

# Comedic Entrepreneur Embraces Toastmasters

High Country Toastmasters is honored to announce Comedian, Author and Toastmaster **Sid Davis** as keynote speaker for a Humorous Seminar.



The OPEN HOUSE Event will be **Tuesday, September 28, 2010** at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church (Fellowship Hall).

While working as an airline mechanic, Sid Davis longed to express his creative skills. In 2004, Sid joined Toastmasters and quickly won North Carolina's district humorous speaking contests. Soon after, he became a regular at the open mic nights in the Charlotte area and began emceeding shows at the Comedy Zone. During this time, he also wrote the book, Space Available.

Sid is always embarking on exciting challenges within the comedy business. In 2007, Sid advanced from being the opening act to performing in the featured spot.

"Sid is a refreshing throwback to clever, vulnerable, humor." Toastmasters International Magazine.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit organization that helps people improve their public speaking skills. It is inexpensive (around \$100 per year), and puts members in a supportive environment with other people who are learning to speak in public, become better leaders, and improve their social interactions.

One important lesson you will learn as an entrepreneur, is to do the things that you fear the most, because you will be faced with scary moments periodically in business. One thing I discovered about overcoming anxiety is this: every time I feel anxious and I take action, I have the opportunity to build confidence.

Brian Armstrong, an entrepreneur who achieved financial freedom at a very young age, wrote, "Five Reasons All Entrepreneurs Should Join Toastmasters", in which he states, "Toastmasters can help you become a better entrepreneur and get a boost in confidence." His Five Reasons are:

1. You Speak In Public More Often Than You Know
2. A Sense of Humor Is A Valuable Tool
3. Entrepreneurs Must Be Leaders
4. You Must Spend Time With The Right Type of People
5. Your Body Language Could Use Improvement



Need more reasons? How about:

**NETWORKING. NET WORTH. NOT WORK.**



### Expand Your NETWORK

Within the first two years as an active Toastmaster, a friend convinced me to leave my job to become a real estate agent. I took that leap of faith to become a real estate agent. I have the club to thank for exposing me to a network of potential clients, suppliers, mentors, and friends. These are friends who know how to have fun and have taught me much more than just communication.

Every Toastmasters Club has a roster of at least 20 members. Multiply that by more than 170 clubs in North Carolina and thousands of clubs all over the world, where there are year round activities to allow you to rub elbows with different people from different walks of life. That is a vast network.

### Increase Your NET WORTH

- Joining Toastmasters for the first time – \$47.00
- Approximate Annual Membership fee – \$108.00
- Developing Competency and Growing Self Confidence – Priceless

Honestly, I can say that I am a better person, speaker, communicator, and better leader than when I started my Toastmasters journey. Our club, High Country Toastmasters, values lifelong learning and makes that possible by providing a motivating and fun environment. For me, the best investment in self-development has been Toastmasters.

Our members who are entrepreneurs remain active in the club even when it seems they do not need to be a Toastmaster to be successful in their careers. They can put their money elsewhere, but they continue to see the value in developing their skills and confidence.

Jay Nodine has been a toastmaster for 44 years. He is a four time Distinguished Toastmaster, Past International Director and Past District 37 Governor. When asked why he is still involved with Toastmasters, he stated "I still find it challenging and fun. I enjoy receiving evaluations from a new member. They have a fresh outlook and a new perspective on my speeches. I am always learning something new."

### It is NOT WORK

Here's the deal... Toastmasters is not a have-to. For me, it is a want-to. No matter how busy my schedule gets, I feel the need to be at the meetings. It is a productive way to be entertained. Toastmasters is a laboratory where one can take risks and experiment with new expressions and ideas.

Sid has been quoted as saying, "One of the lessons I've learned is don't do any venue until you are absolutely ...ready to do it. You get one chance at a first impression."

If you are interested in attending the High Country Toastmasters OPEN HOUSE to hear Sid Davis speak, please contact VP of Membership, Glenda Teams at 828-310-8491 or email glenda\_teams@ucbi.com. The event will start at 5:30pm with refreshments afterwards. It is free and open to the public.