

Advanced and Specialty Club Opportunities in District 37

There are a number of restricted clubs in District 37 that provide additional growth opportunities for Toastmasters members. We've asked them to tell us more about themselves so that you might reach out and consider joining one!...

- **Advanced Communicators of Charlotte** (Huntersville, 4th Saturday of the month - 9:30am-11:30am) - <https://acc.toastmastersclubs.org/>:

ACC Toastmasters Club features a two-hour meeting with enhanced evaluations. In addition to detailed speech evaluations by our experienced evaluators, we have "Round Robin" evaluations, approximately one minute long, from several members for each speaker. Our extended meeting time allows for the longer speech assignments and for (2) to (3) minute Table Topic Speeches as well. Table Topic speeches also receive a Round Robin evaluation. Meetings often include a "Speaker's Tip" presentation from outside experts and ACC members. All these things designed to help our members take it to the "Next Level" as communicators and leaders.

- **Advanced Toastmasters of Asheville** (3rd Saturday of the month, 9am-11am) - <https://6988955.toastmastersclubs.org/>

Advanced Toastmasters of Asheville is at a higher level, and that is not just in our mountain elevation! With a longer format, you can do more complex projects. Round-robin evaluations from experienced Toastmasters can help you develop your advanced skills. And we're online, of course! How can WE help YOU?

- **Blue Moon Advanced Toastmasters** (Greensboro, 1st Saturday of the month - 1:00pm-3:00pm) - <https://585095.toastmastersclubs.org/>:

At Blue Moon Advanced Toastmasters, "The Place Champions Call Home," we have cut out some of the other processes that happen at regular Toastmasters Clubs so there is time to deliver longer presentations and evaluations during our 2-hour meeting. We offer in-depth evaluations and round robin evaluations (all members comment on a speech) so you can receive feedback from the most experienced toastmasters in North Carolina. Blue Moon has the most DTMs and professional speakers of any club in the state. As a club, Blue Moon does not compete in Toastmasters contests. We offer assistance to contestants and are available to be judges.

- **Eat Your Words** (2nd Wednesday of the month 6pm-8pm) - eywtm.toastmastersclubs.org

Expect the unexpected! For those times when you are called on to speak or lead in your workplace or volunteer organization with little notice or in an environment that is not ideal, this club will help you practice IMPROMPTU skills. Meeting roles are randomly assigned. Normally we meet in a variety of restaurants in the Concord area near I85 to practice dealing with unexpected environmental challenges. We are temporarily meeting by ZOOM. See eywtm.toastmastersclubs.org for details (zoom link on calendar and directions page) or to contact us. Open club; no prerequisites—If you are thinking about joining a Toastmasters club, especially one that focuses on IMPROMPTU skills, and ONCE per month meetings (second Wednesdays 6-8 PM) will work best for you—THIS could be your HOME CLUB!

- **FunnyBone 2** (1st and 4th Saturdays of the month, 1:30pm-3pm) - <https://funnybone2.toastmastersclubs.org/>

We are a Specialty club focused on helping people to develop humor. Humor is something that not only adds value to a speech but can also improve our health and well-being.

The club originally was formed in memory of D37's Jay Nodine and continues as a tribute to his quote concerning Toastmaster Meetings, He said, "If you are not having fun, then you are not doing it right." Please check out our website for more detail.

- **In Good Company** is an Advanced Toastmasters Club and as such, we do 2 things just a little differently.

For evaluations, we have round-robin evaluations so that you get feedback from more than one person. Over half of our member base are DTMs, so you get very high quality feedback. We start with what we really liked about the presentation. Often members build upon what the previous person said. "Yes, I liked x too, and I thought y made it even better." Our next step is what we call "polishing the diamond" - how you could make that speech even better. Sometimes you'll get contradictory advice. One person may think you should do something differently or even drop a speech element, and another may say that it made the speech for them. Getting feedback from everyone means that one person's bias won't lead you to eliminate a speech feature that the majority DOES like. We wrap up by sharing the one gem we won't forget from your speech, or something new we learned that will stick with us. We call our table topics "activities", and the role is activities master. Sometimes activities are just like table topics in any other club, but sometimes we stretch the boundaries a bit, adding in a little improv, or building a story as a team, or sometimes everyone at the meeting is involved. You just never know. If you've ever seen "Whose Line is it Anyway?", you'll have the general idea. Please don't get the idea that only experienced Toastmasters are welcome or benefit from our club. We've had plenty of brand spanking new members, and all you need is a willingness to jump in and give it a try. Our feedback is tailored to where YOU are in your speaking journey. Come visit us any Tuesday morning at 7:30!

- **Professional Edge** (2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 6:30pm-8:30pm) - <https://professionaledge.toastmastersclubs.org/>

Professional Edge Toastmasters is an advanced club for members who want to excel at being professional speakers and master their presentation skills using a platform of round robin evaluations. We will be celebrating our tenth year this coming June. If you are ready for a challenge while having a lot of fun at the same time, click on our club website link above and see what Professional Edge Toastmasters can do for you!

- **Top Triangle Toastmasters**, is unique because we offer round robin evaluations for all speakers. This gives speakers more information to further develop their public speaking careers. Top Triangle also offers mentorship for district officers, a place to practice for speech contestants, and special events such as a Table Topics Marathon and the Summer Speech Spectacular. Top Triangle Toastmasters is an advanced club that is open to everyone. There are no membership requirements to join Top Triangle