

Good evening, fellow Toastmasters and distinguished guests.

Welcome to Singing Sands Toastmasters and thank you for joining us for our first attempt at an online Toastmasters meeting.

I'd like to start with a few tips for virtual meeting etiquette to make our online meeting run a bit smoother. This is a new format for us, so above all, please be patient if things don't run as smoothly as possible. We will get through it together.

- Please keep yourself on mute unless you are called upon to speak.
- If you need to alert someone to something during the meeting, please use the private chat feature to do so. If you aren't able to hear something or are having other technical issues, please add it to the "everyone" chat so someone can address it right away.
- The meeting agenda can be accessed by clicking on the small circle in the upper left corner of your meeting window. Give it a try now to make sure you can access it. A pdf copy is also available at the website link Becky has added to the chat. Feel free to download it to follow along.
- Please limit the amount of activity in your video space. Kids and pets bouncing around can be distracting.
- If you need to exit the meeting before it ends, please use the red x at the bottom of your screen.
- You may be asked to "raise your hand" in the meeting. This is done by hovering over your name and clicking on the hand icon next to it.

We usually start our club meeting by reciting our club mission. It should be popping up in the chat right now. Becky will take everyone off mute to recite it:

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

