

TEAMWORK

Member Spotlight

Bill Hampton, President

Bill has worked as an accountant/controller for more than 30 years and is currently working as controller and product manager for a software development company that deals in government accounting and artificial intelligence.

He came to Toastmasters after spending years being afraid of public speaking and suffering "brain freeze" at the thought. Urged on by his boss (Tom Savell ATM-S & CL) he attended his first meeting. After seeing how supporting and encouraging the group was, he decided to join and has been in Twin Oaks Toastmasters for about 3 1/2 years.

He previously served as Treasurer for a year and hopes that new members will become officers as soon as possible because of the insight they will gain into the club. As officers they can really learn and understand the much bigger picture of what Toastmasters is all about.

His favorite Toastmasters moment occurred when he evaluated a speech, which while overall good, did not include the stated point the manual asked for. A long time member complemented him later in the meeting for the excellent evaluation and made him feel that his time in Toastmasters had been well spent.

He is looking forward to his term as our new president and feels that maintaining the friendly and supportive atmosphere which has helped the club excel will be a major goal. If the club grows and maintains the spirit that it has always shown in the past he will have done his job.

He strongly encourages anyone who feels uncomfortable speaking in front of groups to join a Toastmasters club near them. It teaches us to think on our feet, and how to encourage others while offering words of improvement.

He feels that some of the best speeches are often not the ones memorized, but the ones that are off-the-cuff and from the heart.

Club News



2006 Speech Marathon

The club looks forward to a Speech Marathon in the next few months. Such events are opportunities for all members to give multiple speeches and/or special speaking and leadership sessions.

Members working on ATM-level speeches are encouraged to participate because of the longer schedule anticipated.

More information to follow...



DID YOU KNOW?

We are on our way to earn our third Presidents Distinguished Club award in as many years. One of the ways to keep that track record going is by bringing in new members and help mentor them.

"Workflow of a Twin Oaks Toastmasters Meeting" is an excellent resource on our website that details the way our meetings run.

Our club website has several links and documents to help members improve their speaking and leadership skills. Check out the "Resources" and "PowerPoint" links for more information.

We have seven past presidents in our current club: Don Larson (CTM & CL), Loren Bailey (CTM & CL), Tanis Brown (CTM & CL) Sassan Haghgoo (CTM), Bridgette Keene (CTM), Yvonne Devine (ATM-S & CL), and Dale Spangenberg.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Officer Training in January. All new officers are encouraged to attend District 5 Officer Training. The club needs at least four officers trained to receive credit towards our Presidents Distinguished Club Award.

OUR AWARD WINNING TM'S

Recently ribbons were awarded to...

Best Speaker: Bill Hampton, Aparna Vemuri, Carrie Dayl, and Yvonne Devine

Best Table Topics: Lela Hankins (ATM-B & CL), Yvonne Devine, and Aparna Vemuri

Best Evaluator: Bridgette Keene, Sassan Haghgoo, Bill Hampton, and Tanis Brown

