

The Wordmaster

Role/Function:

Help members expand their vocabulary by introducing a new word, which is to be used by all speakers during the course of the meeting. Note: Choosing a word that somehow relates to the theme of the evening may increase the chance that individuals will be able to use the word.

Key Responsibilities:

- Introduce the "Word of the Evening".
- Define the word - its part of speech (noun, verb, etc.), its meaning and its use.
- Provide an example of how the word may be used in a sentence.
- If at all possible, display posters with the word and definition on it that is readable from some distance.
- Listen attentively and note the names of those speakers who fail to use the word during their speech or presentation.

Penalty:

A penalty of 5 cents will be charged to those speakers failing to incorporate the "Word of the Evening" into their presentations. Guests are exempt.

The Grammarian

Role/Function:

Listen for and comment on the use of the English language.

Key Responsibilities:

Listen for the inappropriate and correct use of language as well as the creative and interesting ways in which individuals express themselves.

Listen for and make note of:

- Word choice and usage
- Grammar
- Sentence structure
- Interesting and descriptive language

Feedback:

Provide suggestions on the appropriate and correct use of language. Offer ideas or recommendations on how to re-state a particular thought or phrase. Be sensitive to the time; meetings should adjourn by 8:30. If pressed for time, be selective in what you include in your functionary report and try to limit your report to 2-3 minutes.

The Jokemaster

Role/Function:

- Help close the meeting with a bit of humor and entertainment.
- Practice storytelling skills and/or the ability to effectively use humor in a group environment.
- Recite a joke that is appropriate to the Toastmasters audience.
- Add a touch of levity to the evening and "leave them with a smile!"

The Word of Wisdom

Role/Function:

Help close the meeting on a positive note by leaving members and guests with a thought, idea, or "pearl of wisdom" to think about. You are welcome to explain the personal significance of the material and/or to relate it to the theme of the meeting.

Key Responsibilities:

Recite a quote, proverb, saying or thought that has personal meaning, is relevant to the Toastmasters meeting, and has inspired you in some way.