

Suggestions For Judges:

Attached is a listing of Toastmasters Clubs in Tallahassee. Members from these groups would be excellent resource persons or judges for classroom or school contests.

The following is a brief explanation of Toastmasters International:

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership. The first Toastmasters club was established on October 22, 1924, in Santa Ana, California, by Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, who conceived and developed the idea of helping others to speak more effectively. More clubs were formed, and Toastmasters International was incorporated under California law on December 19, 1932.

Toastmasters International's business and services are administered by its World Headquarters, located in Rancho Santa Margarita, California. It employs no paid promoters or instructors. It has no salaried staff except the Executive Director and World Headquarters staff, who provide services to the clubs and Districts.

How Toastmasters Works

At Toastmasters, members learn by speaking to groups and working with others in a supportive environment. A typical Toastmasters club is made up of 20 to 30 people who meet once a week for about an hour. Each meeting gives everyone an opportunity to practice:

- * Conducting meetings. Meetings usually begin with a short business session which helps members learn basic meeting procedures.
- * Giving impromptu speeches. Members present one-to two-minute impromptu speeches on assigned topics.
- * Presenting prepared speeches. Three or more members present speeches based on projects from the Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Program manuals. Projects cover such topics as speech organization, voice, language, gestures, and persuasion.
- * Offering constructive evaluation. Every prepared speaker is assigned an evaluator who points out speech strengths and offers suggestions for improvement.

Community Benefits

Toastmasters has helped many members in their community service activities. Using the speaking and leadership skills developed in Toastmasters, people have become more active in business, churches, and service and charity organizations. Toastmasters members are able to organize activities, conduct meetings, and speak in public as their organization's representative. Some even become active in local, state or national government.

For more information on Toastmasters go to: <http://www.toastmasters.org>

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Toastmasters Clubs in Tallahassee

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Basic Stars	(850) 878-0085
Capital City	(850) 228-8428
DFS	(850) 413-4183
Early Bird	(850) 893-3604
FDLE	(850) 410-8741
Fort Knox	(850) 413-9069
Garnet & Gold	(850) 645-6257
Havana	(850) 539-3379
Highway Safety	(850) 656-7758
Leadership	(850) 922-0392
Night Owls	(850) 245-2658
Northside	(850) 942-4363
Professionally Speaking	(850) 942-4363
Seminole	(850) 644-7194
Southwood	(850) 345-1336
Stately Speaking	(850) 245-8733
Tallahassee	(850) 414-4343
Tallahassee Real Talkers	(850) 321-4666
Uptown	(850) 891-8680

To get more information about these clubs, go to the website (<http://www.toastmasters.org>) and click on the following links: Find a club near you, United States, Florida, Tallahassee.