

**Introduction**

Have you ever had to use a microphone ... to get your message across?

As you become a better speaker, ... you'll be talking to larger audiences. This will give you opportunities, ... or be required ... to use a microphone.

Most Toastmasters do not grab these opportunities ..... to make a greater impact. This is usually ..... because they are uncomfortable ..... with the use of a hand-held microphone.

When they do use a microphone ..... often ..... they use it poorly. They just don't harness ..... it's full potential.

Henk van den Bergen ..... is a singer, ... a speaker ..... and an all round nice guy. He's had many opportunities ..... to learn how to use a microphone.

So tonight, ..... you're going to get an insight, ..... into the many different kinds of microphones, the benefits of using a microphone ..... and the Dos and Don'ts ..... of microphone technique.

With his educational titled, ..... "Speak Up" ..... “Speak Up” please help me ..... give Henk, ..... a really warm welcome.