



The INNOVATOR

NEWSLETTER – FALL/WINTER 2023



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MEETING SCHEDULE:

WHEN:

Every Wednesday 12:00pm-1:00pm
CST (link opens at 11:45am)

WHERE:

Hybrid via Zoom ID: 970 6236 3592
Password: 1986
– in person at HP headquarters
10300 Energy Dr., Spring, TX 77389

ELIGIBILITY:

Anyone 18 years or older wanting to improve their communication and leadership skills. Our club is open to the public.

Congrats ON YOUR milestone!

HP Houston Toastmasters members have been busy this Summer. They have been giving speeches, completing projects, and improving their public speaking and leadership skills.

Brian Madina, member since 2020, has completed level 3 in the Presentation Mastery Path, while Ramone Barron, member since 2021 has complete level 4 of the Presentation Mastery Path!

Kent Biggs has reached the highest Toastmasters status by obtaining the "Distinguished Toastmaster designation (DTM). He is the second member in the club to hold this distinction! Congratulations to all!

We want to extend a warm welcome to our newest HP Houston Toastmasters club! We're excited to support your journey

- Stacy Williams
- Devina Cunningham
- Holden Claus



What our guests are saying...

We appreciate feedback from our visitors and guests, as it helps us to grow as a club. Here are a few comments from some of our recent visitors.

- "I appreciate how organized and well-run this meeting is."
- "Thank you for making me feel so welcomed."
- "I can see this being useful for me in my career and personal life."
- "I want to seem as comfortable as [speaker] when I get up in front of a group."
- "How can I join and get access to the Pathways?"

But don't take their word for it. Visit with us and find out for yourself. We'd love to have you!

HOW DOES TOASTMASTERS WORK?

One of the key aspects of our Toastmasters journey is engaging in the Toastmasters curriculum guide which is called "Pathways".

Pathways consists of 12 different "Paths" (pictured left), each of which contains projects and lessons to help you focus on specific aspects of your writing, speech delivery or leadership experience. Once you join Toastmasters, you will have the option to take a quiz to determine the best Path for you, or you can choose an option that aligns with your main goal for joining the program.

The first speech any new member will give, regardless of the path you select, will be the "Ice breaker" speech. This is the opportunity for you to tell us your story and to practice delivering a 4-6 minute speech. We recommend new members give their "Ice breaker" within the first 30 days of membership to shake off those initial jitters common in public speaking.

All members (and guests, too) are encouraged to volunteer to answer questions in the Table Topics section of our meeting. These 1-2 minute mini-speeches help to practice your public speaking skills in small bites.

Toastmasters works with at your pace with the energy and time you put into it and the support of likeminded peers. Take a chance and see how it works for you!

 DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP Focus on understanding leadership and communication styles, the effect of conflict on a group and the skills needed to defuse and direct conflict.	 EFFECTIVE COACHING Understand and build consensus, contribute to the development of others by coaching and establishing strong public speaking skills.	 ENGAGING HUMOR Focus on understanding your sense of humor and how that sense of humor translates to engaging audience members.
 INNOVATIVE PLANNING Develop a strong connection with audience members when you present, speech writing and speech delivery.	 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT Learn how to manage time, as well as how to develop and implement a plan.	 MOTIVATIONAL STRATEGIES Learn strategies for building connections with the people around you, understanding motivation and successfully leading small groups to accomplish tasks.
 PERSUASIVE INFLUENCE Negotiate a positive outcome together with building strong interpersonal communication and public speaking skills.	 PRESENTATION MASTERY Learn how an audience responds to you and improving your connection with audience members.	 STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS Understand diversity, build personal and/or professional connections with a variety of people and developing a public relations strategy.

PATHWAYS

paths and projects catalog

VERSION 5

NEW! Includes Complete Projects Table of Contents

 TEAM COLLABORATION Focus on active listening, motivating others and collaborating with a team.	 VISIONARY COMMUNICATION Developing your skills for sharing information with a group, planning communications and creating innovative solutions.	 BEYOND YOUR PATH PATHWAYS MENTORING DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTER (DTM)
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