

## **Toastmasters, and so much more...**

By Lori Anderson

My fiance and I knew literally no one when we moved here a year ago. But that quickly changed as soon as we joined a Toastmasters club.

We were not even in Calgary for a week before we visited a downtown club. It was the first step on a road that eventually helped us to create lasting friendships with many local Toastmasters whom we have grown to know and appreciate this past year.

Even before coming to Alberta, Jeff and I knew about the ties that can be formed by being members in a Toastmasters club. Before moving out here, we both were brief members of the Peterborough Toastmasters club in Peterborough, Ontario. It was through their examples of professionalism and caring for others that created a unique style for Jeff and I try to uphold wherever we go.

Toastmasters has given us many opportunities to learn and help others with their own success as Toastmasters. We both have taken on positions with the executive of our home club in Kensington -- Igniters Toastmasters. Our roles on the executive have helped us to challenge ourselves and grow as individuals.

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