

Bay Street Breakfast Club

Wednesday,

Anatomy of a Toastmasters Meeting

1924

The year Toastmasters was founded by Dr. Ralph Smedley in California

The first unofficial Toastmaster meeting was held in Bloomington, Illinois

1932

The year Toastmasters International was incorporated as a California non-profit organization

143

Members

1905

The Toastmasters Vision:

Toastmasters International empowers people to achieve their full potential and realize their dreams. Through our member clubs, people throughout the world can improve their communication and leadership skills, and find the courage to change.

1973

Toastmasters International begins officially admitting women

1985

Helen Bouchard, the first unofficial female member (enrolled as Homer Bouchard in 1970) becomes the Toastmasters first female international president

Typical Meeting Roles:

*Toastmaster:* conducts the meeting in an efficient manner

*Table Topics Master:* chooses topics and runs Table Topics session

*General Evaluator:* evaluate the meeting and run the evaluation session

*Speech Evaluator:* assigned to give feedback to a speaker

*Timer:* times each speaking segment; advises using coloured cards

*Grammarian:* presents word-of-the-day to expand our vocabulary

*Ah Counter:* counts the use of filler words, like ‘um’ and ‘ah’

*Quiz Master:* tests listening by asking questions from meeting segments

SPEECHES

Members work from speech manuals to prepare and present speeches in a friendly, low stakes environment. The speech projects present opportunities to practice specific speaking skills

TABLE TOPICS

An opportunity for multiple people to practice impromptu speaking skills. Learning to speak well off the cuff has an almost immediate impact for most members. Guests are welcome to participate.

EVALUATIONS

Each prepared speech has an assigned speech evaluator or coach who provides gentle yet effective feedback. The General Evaluator provides feedback on the w

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**Toastmasters around the world:**

280,000

145

13,500

clubs

countries