

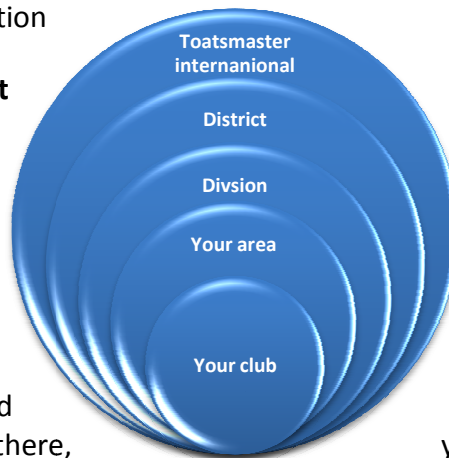
# Being a Toastmaster, is more than just being a public speaker.

As soon as you register you become a member of your local club and part of a bigger organization devoted to improving your communication skills and your leadership.

## It is pivotal as the spring contest

Any Toastmasters member there are several parts to happen. Even if you're not involvement counts.

It begins with the local contest members of your local club, and compete in your area and from there,



being held on March 24, 2015.

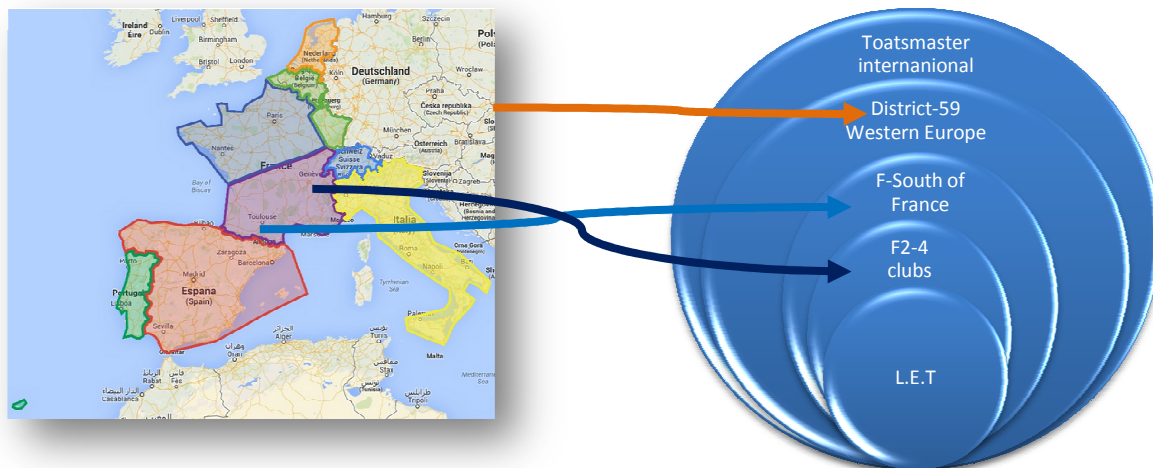
can be involved in the competition, play, each one essential for making it participating as a contestant, your

in your own club. Start by presenting to very soon you'll gain the confidence to your area, the district and onwards...

Sometime in your Toastmasters career, you'll be invited by another club of you area to help by participating in some roles in their club contest.

As Toastmasters, our contests are well organized and have regular meeting, times. Rules and roles are all perfectly designed for each event.

A contest is another opportunity for guests to discover a club.  
We hope to have plenty of visitors for this contest.



Finally, **LET**'s discover the testimony of one of our founding members:

"I've been a member of [Lyon English Toastmasters](#) for one year now. I discovered this club through the ex-director of Lyon's America House and I visited the club. I wanted to practice my English in real life and meet people who share the same passion/need for English. So far, I've given five speeches and played a number of other roles like Toastmaster of the evening, evaluator, grammarian, etc.

I came to my first session to see what it was like and I had to leave my comfort zone in giving an impromptu talk in which I had to find a bright idea off the top of my head to remain credible and just pretend...

The audience laughed at my story and it made me feel great. I will never forget this moment, hard at first and then wonderful. After my first speech, it was even better, I was listened to, was smiled at, I felt encouraged and considered. That helped me build my self-confidence and motivation to go further in the TM process.

At the second session, I decided to become a member because I really enjoyed the atmosphere, the people and the positive energy around me.

Now, after one year, I still love being a TM member, especially being a speaker and also welcoming new guests and helping our members. I really feel I'm making progress in terms of communication and leadership and it even helped me find my way, having no clue, into my new professional future.

My short-term expectations are clear and simple: I want to keep inspiring the audience with my speeches. I want to learn new things from other members, like I always do. I want to complete my Competent Communication book and contribute to the nice atmosphere and the aura of our club. I want to keep meeting great and motivated people, who share the same ideals as me, such as mutual respect, knowledge and excellence, passion for English.

My long-term expectations are a little vague, even though I would love to be able to compete in local contests. I do not feel confident enough at the present time, but it will probably be my second step. It could be fun to do so, but for this specific goal, I need more practice and more time to get prepared..."

Isabelle F.