

MENAI DISTRICT TOASTMASTERS CLUB



TOASTMASTER

Prior to the start of the meeting, arrange for a vacant chair to be available at one side of the speaking area, so that you are close to the lectern during the speaking session of your assignment as Toastmaster.

The primary duty of the Toastmaster is to introduce the various speakers for the evening. The Toastmaster should create an atmosphere of interest, expectation and receptivity, designed to give the speaker confidence and motivate the audience to listen.

The Toastmaster should do this in such a way that leaves the speaker and the audience feeling at ease. This will create a friendly atmosphere for the speaker, which will make it easier for the speaker to deliver his/her best performance.

This assignment is an exercise in showmanship and presentation.

When called upon by the Chairman, the Toastmaster should:

- Proceed to the lectern
- Thank the Chairman
- Address the meeting and briefly explain the nature of the program to be presented (ensure that the audience is comfortably seated).
- Explain the duties of the Toastmasters, Speakers, Master Evaluator, Speech Evaluators, Timer, Grammarian, Um / Ah Counter and Listener.

Each Menai Toastmasters meeting agenda will normally have four speakers, so the following procedure will apply for each speaker.

Introduce the speaker with a few friendly remarks (do not get carried away and overdue it as it may have an adverse effect on the speaker), which will put the speaker at ease and generate interest for his audience.

All prepared speeches will be from a Project speaking manual, the speaker profile should indicate project number, project manual.

Announce who is to evaluate the speech, and ask the evaluator to read out the objectives of the speaking project.

Indicate to the timer, the time limits of the speech. (If the Evaluator doesn't do it)

Announce the title or subject of the speech (clearly).

Pause, then repeat the title or the subject of the speech.

Introduce the speaker by name again (clearly).

Lead the applause, and remain at the lectern until the speaker has taken his/her place (never leave the lectern unattended).

Retreat to one side, making sure that you don't walk between the speaker and the audience, and sit in the chair which you previously arranged, so that you are close at hand for when the speaker finishes (never leave the lectern unattended).

When the speech is finished, lead the applause, thank the speaker and express a few words of appreciation.

Introduce the next speaker in the same way as for the first speaker.

Try to give continuity to the program by connecting the previous speaker with the following speaker, with a few appropriate comments.

At the conclusion of the speaking program, invite the Master Evaluator to the lectern to conduct his/her evaluations and the evaluation session.

The Master Evaluator will also invite the members assigned to the following tasks:- Grammarian, Listener, Timer, Um / Ah Counter to conduct their respective sessions.

When the evaluation session has been completed, the Master Evaluator will hand back to the Toastmaster, then thank the Master Evaluator for the contribution that he/she and the evaluating team has made to the meeting and provide any points for improvement, if necessary.

Toastmaster should ask the Sergeant at Arms to collect and count the voting slips, if not already done.

Prior to the conclusion of the Toastmaster role, request the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) to collect and tally the voting slips for the various awards, then with the assistance of the SAA, nominate the winners and present the awards;

- Best or Most improved Table Topic Answer
- Best or Most improved Speech
- Best or Most improved Evaluation
- Best or Most improved Major Assignment

Following the presentation of these awards. Inform the Chairman that the formal section of the program is now completed. Return control of the meeting to the Chairman.

NOTE...

The success of your assignment as Toastmaster for the evening depends upon your preparation.

1. Ensure that the speakers have completed their 'Speaker Profile' forms correctly, Project number;
2. Project manual;
3. Speech Title;
4. The Evaluator's name.
5. Time limits of each speech (and how long each speaker intends to speak).
6. Points of interest about each speaker to use in your introductions.

Also, read the notes in your Communication and Leadership manual about the role of Toastmaster.

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