we positioned ourselves as a unique mix of professionals and kept attracting other professionals like you from various industries, all connected by the same goals: to become more confident in public speaking and to voice our ideas. This is why our club is one of the very few that was awarded the title of **Distinguished Toastmasters Club** for 7 years in a row by Toastmasters International.

At every meeting, we have a group of members who prepare speeches on a rotational basis on a wide variety of topics, from pop-culture diatribes about dating to a lesson on the importance of managing your online reputation.

After completing 10 speeches from the Competent Communication manual, you will get the title of Competent Communicator as awarded by Toastmasters International.

But this is just the beginning of your journey into the world of public speaking. At Toastmasters, there are 16 advanced manuals to help you move to the next level and develop very specific skills such as speaking to persuade, humorous speaking, storytelling, and interpretative speaking.

So what's so special about us?

Let's hear directly from our current members about why they joined our club:

➤ **Ram Krishna - Director of Business Operations, member since 2003**

"Starting at Mississauga, I have been a member of Toastmasters since 2003. When we moved to downtown Toronto in 2007, I had to search for a new club. I shortlisted quite a few but visited only three. I wanted to continue to enhance my speaking experience and also have some fun. Liberty Village Toastmasters provides both – it has a diverse membership sharing a variety of experiences and a nice blend of speaking styles. The club has also provided me with an opportunity for mentorship. And finally, I have acquired some really good friends! I have become addicted to Liberty Village Toastmasters – to me, Wednesday means Toastmasters!"

➤ **Ted Blanchard - Creative Professional, member since 2003**

"The incredible speeches, stories of dramatic victory, humorous calamity, and wild adventure would be enough to get me out to meetings, but there's so much more on the menu - friendships established and nurtured and friendships yet to be discovered, ideas to assimilate and ideas to share, all wrapped in a genuinely supportive environment—which is very rare in my experience. And mentoring, what a rich reward for experienced members. More so than I had any right to expect. And creating and presenting workshops is like chocolate icing on the cake for me. The literal and the symbolic. A wonderful allegory that is named Liberty Village Toastmasters. A case study unfolding."

➤ **Andreea Negoescu - Marketing Communications Specialist, member since 2009**

"I began my quest for improving my writing and speaking skills when I discovered Liberty Village Toastmasters. Ever since I joined the first meeting, I knew that this club will add great value to my career and my personal life. What I found fascinating about Liberty Village club is that the life span of the members is very long. What really engages us to stay is the fact that we have a solid mentorship culture. It feels like a small community, where we coach each other not only on our speaking assignments, but also on our personal and professional projects. The bonds between our members are amazing."

➤ **Ian Garmaise - Consultant, member since 2001**

"Liberty Village Toastmasters offers a stimulating learning environment which I never seem to get tired of. I joined the group to work on my basic communications skills, and I have stayed to keep the edge I've developed and to work on more advanced techniques."

Thinking about joining?

If you want to conquer your fear of public speaking, if you have the desire to become a more confident and articulated individual and have fun doing it, join us! Need a few more reasons to join?



Greeting 2 new members, Rita and Kevin

Liberty Village Toastmasters is also something of a social club. In addition to going for drinks after each meeting we hold various events throughout the year: BBQs, theme parties, and joint meetings with other clubs.

To find out more about us, visit our website at www.libertyvillagetoastmasters.com or visit us every **Wednesday at 6 pm** at the **Harbourfront Community Centre!**

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