

# A Few Words From FAMOUS TOASTMASTERS

## Debbi Fields Rose

*Founder – Mrs. Fields Cookies.  
Former member of Salt Lake  
City Toastmasters club in Salt  
Lake City, Utah*



“I’d never thought of myself as a great communicator, and that’s one of the reasons I got involved in Toastmasters. The idea of getting in front of a group, not as Mrs. Fields but really as Debbi, made my knees shake and I’d get all dry-mouthed. But the Toastmasters group understood. Here’s a place where you can learn, grow, develop – and where other people are doing and feeling the same thing.”

## Linda Lingle

*Governor of Hawaii since 2002 and  
former member of a club in Maui.*



“Toastmasters is the best and least expensive personal improvement class you can go to. Anybody who begins and sticks with it for any length of time will end up a better speaker. As a result, they build confidence and are able to do their jobs better.”

## Chris Matthews

*Host of MSNBC’s **Hardball with Chris Matthews** and  
**The Chris Matthews Show**.  
Former member of a Toastmasters  
club on Capitol Hill.*



“Toastmasters changed my life. They really did. Put me on the stage. I don’t know what I would have done without that positive boost.

“I learned that being supportive of other people is very important. As a speaker, you have to know that there are other people out there rooting for you – more than you might believe.”

## Harold McGraw, III

*Chairman, president and CEO of  
The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.,  
sponsor of eight Toastmasters clubs.*



“Having a strong culture that emphasizes effective communication is incredibly important to the success of any company... Results speak louder than words. All any leader has to do is look at the benefits individuals receive from their participation in Toastmasters and, more broadly, examine the results Toastmasters in general has achieved, to see the value the program adds.

“The Toastmasters program provides an important chance for employees to expand their peer network and collaborate with employees whose paths they may not otherwise cross.”

## Harvey Mackay

*Best-selling author, speaker and  
chairman of MackayMitchell  
Envelope Co., in Minneapolis,  
Minnesota. Former member of the  
King Boreas Toastmasters club in  
St. Paul, Minnesota.*



“I’ve never met anyone who didn’t think Toastmasters was super valuable to their career. We gain self-esteem, self-confidence, assertiveness. This makes us better salespeople, better managers, better leaders.

“I wouldn’t be here today if it weren’t for my dad pushing me over the threshold, pushing me to join Toastmasters. I had no idea whatsoever that some day I’d speak to Fortune 500 companies every week. Had I not been a good speaker, there isn’t one chance in a hundred that I would have ever written a book. So it started with Toastmasters.”

## Peter H. Coors

*Chairman of the board of the Molson  
Coors Brewing Company in Denver,  
Colorado. Former member of a  
Toastmasters club at the Coors  
Brewing Company.*



“As my career grew with the company, I needed to develop my communication skills more and more...I’ve learned a great deal about speaking and listening and now realize the importance of the overall program. For me, it took getting into a formal organization – such as Toastmasters – to understand what total communication is all about.”