

# Welcome Guest

## Southern Lights Toastmasters Club

Club website: <http://www.southernlights.ca>

Toastmaster's International website:  
<http://www.toastmasters.org>

**Welcome to Southern Lights Toastmasters Club; we hope you enjoy tonight's meeting. A club member will introduce you to the club early in the evening's program. In the meantime, relax and review the contents of this package or visit with our members as they arrive for tonight's meeting.**

Southern Lights Toastmasters Club was chartered in January 1980. It is one of over 140 clubs in a district that extends across northern Alberta and Saskatchewan. Our club meets from early September and runs to the middle of June. New members are welcome to join at any time during the year.



During the meeting, we follow a scheduled program which is divided into two parts. The first part features administrative and business tasks and provides the opportunity for participants to practice speaking in special situations such as offering the Toast or using their impromptu speaking skills in the Table Topics session. The second part features the prepared speeches and speaker evaluations, which is crucial to our success as toastmasters. A typical agenda is shown on the next page and the actual agenda for tonight's meeting can be found on the table in front of you.

As a guest feel free to simply observe, enjoy and learn. However, should you wish to participate in Table Topics you are welcome to do so. Simply let one of the members know you would like to participate. At the end of the meeting, you will be asked to share your observations and impressions of our club and of tonight's meeting. Should you decide to join the club, please contact the VP Membership for a fee schedule and application form.

You are welcome to attend up to four meetings as a guest.

## Meeting Format

Most of our weekly meetings follow a set schedule. Each week, members take on different roles in order to practice their communication and leadership skills. It is the job of the VP Education to arrange and organize the weekly agenda. Most meetings are about one and a half hours in length.

A typical meeting agenda is shown below:

- The Sergeant-at-Arms opens the meeting
- The President welcomes members and guests
- A club, or practice, business session is sometimes held at this time
- The Toastmaster is introduced and presides over the meeting
- A Table Topics session is held to practice impromptu speaking
- The Table Topic Evaluator provides feedback to the table topic speakers
- 5-minute break
- Prepared speeches
- Speech evaluators provide feedback the prepared speeches
- The General Evaluator provides feedback about the meeting
- The President closes the meeting.

## Club Executive Committee

<b>President</b>	Bob Wang <a href="mailto:president@southernlights.ca">president@southernlights.ca</a>
<b>VP Education</b>	Diane Gunn
<b>VP Membership</b>	Rhonda Lagace <a href="mailto:membership@southernlights.ca">membership@southernlights.ca</a>
<b>VP Public Relations</b>	Barb Turner
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nigel Bowles
<b>Secretary</b>	Michelle St. Louis
<b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	Olya Abildt
<b>Past President</b>	Diane Gunn

## Southern Lights Toastmasters Club

We are currently holding meetings online until February 2022.

We meet every Wednesday, September through mid-June at 6:30 pm

Online through Zoom and at the Providence Renewal Centre, 3005 – 119 Street NW, Edmonton.