



Welcome to T-Toasters!

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Welcome!

We are thankful that you've made the decision to join Toastmasters. Our club name is T-Toasters of Vinings.

Our current club officers (year long term from July 1 to June 30):

- President (CEO): Jatika Manigault
- VP of Education (Product Mgr.): Rob Knudson / Ray Havis
- VP of Membership (HR): Carolyn Bonneyrat
- VP of Public Relations (Marketing): Christian Bossart
- Secretary (Admin): Jasmine Brown
- Treasurer (CFO): Matt Berenson
- Sergeant at Arms (Logistics): Jim Cyganek

Our club number is #7804. We are a member of District 44, Division D, Area D41.

Mentorship

Do you have a mentor? Every member (who wants one) should have a mentor. Mentors help new members learn how to navigate Toastmasters and T-Toasters. While we are a friendly bunch, the throng of new faces and names can be overwhelming to our new members.

Make sure to acquire a mentor ASAP. Don't worry if the fit isn't perfect. We are happy to work with you to match you up with another mentor whenever you feel it necessary.

This program exists to meet your needs!

Getting Started: 1 of 2

- Create a toastmasters.org account.
 - Username and password
 - You will access Pathways, our member Education system via your toastmaster account. This system is somewhat new. It was introduced in mid-2018. All new members will use this system. Members who joined prior to the launch of Pathway may opt to wait as late as 2020 to start working in this system.

Getting Started: 2 of 2

- Create a turbobase account
 - This is the system we use to schedule meeting role assignments. It is an online system, but it is old and clunky.
 - You can sign-up for meeting roles using the sign-up sheet (paper) that is passed around each meeting. You can also access turbobase online at your convenience.
 - Please understand that your toastmasters.org account and your turbobase.com account are TWO DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS. You'll need to use them both, but they are independent of each other.

What's next?

- Go to meetings!
 - Now that you are a paid member, strive to attend every meeting that you can. If you have no assigned meeting role, there's a good chance you will be selected to speak in some capacity. You might even be recruited to serve in a meeting role.
 - If you will be out of town and want to attend a meeting, look for a toastmaster club where you are staying. It's great fun for all to visit other toastmaster clubs, especially in new places.

What's next? Continued...

- Get into Pathways Basecamp and take your assessment and choose your first (free) Path.
 - Acquaint: Read and interact with the materials provided for your Level One project.
 - Schedule: Your Ice Breaker speech. Consult with your Mentor, VP of Education, and/or fellow T-Toasters to determine when you think you will be ready.
 - Prepare: Work with your Mentor or practice on your own. While you want to do your best, strive to relax.

Now what?

- It's up to you. You joined our club for a reason. Make sure that you are getting what you came for.
- Your goals and objectives may change. That's fine. Make sure that you maintain progress towards your personal goals, whatever they may be.
- If you need help or guidance, LET US KNOW! We want to help you. We want you to be successful. We've all been in your shoes. This is a work at your own pace program. You decide how much time and effort you should devote toward improving yourself and achieving your goals.

Key contact information

- Club website: t-toasters.com
 - Obtain information and forms
- Turbobase: www.turbobase.com
 - Sign-up for club meeting speeches & roles
 - Access to member contact information
- Toastmasters Int'l: www.toastmasters.org
 - Pathways access
 - Other resources including online store
- District 44 web: www.d44toastmasters.org
 - Event announcements and other resources

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Club Policies

- No weapons are permitted in T-Toasters meetings. If a prop is needed, ensure that it is a toy and not the real thing.
- We are always mindful and respectful of our members. We can tackle controversial topics, but must do so in a way that remains in consideration of others. If offensive language is a necessary component of your speech, make sure to coordinate this fact with the Toastmaster so that this is announced during your speech/speaker introduction. Check with a club officer in advance if you have any questions or concerns.
- No more than four: We have five prepared speaking slots available within Turbobase each week. We intend to use slot #5 as a backup speaking slot.
- When reserving for longer speeches within Turbobase, reserve enough 5 – 7 minutes slots to cover your speech length.
- We require at least three qualified candidates to compete for a Best (Speaker/Table Topics) ribbon.