

- ▶ State the question or topic and randomly select a member to respond. Working through members randomly supports the impromptu nature of Table Topics.
- ▶ Keep your comments short. Your job is to give others a chance to speak.
- ▶ Check the printed agenda for the time allotted to Table Topics and adjust the number of questions or topics to end your segment on time. Even if you start late, adjust your time so the meeting ends at the established time.
- ▶ If your club presents a Best Table Topics Speaker award, ask the timer at the end of the Table Topics session to report those eligible for the award. Invite members to vote for Best Table Topics Speaker and pass their votes to the sergeant at arms or vote counter. If the club has a Table Topics evaluator, ask for his or her report and then return control of the meeting to the Toastmaster.

Resources

- ▶ TableTalk (Item 1318)
- ▶ *Master Your Meetings* (Item 1312)

▶ WHEN YOU ARE A **TABLE TOPICS SPEAKER**

Table Topics helps develop your ability to organize your thoughts quickly and respond to impromptu questions or topics. The Table Topics section of the meeting usually follows the prepared speech presentations. The Toastmaster of the meeting introduces the Topicsmaster, who gives a brief description of the purpose of Table Topics.

The Topicsmaster states the question or topic briefly and then calls on a member or guest at random to respond. Each Table Topics speaker receives a different topic or question.

As a Table Topics speaker, you may stand next to your chair or move to the lectern to give your response depending on the policy of your club. The Topicsmaster will specify the allotted time for responses.

