

THE PHOENIX NEWSLETTER

THE MISSION OF THE CLUB

The mission of a Toastmaster Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, in which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

On a personal note

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This Newsletter like future ones will always start with the mission of a Toastmaster Club. The mission contains key information about the organization, the club and its unique environment, the members as a community and You as a member. This month I would like to focus on the personnel growth aspect of the mission statement.

Personal development should be your ongoing personal mission declaration. Even if your club provides you the resources, support and help that you might need, your growth is your responsibility. As Toastmaster, we have committed ourselves to improving our public speaking skills, which is a tremendous example of individual dedication towards the progress of change.

Personal growth is a very personal experience. As a unique individual you have your own pace, challenges and goals to handle. But what are your goals? Before joining our Toastmasters Club did you clearly define your desired outcomes? Not expectations, but outcomes. Expectations often lead to disappointment. When you are expecting you are in silence, without communication with yourself or the people with whom you interact. The outcomes I am talking about are physical, emotional and spiritual outcomes as part of any events or situations you might experience.

You probably heard repeatedly that a goal is a dream with a time frame. A time frame somehow, provides the appropriate “pressure” to act upon your dreams... and what about your dreams? Above all do you believe in the beauty of your dreams? This weekend, I came across of one of those inspirational picture frames with a beautiful photograph of a sunset with the following sentence below it:

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

If you can describe the beauty of your dreams, you will clearly identify the intention behind your goals. The intention is the underlying reason why we do or do not something. It can be positive, which will yield to positive results, or negative, which will result in the opposite. Either way, our true intention determines the outcome of what we attract into our lives.

And here comes a powerful secret: Clarity is power. Interestingly, CTM Speech 3, Organize your Speech, under the section Define your Mission, is the introduction to this concept as It discusses the importance of determining your presentation’s mission. I have used it with every one of my speeches and it has helped me to focus all my energy toward the mission of my speech. Remember the mind is a very powerful tool. It is the worst master you will ever have but the most powerful slave you will ever control.

Always define the outcomes in your life. Clearly define what you want, physically, emotionally and spiritually. You will be amazed by the results.

So! What are your outcomes for the next meeting?

A call for arms!

Fellow Toastmasters, a Newsletter should be, above all, a good picture of its Members and the Club to who they belong to. If you have any ideas, subjects, tips or news you would like to see in the Newsletter please let me know. Just submit your text and I will incorporate it to the Newsletter.

Thank you,

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