

Thanks for Visiting Boston Toastmasters!



ABOUT TOASTMASTERS:

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit, educational organization founded in 1924 to help people become stronger speakers and better leaders. The program is self-paced and supportive. Toastmasters provides instructional manuals that members use to write and deliver speeches or to help run their clubs. There are over 13,000 Toastmasters clubs in the world, and each operates as a chapter of the larger Toastmasters International. Boston Toastmasters is one of these clubs, and we are happy you chose to visit us!

ABOUT US:

One of the largest Toastmasters International chapters in the US!

Around 80 club members. Usually about 40 people attend any meeting

Many young professionals—but all ages and backgrounds. Non-native English speakers welcome!

**FIND US at BU's Sargent College at:
635 Commonwealth Ave. @ 6:00 pm, every Tuesday.*
<http://www.BostonToastmasters.org/directions>**

Convenient weekly, evening meetings. Come late if you need. We typically finish around 8:00.

ELEMENTS OF A TYPICAL MEETING:

1. **1. OPENING** by **Toastmaster** (the emcee for the night). Any member can act as Toastmaster. The Toastmaster will introduce the speakers and the other administrative roles.
*Look out for the **Timer**. During a speech, the Timer will show a green card to indicate that the minimum speech length is reached. A yellow card indicates that the speaker is nearly out of time, and a red card shows that the speaker has exceeded his or her speaking time.*
2. **2. MEMBER SPEECHES** The largest portion of our meeting. Members must create and deliver 10 speeches of increasing complexity to complete their Competent Communicator manual. Non-members can observe, but not give, formal speeches.
3. **3. EVALUATIONS** Each speech-giver is assigned another member to act as **Evaluator**. The Evaluator makes notes on the speech and delivers a 2-3 minute oral evaluation at this time.
4. **4. REPORTS FROM AH-COUNTER AND TIMER**
*At the end of this, the **Ah-Counter** delivers a report on speakers' verbal pauses (ahs, ums, etc.). Here, the **Timer** will also report on everyone's exact speech length. Some meetings include feedback from a **Grammarian** and a **General Evaluator***
5. **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS** (if any)
6. **6. TABLE TOPICS** Impromptu 1-2 minute speeches. The moderator is called the **Topicsmaster** and provides prompts to speak on. The Topicsmaster can select anyone in the audience (even you!) to speak. This is your opportunity to speak in front of the group for a couple of minutes. If you don't have anything to say, just move into a topic you prefer. Your goal is to quickly compose your thoughts into a speech. Try to keep speaking for a full minute if you can.
7. **7. CLOSING** of the meeting by **President**.

POST-TOAST!

If you like, why not join a few of our members for drinks and snacks at Cornwall's in Kenmore Square after the meeting? Get to know some of the folks in our club in an even more relaxed environment.

WHY JOIN? WHAT DO I GET?

- **Two books** to help you develop speaking and leadership skills.
- **Free resources and tips** on the Toastmasters International website.
- A monthly *Toastmasters* magazine **subscription**.
- Seasonal **members-only events**.
- **Mentoring program** - we can match you with a more experienced member to help you along.
- **Video-recording service**. Bring your own camera/iPad and we will record your speech.
- **Networking opportunities** - our club has professionals in all fields.
- A chance to **hear amazing stories** from your fellow members each Tuesday.
- A **supportive and encouraging place** to experiment, to learn, and to conquer your fears.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

1. Determine that the club atmosphere is to your liking and the meeting time and place fit your schedule.
2. Fill out an application to join.
3. Pay your first dues.
4. Email **Brett** about scheduling your first speech!

CLUB DUES INFORMATION*

All memberships are effective on the 1st of the month. You can choose to join in the current month or have your membership take effect next month. Depending on when you join, you will have between 7 months and 1 year before you have to renew your membership (Renewals take place in Sept. & Mar.)

- ▶ Start **April 1, 2016** - **\$119.00**
- ▶ Start **May 1, 2016** - **\$111.50**
- ▶ Start **June 1, 2016** - **\$104.00**
- ▶ Start **July 1, 2016** - **\$96.50**

(These memberships end March 31, 2017)

Payment can be made via **Paypal** (see our website or email treasurer@...), in-person with a **credit or debit card**, or in-person via **personal check or money order** (make out to *Boston Toastmasters*)

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HELPFUL PEOPLE TO KNOW*



Ally Dunn

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As **President**, Ally leads meetings and works with Brett to coordinate speakers and roles.



Brett Burdick

education@bostontostmasters.org

Brett is our **VP of Education** and can answer your questions about joining Boston Toastmasters. He can also explain the Toastmasters program of 10 speeches and our mentoring program in detail.



Alon Landa

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Alon is **VP of Membership**. He can answer questions about joining the club and help you file a membership application. He can also accept credit and debit card payments for the club.



Jesse Welty

treasurer@bostontostmasters.org

As **Treasurer**, Jesse can answer your questions about paying dues and can accept credit and debit card payments. Jesse was our club's president last year and is happy to talk to you about our club.



Kiera Miner

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Kiera is the club's **Secretary**. She is also a former club president so she can answer many of your questions about membership. She can accept credit and debit card payments.



David Zheng

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David is **Sergeant-at-Arms** this year. He brings materials to the club and helps set up the room. He probably greeted you when you arrived! David can explain the Toastmasters program and help answer your questions.



*information accurate through June 30, 2016.