

TOASTMASTERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Every Thursday at noon, the Columbia County Toastmasters meet at the St. Helens Village Inn where they present and entertain their audience in a variety of speech formats and topics. On March 14, 2013, they held their annual Columbian Toastmasters International Speech and Evaluation Contest, allowing participants the opportunity to engage the audience over the course of the hour.

Toastmasters International was founded in 1924 and is dedicated to building communication and leadership skills amongst individuals of all ages. They have proven results and thereby have been able to build community connections all over the world. The local Toastmasters organization currently works with students at Scappoose High School's leadership program where they are completing an 8-week course on public speaking. The course will be of benefit as these young adults begin their transition into their post-high school education and career goals.

Toastmasters will have their next contest across the bridge at Canaberry Inn in Longview on March 28, 2013. They will have a potluck starting at 6:00pm with the contest set to start at 7:00pm. The event is open to the public and will demonstrate speeches by participants at several age levels as well as in a variety of topics including international speeches.

If you are interested in joining Toastmasters, or would like more information on attending one of their competitions, visit their web page at 6421.toastmastersclubs.org/ or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ColumbianToastmasters#!/ColumbianToastmasters/info