

City Proclaims February as "Toastmasters Month" in Parksville

Parksville, **BC** - The City of Parksville has proclaimed February 2013 as Toastmasters Month in Parksville. The Toastmaster program helps people develop skills in speaking listening, providing feedback, enhancing leadership potential and promoting self-actualization. The month of February has been designated as Toastmasters Month in British Columbia.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Founded in 1924, the organization has more than 280,000 members in 13,500 clubs in 116 countries. Each week, Toastmasters helps more than a quarter million people of every ethnicity, education level and profession build their competence in communication so they can gain the confidence to lead others.

The first Toastmasters club outside the United States was chartered in Victoria in 1935. There are now 286 clubs with more than 5,000 members in British Columbia. For more information http://arbutus.toastmastersclubs.org/

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