

A Member's Work

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The work of our association requires a contribution by every member.

While some members are able to devote more of

their time and effort to us than others, every member can help. What can you do to help spread word of our association and our mission? Here are some suggestions.

Be a mentor: share your professional experiences with those new to the field; encourage newcomers. Each of us was new to the field once, and we needed the help of others; now it's our turn to help.

Be supportive of others in the profession. Offer advice if asked, but always listen. Sometimes that's all that's needed.

Teach when you can, help others, learn everyday. Each of us has something we can teach others, and each of us can and should continue to learn. Knowledge is waiting for us everywhere.

Practice strong leadership; voice concerns (diplomatically); speak up for yourself and others. If we don't think of ourselves as leaders, we can still voice our concerns, and we can still speak up by attending meetings. If that's not possible, we can send our proxy so that another member can vote for us. Your vote is one of the most valuable benefits of membership.

Join other associations. Many of our members have benefitted by joining organizations such as Toastmasters. What we learn from one group can be helpful to another.

Adopt causes: As members of the world community, we have an obligation to participate, by voting in local, state, and national elections and by volunteering our time for other worthy causes. If time is something in short supply, we can make a contribution to our local food bank or the blood bank, or we can donate no longer needed items or money. No matter how small, we can do something.

We change, we grow, we adapt, we transition from one phase to another. Sometimes, we see the need for change before others and should advocate change that's needed. Is there something we can do better, something we can do that we haven't done? If you believe there is, please let us know.

No matter how small, your contribution is valuable.

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