

## **Become a District 58 Speakers Bureau Member**

**The District 58 Speakers Bureau is a group of active Toastmasters speakers from District 58 who voluntarily visit other organizations to speak.**

### **Benefits:**

- Stretch yourself by gaining a variety of outside speaking experiences
- Publicize Toastmasters
- Help other people and organizations

### **To Join:**

- Be a Toastmaster in good standing of a club in District 58
- Complete at least 6 manual speeches
- Complete an application and submit it to the Speakers Bureau Chair
- Have 2 or 3 presentations prepared

### **How it Works:**

- Organizations contact the District
- Speakers Bureau Chair receives requests, maintains member applications, matches members to organizations, and contacts both parties to exchange information
- Member follows up with organization to schedule date and work out details

### **FAQs:**

#### **Do Speakers Bureau speeches count for educational award credit?**

*Yes, if another Toastmaster attends and completes the manual evaluation.*

#### **Can I receive payment for speaking?**

*Members cannot receive direct payment. The organization may make a donation to the District to be used for educational purposes. Payment directly to members jeopardizes Toastmasters International's non-profit status. Organizations may give speakers an inexpensive gift such as a mug, gift basket, pen and pencil set, etc. if the event is during a meal, the organization typically provides the speaker's meal at no cost to the speaker.*

#### **Can I promote Toastmasters at the speaking engagement?**

*Yes. When scheduling the event, ask the organization's coordinator what you may do in that regard. You may be able to speak a few minutes about Toastmasters, hand out brochures, etc.*

**Where do I get brochures?** *If you are placing an order with Toastmasters International, there are several free brochures available to members, some of which have a maximum free limit. Otherwise, the District can supply through the Speakers Bureau Chair.*

**Will the District or my club reimburse my travel?** *No*

**How do I apply?** *If you are member of District 58 Toastmasters and would like to speak for a group outside of Toastmasters here in South Carolina please contact the District 58 Speakers Bureau Chair, Valerie Brooks-Madden@ d58spkrbureau@toastmasters-d58.org*