



TOASTMASTERS

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## The Voice

*District 83 Newsletter*

Toastmasters—Achieving Greatness Together  
Dedication, Determination and Desire

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**The Voice** is dedicated to inspiring Toastmasters in District 83 to achieve their goals. Let **The Voice** be *your voice* by sending in your success stories—the way that Toastmasters has helped you either personally or professionally. Everyone has a story to share and your experiences can help others find *their voice*. Please send your submissions to Joanne Callahan, your District 83 Newsletter Editor, at [greenbriar206@yahoo.com](mailto:greenbriar206@yahoo.com). Photos are welcomed!

This issue of *The Voice* is dedicated to the new clubs that have joined District 83 over the past several months. It is encouraging to see clubs being chartered as it brings renewed spirit and enthusiasm into our lives. It is always good to occasionally remind ourselves why we joined Toastmasters, and that is because we want to become better speakers, listeners, communicators and leaders. Without Toastmasters we would be struggling along on our own, without knowing that help was just a meeting away. Many of us would not have achieved our personal or professional goals without the courage and strength that Toastmasters has given us. We are no longer afraid to speak up, to challenge others, to think outside the proverbial box. We are leaders, mentors, and friends. We volunteer to speak at venues where we once sat back and listened. We volunteer our time and our knowledge. We show compassion and provide strength and encouragement to those who are just starting out. When you speak at a Toastmasters meeting, you are never alone. If you make a mistake, many others have made the same one before you. If you are nervous and scared, you are just one in a long line of those who have worked through those emotions and emerged victorious. After you have given a great speech, you will have the satisfaction of looking back and being thankful that you belong to this club.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our newcomers. May their dedication and commitment ensure their success in the future.

## *The Voice Welcomes New Clubs To Our District*

### **Journal Square Toastmasters Club Jersey City, NJ Club #1570323, Area #15 Chartered December 7, 2010**

Journal Square Toastmasters is a closed club that was started for the employees of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., a leading global provider of technology-based outsourcing solutions to the financial industry. Since Broadridge has Toastmasters Clubs chartered in both Canada and India, this prompted Cathy Napolitano and Dolly Lakhant to consider starting a Toastmasters Club in the Jersey City location. As Toastmasters focus on teaching public speaking, leadership and communication skills, and helps foster self-confidence, they felt this knowledge was something they wanted to offer their associates.

They considered the importance of communication to Broadridge's desired goal of continued World Class Service, and the fact that English is not the first language for the majority of its associates. A Toastmasters Club in Journal Square could be deemed as "continuing education", and prove to be a truly "value added" program.

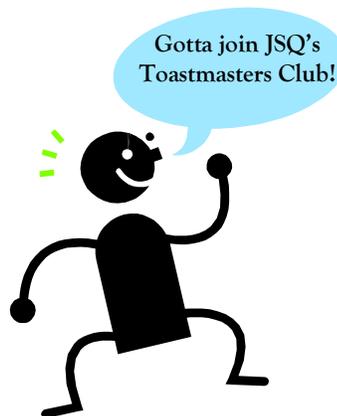
In order to achieve the minimum number of members to become chartered, two Toastmasters informational sessions were held on site and invitations were extended to all employees at the Journal Square location. Cathy Napolitano and Dolly Lakhani spearheaded this effort and are the founding members of the club, which currently has 33 members.

The charter members supplied the initial funding for the club, and also garnered financial support from SPS President, Charlie Marchesani. Several high potential associates became members at the request of their managers, and participation in Toastmasters is part of their development plan and is tied to their annual bonus. Managers have also attended as guests to listen to their speeches.

Following are the current officers of Journal Square Toastmasters:

**President: Dolly Lakhani**  
**VP of Education: - Maria Nieves and Nishant Tulsian**  
**VP Membership: Cathy Napolitano and Sophia Gittens-Jordan**  
**VP Public Relations: Deshawn Edwards**  
**Secretary: Barbara Radix**  
**Treasurer: Sam Stover**  
**Sergeant at Arms: Moses Matias**

Meetings are held in the Broadridge Building conference room on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.



**Bay Speak Toastmasters  
Club #1535655, Area #51  
Wayne, NJ  
Chartered August 30, 2010**

This closed Toastmasters Club was formed through a Women's Leadership Initiative within Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Bayer HealthCare's aim is to discover and manufacture innovative products that will improve human and animal health worldwide. The club originally had 20 charter members but membership has since grown to 30.

The current officers are:

**Tint-Tint Yap - President  
Christine Lewis - Co-Chair President  
Fred Hooley - VP Education  
Pooja Merchant - Co-Chair VP Education  
Sharon Brown - VP Membership  
Michele Shaeffer - VP Public Relations  
Jama Rothschild - Treasurer  
Kenneth Austin - Co-Chair Treasurer  
Norma Aragon - Secretary  
Jessica Cates - Sergeant of Arms**

Bay Speak Toastmasters meet every Wednesday at noon, alternating between their Wayne and Montville locations. The vision of the club is to provide members with the opportunity to improve their presentation, public speaking, and leadership skills. Meetings provide a chance for everyone to be involved, whether it is as a speaker, evaluator, grammarian or some other important role.



**Let's start a  
Toastmasters Club!**



**What a great idea!**

**Toasting on the Farm  
Club #1449592, Area 23  
Madison, NJ  
Chartered October 1, 2010**

Toasting on the Farm is a closed club within Maersk, Inc., one of the largest shipping companies in the world. Maersk is located at Giralda Farms which is how the name Toasting on the Farm was chosen. The original founding members are Lisa Roach, Tina Boetius, and Timothy Grubb, with Theresa Yarosh joining the club prior to it being chartered. There are currently 20 members and the officers are:

**Theresa J. Yarosh, Interim President  
Tina Boetius - VP of Education  
Tricia Murphy - VP of Membership  
Mark Byrne - VP of Public Relations  
Timothy Grubb - Treasurer and Secretary  
Damien Miller - Sgt at Arms**

The club meets at 11:30 on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

This is an energetic and enthusiastic group of people and their mission is achieve Distinguished Club status by the end of the Toastmasters year, June 30th, 2011.



# ASK TOASTIE



Dear Toastie:

Our club has an unusual problem. Do to an increase in advertising, we have been attracting more and more guests at each meeting. The problem is that they remain guests and hesitate to join our club. What can we do to encourage our guests to take the plunge?

Concerned Toastmaster

*Dear Concerned:*

*Commitment shy guests need to be educated about the benefits of joining Toastmasters. The VP of Education may want to take a few minutes before the end of each meeting to go over the benefits of a Toastmaster membership, focusing on the positive aspects of increased communication skills. Once guests realize that membership will help them in their personal as well as professional lives, they may be more willing to join. Also, if your club has a mentoring program, explain that a mentor will be assigned to all new members to help guide them through their icebreaker speech and beyond.*

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*Do you have a question for Toastie? Send inquiries to the editor at [greenbriar206@yahoo.com](mailto:greenbriar206@yahoo.com) and your question will ne published in an upcoming newsletter. All submissions are anonymous and your name or your club's name will never be divulged.*



## We Need Your Input!



Do you have a photo of a recent Toastmasters event or meeting? Will your club be celebrating an important milestone? Your District wants to know!

Please send me pictures and articles for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. You don't have to be a literary genius or a professional photographer. Just a Toastmaster willing to share with the rest of us what your club already knows – and that is just how special you are!

Please send your submissions to your editor, Joanne Callahan, at [greenbriar206@yahoo.com](mailto:greenbriar206@yahoo.com)

