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Dear New Member

Welcome to Miranda Toastmasters Club! We are thrilled you have started your Toastmasters journey with us.

As part of Miranda Toastmasters, you shall have many opportunities to develop and practice your public speaking skills in a friendly and supportive environment.

We encourage all members to work through the Toastmasters education program, called Pathways, to achieve their personal goals in communication and leadership. When members achieve their goals, then the club achieves its goals. It is a simple as that.

You complete your speeches at your own pace and practice public speaking by taking on the various roles at each Club meeting. Members truly benefit when they are happy and comfortable with the pace of their participation in the program.

Upon joining, you will be assigned your first mentor, who will help you get acquainted with how Pathways work and how the meetings are conducted. We are a friendly group of people that is readily available to offer advice and assistance whenever needed. And one day, you might become a mentor for another new member.

There are many great opportunities for you to exercise and stretch your public speaking muscles to become a confident and proficient speaker.

In addition to the twenty meetings each year, the club conducts two Speechcraft courses. Speechcraft is a comprehensive 8-week course that provides unparalleled opportunity to learn how to prepare and deliver speeches, practice impromptu speaking, give confident evaluations, toasts and more. Our members help deliver the training program in a friendly and supportive environment. Speechcraft students are not judged or graded; it's all about individuals developing at their own pace.

The club also hosts several speech contests each year. Some of the contests are club-based events, but other contests give members the opportunity to test their skills against Toastmasters from other clubs.

Miranda Toastmasters Club is proud to be part of a huge educational international organisation that has over 16,200 clubs with 364,000 members located in 145 countries.

I hope that you enjoy and value your membership with Miranda Toastmasters Club.

Jill Brookfield,

Club President 2023-2024