



District 53 Toastmasters

Serving members in CT, Eastern NY and Western MA

TOASTMASTERS LEADERSHIP EXCHANGES BEST PRACTICES

Dear Toastmaster Member:

The Toastmasters Leadership Exchange (TLE) is a Toastmasters event dedicated to enhancing a member's experience. Participants share their club's best practices, voice concerns, and together, brainstorm new methods and possible solutions to complicated ideas. We hope that you find value in the summarized ideas below and even share your own ideas.

Bring these concepts back to your clubs –share, engage, and empower each other.

Yours in Service,

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Conducting an Exciting Meeting..!



Themed Meetings:

- Hawaiian Night - Dress in Hawaiian clothing, room is decorated.
- Halloween Theme - Costume dresses, room is decorated.
- Thanksgiving theme – Have Food!
- Murder Mystery – Possible Table Topics; describe the murder that has occurred and accuse first person.
- They then come up and defend themselves by accusing another with supposed evidence.

Meeting Variety:

- Consider getting a guest speaker from outside of your club.
- Incorporate snacks at meetings.
- Ask speech contest participants and winners to be guest speakers.
- Display a progress chart for all members to stimulate some competition.
- Open your meetings in different ways.
- Do a reverse meeting!
- Start by asking each person a question to give everyone a chance to speak right away.
ex. "What's one really great thing that happened this week?"
- Consider videotaping speeches and publishing them somewhere online where access is controlled.

Member Connections:

- Members get closer as they get to know more about each other.
- Set aside a regular part of the meetings where people make personal announcements.
- Strong mentor/mentee relationships add to meeting quality and engagement.
- Challenge another club to a debate.
- Enlist independent judges.