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August 2nd, 2016

Re: Proclamation Request

Mayor Tony Van Bynen Town of Newmarket 395 Mulock Dr., P.O. Box 328, STN Main, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 4X7

Dear Mayor Van Bynen,

I am writing to request that you proclain October 2016 as "Toastmasters Month", as it has been designated for the past several years. I also request that the proclamation be advertised in the Town Page advertisement and on our Town's website.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit organization which has been teaching valuable communication and leadership skills to people around the globe for over 90 years. There are currently over 15,400 clubs worldwide.

The Courst of Blarney, Newmarket, has been an active member of the community for 20 years. Our members take pride in their contributions to the development of skills benefiting the people of our Town.

We thank you for your consideration an also for your dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Demelo Vice President Public Relatons The Court of Blarney



# **Toastmasters International Fact Sheet**

Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization that empowers individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization's membership exceeds 332,000 in more than 15,400 clubs in 135 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators and leaders.

#### Founded

October 22, 1924

## **Updated Brand**

August 17, 2011

### Leadership

Jim Kokocki, International President Mike Storkey, President-Elect Balraj Arunasalam, First Vice President Lark Doley, Second Vice President Daniel Rex, Chief Executive Officer

#### **Benefits**

- Clearer communication
- Improved leadership skills
- Enhanced teamwork
- Effective meetings
- Increased productivity
- Positive mentoring
- Complements existing training programs
- Cost effective

## **Number of Toastmaster Clubs**

Worldwide clubs: 15,400+

U.S. clubs: 8,700+

International clubs (not including U.S.): 6,700+

### **Types of Clubs**

- Community
- Corporate
- College
- Government agency
- Religious

## Notable Corporate Clubs

- American Express
- Apple
- AT&T
- Coca-Cola
- Disney
- Google
- IBM
- Johnson & Johnson
- Microsoft
- Sonv
- Toyota

#### **Toastmasters Member Demographics**

Gender distribution

- 52% female
- 48% male

#### income level

- Average member annual household income is \$50,000-\$74,999
- 30% of members earn \$100,000+ annually

#### Level of education

- 74% of members have a bachelor's degree or higher
- 35% of members have a master's degree or higher