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## Every Meeting is a Show: Optional Roles

### Invoker or Inspirational Speaker:

- ★ Be sensitive to the fact that in a Toastmasters club, members may come from diverse religious denominations or may be atheists.
- ★ Your role is **not** to preach your own belief or to deliver a speech.
- ★ Everyone will appreciate it and no one will be offended if what you say relates to the Toastmasters mission or critical success factors (e.g., "We are thankful for the opportunity to improve our listening, thinking, speaking, and leadership skills . . .").
- ★ The invocation or inspirational moment should be limited to 1 minute.
- ★ To lead the pledge of allegiance, start by saying, "Please face the flag." Beginning this way gives everyone a moment to get ready.

### Joke Master:

- ★ Prepare a joke before the meeting. It should take no more than 3 minutes to tell.
- ★ Deliver the joke as a mini-speech; do **not** read it.
- ★ The best joke is one that you have learned from personal experience.
- ★ If you must find a joke from other sources, try not to use the Internet. A joke published on the Internet has been read by thousands of people. Chances are that more than a few people in your audience have read or heard it more than once. Old books are a much better resource.
- ★ Humor should be of good taste. Objectionable contents or language is unacceptable at Toastmasters meetings.

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