

Nashua-Hudson Toastmasters Club #2440, District 45

Meeting Information:

The Nashua-Hudson Toastmasters Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at the Nashua Public Library, 6:30 -8:30 PM. Visitors welcome!

For more information contact Don at 883-9757, Mike at 889-8152, or visit www.n-htm.org.

The Toastmaster's Mission

The mission of a Toastmaster's club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

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Congratulations & Celebrations

The Nashua-Hudson Toastmasters Club enjoyed an evening of fun and information at their annual Holiday celebration on Dec 20th.

After an entertaining social hour and buffet dinner, Toastmaster of the Evening, Don Winn, conducted an abbreviated meeting which included speeches by Oliver McMahan, Greg Kivenczor, Richard

Berman, and a surprise roast of the Toastmaster by Norman Katz (AND he got credit for the roast - it was one of his manual speeches!) Allison Anneser conducted a Yankee Swap Table Topics session without too much fighting over gifts.

Special congratulations go out to Oliver who gave his 10th speech that evening to achieve his ATM - Bronze and to

Richard who also gave his 10th speech from the Communication manual completing his CTM.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Richard who made the arrangements for use of the clubhouse and to Don and Maureen Winn who made all the food preparations.

*(See photos from the party on page 3.)

Special Educational Meeting Jan 31st by Ron Legere

The Nashua Hudson Toastmasters Club is presenting a special educational meeting on the last Wednesday of this month, January 31st. At this meeting, experienced members of the club will present five programs to help us improve our public speaking and our club.

Norman Katz, club treasurer, will be helping us improve our evaluations with "Evaluate to Motivate". Norman will also give a program on impromptu speaking for all those

situations when we are asked to speak at a moments notice, including table topics!

Don Winn, club president, will be sharing tips to improve our club with a program entitled "Create the Best Club Climate". Since an important part of Toastmasters is recognition, Mike Truesdell, Sergeant at Arms, will be reviewing the structure of the Toastmasters educational program including the requirements for the

various awards in the communication and leadership tracks.

And, finally, we will learn how to get ready to give a speech, including selecting a topic and practicing, from Art Andrew (Mentor Coordinator) when he presents his program "Prepare for a Speech". With five great programs planned, you don't want to miss this rare opportunity to learn to be a better speaker and club member from our own experienced toastmasters.

Club Officers

Don Winn, President

Ron Legere, VP- Education

vacant, VP- Membership

Allison Anneser, VP- Public Relations

Kevin Poniatowski, Secretary

Norman Katz, Treasurer

Mike Truesdell, Sergeant at Arms

Newsletter Feedback:

It has been almost a year that this newsletter has been published and we are looking for feedback. What do you like? What's missing? Please share your thoughts, ideas, and even your articles. We'd love to have more of YOU in HERE! Contact Allison Anneser 465-3403 or allisonanneser@charter.net

Check out the World Wide TOASTMASTERS Web:

Our club's site: www.n-htm.org

The District 45 site: www.toastmasters45.com

The TM International site: www.toastmasters.org

****Get credit for all your hard work filling club roles! Bring your Leadership Manual to meetings and have another club member evaluate the project that corresponds to your role that evening.**

Ladies & Gentleman, Start Your Speeches

The International Speech and Table Topics Contest is right around the corner. So start polishing those speeches! To participate, members must have completed 6 manuals speeches. (If you would like to compete but need more speaking opportunities, talk with one of the officers about scheduling. There's still time!)

We will be holding our club competitions in early

March. The winners from our club will then compete at the Area 7 contest. These winners then continue on up through the Toastmaster levels all the way to the International Speech Contest held at the Annual Convention in Washington, DC this summer.

This is a great opportunity to improve your speaking skills as well as receive credit for another manual

speech. So if you have been thinking about a speech that could be contest material – give it a try. Who knows, we may all be watching you this summer at the Annual Convention competing for the title of World Champion of Public Speaking. (For a great look at one of the past winners, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFzzjVIY-c&mode=related&search=>

That could be you!

Academic Decathlon by Norman Katz

The New Hampshire Academic Decathlon, a high school scholastic competition, will be held on March 10th in Manchester. Each year the Association seeks Toastmasters to volunteer to assist in judging the students speeches and interviews. Training is provided before the judging takes place and the judging is usually completed by noon on that Saturday. Please consider putting some time aside for this rewarding experience.

The Academic Decathlon is a ten event competition, for which local high schools put together a team of nine students (3- "A", 3- "B", and 3- "C" students). The competitors study a given subject: this year it is "China and Its Influence on the World".

In addition to taking written tests in 6 core subjects, the students have to write an essay, undergo a judged interview, give a prepared speech, and speak extemporaneously

on a subject that they are given at the time of the competition.

All too often our youth are looked upon with disdain because of a few bad apples. Here is an opportunity to witness how impressive our youngsters really are. Almost every Toastmaster who has judged in the past has been exhilarated and felt that their time was well spent. Please consider volunteering and contact Norman Katz for further information.

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new members Steve Isola and Jiansong Wu.

We are thrilled that many of these new members already decided to take on roles

in the club. You're off to a great start!

We look forward to providing opportunities for learning and growth and supporting you in your communication and leadership goals. Let us know if you need

anything.

We are glad you decided to become part of the Nashua-Hudson Toastmasters Club.

Holiday Party Pictures



Dawn Richards, Margaret Rodonis, and her guest look festive for the party.



Chrissy Carew, Steve Dookran, and Cornelia Eschborn enjoy the social hour.



Richard Berman receives his Competent Toastmaster (CTM) badge from club president, Don Winn.



Art Andrew receives his Advanced Toastmaster (ATM)-Silver badge from Don Winn.



Norman Katz gives a surprise roast of club president, Don Winn. How long have you had those pants, Don?



The much-desired Yankee Swap plates have disappeared...and Sharon Katz is looking taller. Hmmm.



Become the leader and speaker you want to be.

Evaluate to Motivate

One of the key roles at Toastmasters is that of evaluator. By providing feedback to a speaker, you have an opportunity to influence their growth and confidence.

We are fortunate to have Norman Katz, one of our

most experienced members, speaking on the topic "Evaluate to Motivate" at the Educational meeting on Jan. 31st. We hope you can attend.

By improving our evaluation skills, we not

only help our fellow members, but we also improve our own communication skills and provide a service to the club. If you have given three or more speeches, consider filling the role of evaluator.

About Toastmasters

Toastmasters International is the world's leading non-profit organization devoted to the improvement of individual communication and leadership skills.

Since 1924, Toastmasters

International has helped millions of men and women become for confident in front of an audience. With over 200,000 members in 10,000 clubs in 80 countries, this learn-by-doing program can help you become a

better speaker and leader.

Don't delay! Become the speaker and leader you want to be. For more information, visit, www.toastmasters.org.

Speech Jam on Sat., Feb 17th at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts in Milford, NH from 1 -5 pm. Speakers and Evalautors welcome (\$10 registration fee – entrance to the event is free.) For more information contact Prill McGan at 603-673-8444 or Prill@McGanAssociates.com.

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