



MENTORS OF FOCUS TOASTMASTERS

Club 3346 : Area 64 : Willamette Division : District 7

Speechcraft Can Change Your Life

In today's modern world one thing separates successful people from everybody else – the ability to communicate effectively. Whether you are talking to customers, clients, work colleagues or friends and family, the importance of good communication skills can't be underestimated. If you want to get the edge and learn how to speak with confidence, clarity and clout register for the Mentors of Focus Toastmaster's Speechcraft workshop today.

What is Speechcraft?

Speechcraft is a fun and exciting program designed to quickly help you develop public speaking skills. Delivered by experienced speakers, each meeting will see you learning, practicing and quickly improving your communication skills in a friendly, supportive, and relaxed environment. There are no instructors or professors, and you won't be "graded" on your work. Instead, you will be guided by people just like you who have now successfully developed their speaking and presentation proficiency you will learn effective and dynamic speaking skills along side other people who are there for the same reason you are, to become successful and confident communicators. Together you will help one another grow and develop as speakers, and best of all, you'll have lots of fun as you learn.

There are generally no more than 20 participants for the workshop. Numbers are limited to ensure each participant has ample opportunity to practice the skills gained each night and receive adequate feedback.

So what can I expect?

Typically you will hear one or two short educational presentations and demonstrations delivered by experienced Toastmasters. Early each session you practice and develop your impromptu speaking, in a fun session known as Table Topics, involving both Toastmasters and course participants. These sessions are always lots of fun and very quickly enhance your interpersonal communication skills – you'll never be lost for words at a party again.

Each session participants will also deliver a project speech or presentation on a topic of your own choosing (except the first night, where no project speeches are delivered). Other activities include proposing a toast, introducing a speaker, and later in the course, evaluating your fellow Speechcrafter's speeches.

You will see that just about everything we do is evaluated (the Toastmasters even evaluate each other's educational sessions). The evaluations are friendly and helpful, giving praise for things you've done well and offering helpful suggestions for improvement. Evaluations are never critical and are done in such a way that leaves you feeling good about yourself, and looking forward to having another crack at it during the next session. The evaluations play a very important part in the success of each Speechcraft course, and in fact, every Toastmasters meeting.

What learning materials will I receive?

At the first session you will be presented with a comprehensive manual which provides a wealth of information on the skills of public speaking and also contains details of your project speeches. These projects incrementally guide you through the fundamentals and quickly convert participants from being hopelessly nervous, into someone who can display confidence in front of an audience. During the course you will also receive other supplemental handouts and worksheets.

Anything else I should know?

Keep in mind that your progress in the program depends on the effort you put into it. If you prepare for each meeting and participate actively, you will quickly and easily enjoy improved speaking skills and increased self-confidence that will benefit you in all areas of your life.

Although not mandatory, it is highly recommended that following completion of the course you join a Toastmasters Club. By doing so, your communication skills and self-confidence will continue to improve beyond levels that you never thought possible.

We look forward to meeting you and helping you discover your confidence in your public speaking, presentation and communications skills.

Register today.

Speechcraft - It will change your life.

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'The first result of speech training is self-discovery' Ralph Smedley - Toastmasters Founder

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