



## Toastmasters assists job seekers

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Toastmasters International has been helping [business](#) executives and up-and-comers develop or polish their speaking skills for 86 years. It's also a place for the unemployed to build skills and meet local businesspeople at or near the top of their professions.

Professionally Speaking Toastmasters is a new chapter of the organization that meets regularly at Midvale Country Club in Penfield.

"We've been able to help several members get back into the [work force](#)," said Jim Contino, a marketing executive at Xerox Corp. and a founding member of the chapter, which has 45 members in less than a year.

At a recent meeting at Midvale, about 20 members, some of whom had brought guests, mingled. Diane Walker of Pittsford, looking for a job in public relations, was there with Jackie DiBella of Penfield. They wanted to absorb some of the approaches about personal communication skills that are at the crux of the Toastmasters tradition.

"Helping others is a big part of Toastmasters," said chapter member Sheree Savo of InfoPreserve, a software company in Rochester. [TTOBIN@DemocratandChronicle.com](mailto:TTOBIN@DemocratandChronicle.com)



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Sheree Savo of InfoPreserve, Jim Contino of Xerox and Linda Hecker of Accomplishment Coaching gather at Midvale Country Club in Penfield. (TOM TOBIN staff photographer)

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