

Taking Advantage of Toastmasters

- **“YOU ARE IN A NO LOSE SITUATION”**
- Use the manual Effectively – do speeches in order, read the projects closely
- Practice matters.
 - It’s how you get better
 - It will make speaking in front of others easier – even fun!
- “Do your best” – Cub Scout Motto
 - Give it 100%. As long as you are spending the time DO IT!
 - Don’t just get by. “Do or do not. There is no try.” – Yoda
- Prepare for each role – no matter how small. It is an opportunity to organize your thoughts and to practice speaking in front of others
- Participate Fully “Life is either a daring adventure or nothing” – Helen Keller
 - Show up for meetings. “Eighty percent of success is showing up.” - Woody Allen
 - Volunteer when substitutes are needed
 - If you are not performing a function tell the table topics master
 - Be an Officer. Sgt Arms is a great opportunity for speaking.
 - Outside the club
- Listen, watch, observe, Learn. “To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.” — Marilyn Vos Savant
 - How do other people do it?
 - What do you like about how other people do it?
 - What do you NOT like about how other people do it?
 - View videos of your speeches
 - Create your own style
 - “There are no mistakes, only lessons.” – Cherie Carter Scott
- Use your mentor. Use the other members. Use the club. Ask Questions.
- Other benefits
 - Leadership
 - Meet people from all walks of life
 - Learn a lot from the speeches
- Make it fun! “Whether you think you can or can't you're right” – Henry Ford
- This is not an exhaustive list. What else can you think of?
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