

Welcome to Lightly Toasted Club!



We are so excited to have you at our club today! We look forward to getting to know you and hope you enjoy your Toastmasters experience with us.

First Toastmasters meeting can be a little bit confusing at times, but we're all here to help you follow along. Feel free to ask us any questions!

Here are some frequently asked questions (FAQ)!

Q How are the meetings run?

A The meetings have three sections: prepared speeches, impromptu speeches session (aka Table Topics), and evaluation. At our meetings, each member take on different roles to give a prepared speech, be an evaluator, be a meeting facilitator, etc. Please take a look at our meeting agenda for today!

Q What topics can I speak about?

A As a guest, you are welcome to participate in the Table Topics session where you will give a short improvised speech on a randomly chosen topic.

As a member, you will have access to the [education program Pathways](#) by Toastmasters International. There are 11 paths for you to choose from, and each path focuses on a specific aspect of public speaking and leadership skills, such as Dynamic Leadership, Engaging Humor, Persuasive Influence, etc. You will receive training materials for each project and deliver speeches to improve your skills.

Q Why should I join Lightly Toasted Club?

A Since 2005, our club helped numerous members gain confidence and become top-notch communicators. We pride ourselves on being the (self-proclaimed) "Best Club in Chicago." We won [President's Distinguished Club Award](#) five years in a row from 2017 to 2022. Our members have won various individual awards at Toastmasters Contests. At our core, we form a supportive and diverse community where we aim to help each other grow and achieve our goals.

Q How do I become a member?

A Let our officers know you want to join! We'll step you through the membership application form and payment information. Payment info is also available on the back of this page.

Lightly Toasted Toastmasters – Membership Fees

New members are required to pay:

- **\$20** new member fee (once-in-a-lifetime fee) that goes to Toastmasters International (TMI).
- **\$45 semi-annual (6-months)** dues to Toastmasters International due 01-April and 01-Oct every year. If joining in a month other than April or October, the fees are prorated as per table based on the month you join.
- **\$3.50 monthly** Lightly Toasted Club dues.

Month Joining	Membership Period	TM Int'l Dues	Lightly Toasted Dues	New Member Fee	Total
Jan	Month Joining – Sept. 30	\$67.50	\$31.50	\$20	\$119.00
Feb		\$60.00	\$28.00		\$108.00
March		\$52.50	\$24.50		\$97.00
April		\$45.00	\$21.00		\$86.00
May		\$37.50	\$17.50		\$75.00
June		\$30.00	\$14.00		\$64.00
July	Month Joining – March 31	\$67.50	\$31.50		\$119.00
Aug		\$60.00	\$28.00		\$108.00
Sept		\$52.50	\$24.50		\$97.00
Oct		\$45.00	\$21.00		\$86.00
Nov		\$37.50	\$17.50		\$75.00
Dec		\$30.00	\$14.00		\$64.00

Renewal Fee for Members:

- Due 01-April / 01-October
- **\$66 for 6-months** (TMI fees: \$45 / Lightly Toasted Fees : \$21)
- **\$90 for 1-Year** (TMI Fees : \$90 / Lightly Toasted Fee: ZERO)

Our payment options are as follows:

- Venmo made payable to [lightlytoastedlakeview](#)
- PayPal made payable to lightlytoastedlakeview@gmail.com