



Area 3

RRTM Mission

The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop their communication and

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Area 3 Governor: Pete Setcoski, ACG, ALB

Toastmasters Equinox

It doesn't run on four wheels, but it is a celestial occurrence! Chevrolet built an SUV called the Equinox, and scientists refer to March 21st and September 23rd as an equinox. More traditionally known as the first days of spring and autumn, the equinox occurs when the sun is directly over the equator. The result is the length of day and night (becoming) equal. You might say earth's solar system is in balance.

What is a Toastmaster Equinox? It is a balanced Toastmaster – but it should happen more than twice a year! Just as nature constantly changes, and as someone said, “The only thing you can count on is change,” our lives change constantly.

Case in point. On February 27th I started a new job, with new hours, and another major change: travel. I really needed this job for numerous reasons, but it forced some other changes. One of the biggies is that I cannot renew my membership with two of the clubs of which I am a member. **Oh my gosh! My Toastmaster world just ended!** Or did it? Not really. I am still able to retain my membership and attend the third club. What would have happened if I couldn't attend that club? I looked online to see how many clubs in Indianapolis meet at noon, since I will still be sleeping during the 10 breakfast clubs. I have 28 from which to pick! I guess my world has not come to an end as I feared!

But what about the major change: travel? Now I know that my world has changed. Actually, if you check on www.toastmasters.org, you can find a club in every state and around the world (many of which speak English!). This is actually exciting. As I visit other clubs and see how they do things, I will get all kinds of great ideas to bring back to my club!

Case in point. Last year, I led Northwest 30 through “Moments of Truth.” (Every club should do this yearly – never less than every two years.) Just one of the great ideas came from Tom McClelland. Tom travels around the U.S. and brought back the idea of the “Mystery Greeter.” This is someone appointed by the Toastmaster to report who did and who did not shake his or her hand. This has made us alert to being great hosts and hostesses!

Besides, when I am in the hotel waiting for work to start, what is a better way to occupy my time than make new friends? Toastmasters is a place where I can go and always find people with whom I have something in common!

Zig Ziglar says, “People find time to do what they find important.” Don't let your life become so busy and preoccupied with other things that you squeeze Toastmasters out of it!

Everyday is a TOASTMASTERS' EQUINOX!

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Awards & Club News

Congratulations Chris Capers, 1st place winner in Area 3 International speech contest. Chris met stiff competition from Michael Wock, Westlake; Ronnie Nelson, Innovators; Matt Bien, Twin Bridges; and Joe Giaconia, Northwest 30.

1st place: Chris Capers (Rolls-Royce), "Are You Living His Dream?"

2nd place: Matt Bien (Twin Bridges), "In a Moment"

3rd place Michael Wock (Westlake), "Who Are You?"

Area-District News

March: Talk up Toastmasters. Each club is challenged to acquire 5 new members during this time.

Area clubs renumbering system:

Divisions and Areas in our district will acquire 2-digit number. Here is how the renumbering works.

Division A: 1_; Each division may have up to 6 Areas: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6;

Results: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Division B: 2_; Results: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Division C: 3_; Results: 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Division E: 5_; Results: 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Division F: 6_; Results: 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66

Division G: 7_; Results: 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76

Division H: 8_; Results: 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86

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Events

Division C International Speech contest:

Date: Saturday 22 March 2008
Time: 9:00 am
Location: State Auto
19th St & Pennsylvania Ave
Indianapolis, IN

Please show Chris Capers your support and attend the Division C Speech contest.

District 11 Spring Conference:

Date: Friday & Saturday, April 18 -19
Location: Seasons Lodge
Nashville, IN

For more information, please go to <http://www.tmdist11.org>

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Reflection Corner

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We take up challenges everyday. We are challenged to design better products, improve our salesmanship, and improve methodologies. In Toastmasters we also take up the challenge. This year's theme, "*curing cold feet*," has helped members improve the many skills necessary as Toastmasters. I want to present you a new challenge, one that will take effort, concentration, and PRACTICE. Are you up for it? Can you do it? I know that you can! I know that each and every effort in this new challenge will help improve communication skills beyond your wildest imagination.

I challenge you to improve your enunciation and diction! One may deliver an outstanding performance and a message that will touch the human heart. Without good enunciation and diction, however, the message is lost! I challenge you in your clubs, in your contests, in your table topics, in your delivered speeches and evaluations, in your Toastmaster, in your greeting one another to speak clearly and distinctly. I encourage you even to evaluate on diction and enunciation.

Toastmasters focus on use of gestures, facial expressions, eye contact, body language, use of stage and notes, volume, pitch, modulation, pace, and even pauses; we focus on message, content, transitions. Now is the time to include diction and enunciation. Don't stop with the message: Continue with the delivery of that message.

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Clubs

- Innovators: Don Beeler, VPE (dbeeler1@aol.com)
Open club. *Covington West*, 230 Welcome Way Blvd., West Drive, Indianapolis.
Meeting: 1st and 3rd Mondays: 6:15 pm
- Northwest 30: Alan Shaner, Pres (ashaner1@sbcglobal.net)
Sandy Vanover, VPE (sanvan1@sbcglobal.net)
Open club. *Grindstone Charley's*, 5822 Crawfordsville Rd., Indianapolis.
Meeting: Tues, 6:30 pm
- Rolls-Royce: Rob Burtz, Pres (robert.a.burtz@rolls-royce.com)
Chris Capers, VPE (Christopher.m.capers@rolls-royce.com)
Eligibility required. *Rolls-Royce*, 2355 S. Tibbs Ave., Indianapolis.
Meeting: Thurs, 11:00 am
- Twin Bridges: Matt Bien, Pres (mbien@citizens-banking.com)
Chris Scheeren, VPE (ChrisScheeren@yahoo.com)
Open club. *Cummins Mental Health*, 6655 E. US 36, Avon
Meeting: Monday, 6:15 pm
- Westlake: Ronnie Nelson, Pres (Ronnie.n.ty@gmail.com)
Alex Van den Hoven, VPE (svandenhoven5321@yahoo.com)
Open club. *Westlake Church*, 612 N. High School Rd., Indianapolis
Meeting: Thurs, 6:30 pm

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