

Humourist

The founder of Toastmasters, Dr. Ralph Smedley, said that “people learn best in moments of enjoyment”. When guests visit your Toastmasters club and they see a group of friends laughing, enjoying themselves and learning how to communicate all at the same time, they will feel like this is an organization that they want to be a part of.



It is the responsibility of each Toastmaster that has a role in the meeting to do whatever they can to make the meeting enjoyable for one or more of their fellow Toastmasters. One of the best ways to make the meeting enjoyable is to start it with a joke or a funny story. The role of humourist is an excellent way for newer Toastmasters gain confidence in speaking and is used as a stepping stone for other speaking roles.

Here's how to succeed as Quiz Master:

1. Before the meeting, find a funny joke or story from friends, books or the internet.
2. Keep it clean! Do not use humour that demeans a person or a group of people or has any offensive language or ideas. A good rule of thumb is if you have to ask if the joke is Ok, it usually isn't.
3. The best idea is to tell a story about something funny that happened to you and show that you are open to laughing at yourself.
4. Keep it short. Don't download a page of one-liners from the internet and read them off one by one. Also, don't stand up and tell 3 or 4 jokes, your role is to tell one good joke or story.

Take on this role and it will help you gain confidence and make you more comfortable speaking to your fellow Toastmasters.