

Boulder Early Risers is a wonderful Toastmasters Club!

Testimonials from present and past members:

"I feel so fortunate to have found the Early Risers Toastmasters Club! Not only is the club instrumental in helping me to become a better public speaker, I also have the opportunity to meet and share with wonderful and supportive people in our community. As a new member I have already learned so much on how I can craft effective speeches and deliver them with confidence. The nice thing about the club is that it is formatted so we can truly learn from each other. I believe joining this club was the missing link for developing my skills, and the experience is making a positive impact on my career! Everyone can benefit from Toastmasters!"

Chelsea Jowell

"Most of my friends don't believe me when I tell them how shy and awkward I was around people. It was painful to be in a crowd and feel like a potted plant just standing there. I needed to change! I heard about Toastmasters and that it was for public speaking. Yuck! I don't want to be Tony Robbins standing in a room with 100 people staring at me. But against my trepidations, I went to a meeting and lo and behold! there were humans there, talking to each other, greeting me, explaining how the meeting would go. It was quite a welcoming small group of about 15 people.

"It took 6 months for me to work up the courage to give my first 5-7 minute speech. (You sign up voluntarily; no one forces you to speak.) Still, it took a while for me to get comfortable around people. What impressed me the most about being in Toastmasters for 10 years is not how comfortable I am talking to a group of people or how experienced I am in being a leader (I've held all of the officer-ships in a club and some officer-ships higher!)

"For me, the communication and leadership experience I developed at Toastmasters that allows me to express my views in a safe and nurturing environment is a bonus, but what impresses me the most about the entire journey is how comfortable I've become with myself. I've learned to express my views confidently and succinctly. I've learned to listen to others' views, however different than mine. And I've learned that we are all on a journey, so why not travel with a small band of Toastmaster adventurers who want more out of life than standing in a corner while the world goes by!"

Theresa Whilden, Past President of our club

"I've been in Toastmasters for two years; I wasn't sure I could learn all that much from Toastmasters, as I have had 30 years of classroom training experience. Boyyyyyyy, was I wrong! I've learned more about structure and conciseness in speaking in the last two years than in my 30 years in the classroom.

I joined this club early in 2006. I felt incredibly welcomed at my first meeting, and I joined right away. I've watched as my skills have improved; there's a lot to learn, and this club's environment is serious, yet fun. We are serious about improvement, yet we have fun in every meeting. Why else would we get up at this ungodly hour to go to a Toastmaster's meeting????"

Bette Frick, ATM-S, VP of education

"The Boulder Early Risers is one of the most supportive groups I've ever encountered. Not only did my public speaking improve, but with the support and inputs from my fellow Toastmasters, I was able to gain enough confidence to clearly articulate what I want in life. In less than 6 months, I now have the career and lifestyle I want as well as enriched interpersonal relationships.

"The foundation that Toastmasters has given me is enabling me to take my career into new directions...it is fast-paced, exciting, and perfect for me. I doubt my confidence level would be what it is today without having had the Toastmasters support/experience."

Jill Salva, Professional River Guide
Mompreneur and Alpinist

"I feel more confident and articulate in client presentations because of my experience in Toastmasters."

Amy Hayes

"Public speaking is a place where I have met myself deeply and increased my awareness of my strengths and my areas for personal growth. It has assisted me in bridging the gaps between the internal images of myself with the public persona I present to the world."

Sharon Kerwin ATM-G