



TOASTMASTERS:

2008-2009 Membership – Building Contests

THE COURAGE TO CONQUER!

Individual
Recognition
July 1 - June 30

Why Did You Join Toastmasters?

For most members it's because someone invited them to a meeting. What about you? Have you invited anyone to your club meeting lately? Think of the people you know who should join Toastmasters. Make a list, speak with each one and invite them to your next meeting. No need to be shy. Think of what Toastmasters has done for you. The same can be said for many others, now and in the future. Give them the opportunity!

Consider this: You encourage five people to join, they each encourage five people to join, who each encourage five people to join... over the space of a few years, your invitation can positively affect hundreds of people. Aside from feeling good about your contribution, you can earn the following:

- ▶ A unique pin, for those individuals who sponsor five new members.
- ▶ A Silver Star pin, the reward for those sponsoring 10 new members.
- ▶ A Toastmasters necktie or scarf for individuals sponsoring 15 or more members.

Use the following page to track your progress!

Program Details:

- ▶ This membership program begins July 1 and ends June 30.
- ▶ All members of Toastmasters clubs are eligible and are encouraged to participate.
- ▶ To receive credit as a sponsor, your name must appear on the application for Toastmasters club membership (Item 400) along with your home club number. Please print or type information legibly. No changes will be made to the applications once they are received by World Headquarters.
- ▶ New, dual and reinstated members count for credit; transfer and charter members do not.
- ▶ The new member's join date must fall within the July to June range.

Applications and payment must be received at World Headquarters no later than June 30.

Would you like to be a better recruiter? Contact World Headquarters to obtain a copy of From Prospect to Guest to Member (Item 108), an informative booklet that teaches members to be effective recruiters.

Individual Membership Program Tracking Sheet

Distribute a copy of this form to each member of your club and encourage them to use it to track their progress as a new member sponsor.

NAME	DATE JOINED	DATE APPLICATION MAILED/SUBMITTED ONLINE
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Congratulations! You have qualified to receive a pin for sponsoring five members. Consider for a moment the benefits these individuals will receive through participation in Toastmasters, and pat yourself on the back. Look for your award in the mail soon!

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Congratulations! As an outstanding member sponsor, you have qualified to receive a special star pin for sponsoring 10 new members. Nice job! Look for your award in the mail soon!

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Impressive! As a 15-member sponsor you have qualified to receive a special tie or scarf. You've also made a significant contribution to your club's long-term success. Look for your award in the mail soon!

Need an additional form? Feel free to make photocopies or visit www.toastmasters.org/1620_flier to download and print a copy of the Membership Building Contest flier (Item 1620)



Governor's Award

Does sponsoring five new members seem out of reach for you? In many districts you can earn a special Governor's Award ribbon for sponsoring three or more members. Contact your district governor for details.

Smedley Award August 1 - September 30

It All Began in October 1924

Ralph Smedley and a few men met in the Santa Ana, California YMCA and conducted the first meeting of what would eventually evolve into Toastmasters International. One person initiated a program that would go on to affect millions of people. In his honor, can your club add five new, dual, or reinstated members between August 1 and September 30? By doing so you'll qualify to receive a Smedley Award ribbon to display on your club's banner. The club also will earn a choice of one module from *The Better Speaker Series*, *The Successful Club Series*, or *The Leadership Excellence Series*. Use the following chart to track your progress:

NAME	DATE JOINED	DATE APP. MAILED/SUBMITTED ONLINE
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Membership applications and payment for members who join between August 1 and September 30 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than September 30. Each member's join date as listed on the application must be no later than September. Transfer and charter members do not count for credit. There is no need to apply for this award. Your club is automatically entered when the first new member application is received in August.

Talk up Toastmasters! February 1 - March 31

Do Toastmasters Like to Talk?

During the Talk up Toastmasters! membership contest, encourage your club's members to invite as many guests to your club's meetings as possible. Consider conducting a special guest meeting where you conduct a regular meeting, but also specifically discuss the benefits Toastmasters members receive as they participate in the program. Add five new, dual or reinstated members to your roster between February 1 and March 31 to receive a special Talk up Toastmasters! ribbon to display on your club's banner. The club will also earn a choice of one module from *The Better Speaker Series*, *The Successful Club Series* or *The Leadership Excellence Series*. Use the following chart to track your progress:

NAME	DATE JOINED	DATE APP. MAILED/SUBMITTED ONLINE
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Membership applications and payment for members who join between February 1 and March 31 must be received at World Headquarters or online no later than March 31. Each member's join date as listed on the application must be no later than March. Transfer and charter members do not count for credit. There is no need to apply for this award. Your club is automatically entered when the first new member application is received in February.



Beat the Clock – May 1 - June 30

This Isn't About Finishing a Speech on Time: It's About Finishing the Year With a Bang!

Make earning the Beat the Clock award a club goal and formulate a contest in your club to motivate every member to get involved. Clubs adding five new, dual or reinstated members during these two months receive a Beat the Clock ribbon to display on the club's banner. The club will also earn a choice of one module from *The Better Speaker Series*, *The Successful Club Series* or *The Leadership Excellence Series*.

Use the following chart to track your progress:

NAME	DATE JOINED	DATE APPLICATION MAILED/SUBMITTED ONLINE
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Membership applications and payment for members who join between May 1 and June 30 must be received at World Headquarters no later than June 30. Each member's join date as listed on the application must be no later than June. Transfer and charter members do not count for credit. There is no need to apply for this award. Your club is automatically entered when the first new member application is received in May.

If you need contest ideas, go to members.toastmasters.org and type the word "brochures" into the search box. Scroll down and select the link, "Brochures,etc." then scroll down to select "Membership Building 101" (Item 1622) or "A Simple Membership Building Contest" (Item 1621). Professionally published copies of the brochures are available online at toastmasters.org/shop. You may also contact World Headquarters directly and ask for a free copy.

Calendar of Events Membership-Building Contests

	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Individual Recognition	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Smedley Award		X	X									
Talk up Toastmasters								X	X			
Beat the Clock											X	X

There is no need to apply for these awards. Your club is automatically entered when the first new member application is received at the start of each contest month.

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