

Toastmasters Seeks Videos of Holiday Toasts

The public speaking experts request both masterful and disasterful toasting videos to share with fans and followers

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif., Nov. 3, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Toastmasters International, the global organization devoted to communication and leadership skills development, will recognize the art of toasting by showcasing examples of impressive toasts in a new "best of" video. Between today and Nov. 17, 2014, Toastmasters will accept video submissions via email at brand@toastmasters.org.

If you have video of a toast that went awry, please submit it as well for possible inclusion.

The video reel will be shared with the media and highlighted on Toastmasters' social media networks during the holiday season to give toast givers tips for what to say – and what **not** to say. If you or someone you know have given a memorable, heartfelt (or a subpar, rambling) holiday or wedding toast, please send us the clip for consideration.

The best toasts should include the following:

- A prepared speaker who stays on topic
- An original, heartfelt and customized toast
- Creativity and humor
- A length of less than three minutes
- The speaker standing, lifting his or her glass by the stem and saying, "I'd like to propose a toast."

"Toasts give the speaker an opportunity to connect with the audience and pay tribute to an honored guest or event," says Toastmasters International President Mohammed Murad. "Well done toasts can make celebrations that much more memorable for guests as the speaker brings them both tears and laughter."

For consideration, please submit all toasting videos to brand@toastmasters.org.

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization's membership exceeds 313,000 in more than 14,650 clubs in 126 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow [@Toastmasters](https://twitter.com/Toastmasters) on Twitter.

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