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Club Mission Statement

Simi West Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.



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Pathways

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Mentoring

July 1 - October 31, 2018 If you have your mentoring program set up, send us a list of all your club's new members and their assigned mentors between July 1 - October 31, 2018 and your club will receive \$50 in TI Dollars.



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Membership Drive Campaign _= _ Toastmasters International

During this Membership Drive, can your club add five new, dual, or reinstated members with a join date between August 1 and September 30? Accomplish this goal and you'll qualify to receive a "Smedley Award" ribbon, named in honor of Ralph Smedley founder of Toastmasters, which you can display on your club's banner. Qualifying clubs can also earn a special discount code for 10-percent off their next club order. (The discount code expires six months from the date of issue and is not valid with any other offer.)

Applications and payments for members with a join date between August 1 and September 30 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than September 30. The addition of transfer and charter members does not count toward "Smedley Award" credit. The winning clubs will be revealed online within a few weeks of the submission deadline. Winning clubs should allow up to 10 business days to receive their award if they are located in the United States.

Understanding Pathways

Choosing your Path

Sign on to Toastmasters – or – go directly to the Pathways Start Page

https://www.toastmasters.org https://www.toastmasters.org/start-pathways

From the Toastmasters home page, you can still go to Pathways by clicking on Pathways for the dropdown, then choose "Go to Basecamp."

You always start from the Pathways start page.

NOTE: Your LOGIN ID and Password are the same for Toastmasters and for Pathways

The Start Page has 3 Blue Tiles: Click on **Choose Your Path**

CHOOSE YOUR PATH (Base Camp or Print ONLY)

Base Camp → Gives online access & can print almost all

- Videos available only online.
- Can choose own electives; no mailing delays.

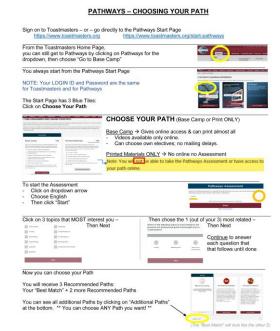
<u>Printed Materials ONLY</u> → No online no Assessment

To start the Assessment

- Click on dropdown arrow
- Choose English
- Then click "Start"

Ideas to earn this award include having an open house or other themed community events. If your meeting takes place during the day, consider sponsoring an evening activities. All members can choose a community networking event to attend as a group. Consider providing a elephant prize. Or, your club can sponsor unique activities, such as a:

- a speak-a-thon
- a speechcraft
- chautauqua
- Ignite Talks (for more detail, visit the D33 website)



Note: You will not be able to take the Pathways Assessment or have access to your path online.

Jumpstart YOUR Pathways Journey!

This new education program has 10 different paths to choose from. You can choose the path that most closely aligns with your interests, strengths, and goals. Each path consists of 14 projects, split across 5 levels. Most projects include 1 speech and some preparation material, but some projects require two speeches and/or a role and/or additional resources.

Remember: achieving Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM, the highest distinction in this organization) requires the completion of 2 paths. The journey to DTM is one worth taking because you're in control of what you'll learn along the way.

Any Toastmaster can begin the Pathways program with the following options.

Option A: Choose a Path

- 1. Log on to toastmasters.org. This is different from our club website. Use the email address you put on your membership form.
- 2. Choose Pathways from the navigation menu & select Take the Assessment
- 3. Complete the short online assessment. This simple quiz helps you figure out which path is best for you. You can take this quiz as many times as you like since answers and results are not saved by the system.
- 4. Ignore the decision about paying more for print materials... you can deal with that later!

If you are ready, you can now select your path. This is the commitment point. If you are not ready, click on anything else.

Option B: Deliver the Ice Breaker First

If you are not quite ready to commit to a path, that's okay too.

Level 1 (the first 3 projects) is always the same for all 10 paths. So you can complete your first project now, then follow the steps above to choose a path and get credit for it. Anyone can access Project #1, the Ice Breaker, here (online) or here (printable PDF). Make a plan to complete Level 1 now!

Level 1 consists of 3 projects. That's a total of 4 speeches and 1 role. Look ahead to the next 3 or 4 months and make a plan to conquer this achievement. Schedule your speeches now in the Meeting Agendas on the MEMBERS ONLY tab.

Pathways Level 1			
Project 1: Ice Breaker	4 to 6 min speech	The purpose of this project is to introduce yourself to the club and learn the basic structure of a public speech.	Write and deliver a speech about any topic to introduce yourself to the club. Your speech may be humorous, informational, or any other style that appeals to you.
Project 2: Evaluation and Feedback	5 to 7 min speech	to present a speech on any topic, receive feedback, and apply the feedback to a second speech.	Choose any topic for your first 5 to 7 mins speech. After your speech, carefully review your feedback. At a different club meeting, present a 5 to 7 mins speech in which you incorporate feedback from your first speech. You may choose to present the same speech again or a new speech. Your second speech should reflect some or all of the feedback from your first speech. Finally, after you have completed both speeches, serve as an evaluator at a club meeting and deliver constructive feedback about another member's presentation.
	5 to 7 min speech		
	Speech Evaluator		
Project 3: Researching and Presenting	5 to 7 min speech The Research Worksheet	The purpose of this project is to learn or review basic research methods and present a well-organized, well-researched speech on any topic.	Select a topic that you are not already familiar with or that you wish to learn more about. Be sure your topic is narrow enough to be an effective 5 to 7 mins speech. Research the topic and begin organizing the information, as described in this project. Practice your speech and continue to refine its organization. Present your speech at a club meeting.

