



## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Once you have become familiar with both the Toastmasters communication and leadership tracks, you are qualified to share what you know and become a volunteer.

Volunteering for Toastmasters is one of the most rewarding ways to challenge yourself after accomplishing your personal Toastmaster goals. As a volunteer, you may also discover new goals.

What do you have to do to become a Volunteer?

- Share What You Know
- Offer Support
- Encourage Others
- Provide Guidance
- Be Available

If you are interested in becoming a Club Mentor, Club Sponsor, or a Club Coach for a new or struggling club in District 56, contact the Lt. Governor of Marketing at [lgm@toastmasters-d56.org](mailto:lgm@toastmasters-d56.org).



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## SHARING THE TOASTMASTER EXPERIENCE



### Becoming a Club Mentor, Club Sponsor, or Club Coach For District 56



Top Three Officers of District 56: District Governor, Pamela McCown, DTM (top); Lt. Gov. Marketing, Eddie Merla, DTM; and Lt. Gov. Education & Training, Cynthia St. Dennis, DTM.

## THE MISSION OF THE DISTRICT

*The mission of the District is to enhance the performance and extend the networks of Clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program.*

## THE MISSION CHALLENGE

Being a Toastmaster can mean more than simply making a commitment to self-development. Everyone who joins a Toastmasters Club makes a commitment to the Club, to its members, and to the organization as a whole.

Step up to the challenge of the Mission of the District – share your communication and leadership experiences with new and fellow Toastmasters.

## BECOME A CLUB COACH

A Club Coach is an experienced Toastmaster who is asked to help a struggling club that has twelve (12) or fewer members.

Such an experienced Toastmaster is able to bring new viewpoints and perspectives from the outside to assist the club as it works toward rebuilding its membership.

The Club Coach promises to work with his assigned club to the end of the current club year if the club reaches distinguished status or better, or the end of the subsequent club year if Distinguished Club Status or better is not reached in the first year.

Club coaches will receive a pin upon assignment and can earn credit toward their Advanced Leader Silver upon successful completion of their duties.



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## THE TOASTMASTER EXPERIENCE

From the moment a new Toastmaster member begins attending club meetings and presenting manual speeches, he begins to gain invaluable experience as a communicator.



The new Toastmasters' communication skills improve as a result of feedback from fellow club members and mentors. Likewise, the new Toastmaster begins to take on leadership skills as he expands his participation in club meetings.

Many of the resources available to assist a Toastmaster with his growing skills are available directly from Toastmasters International. However, manuals and printed material are not the only tools of support a Toastmaster has to rely upon.

The most valuable asset any Toastmaster can rely upon is his fellow Toastmasters.



## BE A CLUB MENTOR

The Club Mentor serves as a guide for a new club by attending meetings of the club beginning with the demo meeting. He then remains a part of the new club for six months after the charter date.

The duties of the Club Mentor include:

- Assisting with the meeting agenda
- Providing a template for the agenda
- Encouraging members to sign-up for the next meeting agenda
- Mentoring club members through speech projects
- Motivating and advising club officers
- Reminding club officers about training requirements and critical club deadlines
- Discussing goals of the Distinguished Club Plan and recognizing members who achieve success towards club goals.

After six months, Toastmasters International will mail each Club Mentor a letter to be signed by the Club President certifying that the Club Mentor has successfully completed all Club Mentor requirements.

The Club Mentor then returns the form to Toastmasters International to receive credit as a Club Mentor towards the Advanced Leader Silver (ALS) award.



## BE A CLUB SPONSOR

The Club Sponsor is responsible for meeting with the potential club founding members before the club charters.

At meetings with the core group, the Club Sponsor discusses requirements for forming a club, potential club officers, advertising to promote interest, and then sets up the demo meeting once 20 or more interested parties are identified.

The Club Sponsor ensures the Application for Charter Membership form is completed and club dues are collected. He sets up the demo meeting and makes sure all the charter paperwork is handed over to the Lt. Governor of Marketing.

The Sponsor duties are complete once the charter papers are submitted; however the Sponsor may want to assist with meetings as needed.

Once the charter papers are received at Toastmasters International (TI), the club is assigned a new number at which time TI will mail a letter to the Sponsor to be signed by the new Club President. The Sponsor must return the signed letter to TI to receive credit as a Club Sponsor for the Advanced Leader Silver Award.