



WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Toastmasters,
Dear Friends of Toastmasters,

It is my pleasure to contribute to the Toastmaster Club as Newsletter Editor for the next season.

If you have any comments, inputs, if you gave an interesting speech or if you have something else you would like to share with other members, please send it to me (andrea.hierman@alconlabs.com). I would love to publish it in the next Toastpost.

I am very much looking forward to a constructive and hilarious Toastmaster season and especially

to the next meeting, which is a contest meeting. So don't forget to sign in as contestant for table topics or humorous speech! You can find the rules for the contest on our blog (<http://toastblog.wordpress.com>) under conferences.

And finally I have to say: It was very nice seeing you after a long summer break. It was an excellent meeting, we had resplended table topics, great speeches and all this - as always - with great fun.

Best regards, Andrea Hierman

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Vienna Toastmasters Club 551. It is both an honor and privilege to serve as president for the 2007/2008 term.

I believe the Vienna Toastmasters Club not only lives up its mission, values and the vision but is exceeding in all of them. Toastmasters' has had an immeasurable effect on my life. I have not only improved my speaking and leadership skills but improved in every area of my life. Toastmasters gave me the tools to step out of my comfort zone and make great progress in my personal growth. I am very thankful that I took a chance and joined Toastmasters, it was one of the best decisions I ever made.



I invite you to come and see for yourself the benefits Toastmasters can offer you. We have very friendly and supportive atmosphere on a mutual quest for self development. Take the first step, come for just one visit; however I promise this, you will desire to come back for more.

Niko Viramo, CTM, CL,
President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions for improvement, we would love to hear from you. Please find below the names of our executive committee for the period 2007/2008. For e-mail-contact please click on the names of the requested person.

Niko Viramo	(President)
Megan Castek	(VP Education)
Martha Auer	(VP Membership)
Walter Grassl	(VP Public Relation)
Christian Halter-Koch	(Treasurer)
Andrea Lapitza	(Secretary)
Ivan Berlakovich	(Sergeant at Arms)
Andrea Hierman	(Newsletter Editor)

WE MEET

1st + 3rd Tuesday every month

Hotel Mercure Biedermeier,
room „Ziererstube“
1030 Landstr. Hauptstr. 28,
Tel: +43 1716710
from 7-10 pm (incl. 1 hour dinner break)

All guests are welcome to join us and experience, what's Toastmaster's all about!

Just show up at the next meeting, or send a mail to

[toastofvienna@yahoo.com!](mailto:toastofvienna@yahoo.com)



V I E N N A



T O A S T P O S T



CLUB BUSINESS

Conferences

September 18th, 2007:

Club Contests: Humorous Speech, Table Topics

October 13th, 2007: Area Contest (Zagreb)

November 3rd, 2007: Division Contest (Pardubice)

Nov.23rd – 25th, 2007: District 59 Fall Conference in Vienna - Sign up: www.conference.district59.org
If you would like to volunteer for tour guide, registration desk or hosting a Toastmaster, please send a mail to guenther.aschenbrenner@alconlabs.com.

Financial Support

We have decided to support our club members in taking part of the district conferences by supporting them in two ways:

1. Every club member; who travels to a district conference (excluding Vienna conference), will get EUR 50,- refund reimbursement for her/his travel costs from the Club Treasurer.
2. If one of our club members succeeds in the speech contest (or table topics/evaluation contest) to the district level, we will support this achievement by giving a free membership (worth EUR 150,-) for the following year.

We have decided that our support will focus both quantitatively (all members receive a bonus) and qualitatively (members succeeding in the contests receive a bonus). Please remark that, we will not support our members' travel costs to the area/division contests (*), but surely wish a good attendance also at these levels.

Best, Niko

*) subject to change

Toastblog

To get always the most actual club business news visit our blog at

<http://toastblog.wordpress.com>

You can find information about club business, the latest news about conferences and things to do in Vienna, as well as the latest Newsletter.

But this Blog can only be lively, when we all contribute to it. So feel free, to make comments and if you have any questions, send us a mail to toastofvienna@yahoo.com.

Videomaster

Dear Fellow Toastmasters !

I have the pleasure (and fun) to be the „Video Master“ for this season. I think we should benefit from our „asset“ to own a video recorder. It's a very helpful device for improving public speaking skills and usually part of an educational seminar of high quality - and we have it!

There is just one thing: In order to make it possible for you to play the DVD on your laptop or DVD player, the DVD needs to be prepared before recording (as well as after recording).

To reduce stress

**please bring back your DVD
next meeting!**

I want to do the necessary steps at home in advance. If you want to keep „your“ DVD with your previous speeches put a post-it on it. The DVD lasts for approx 30 minutes. I work on a solution to upload the speeches on our website (which is of course subject to your acceptance). It turned out that the files have to be converted and compressed and I am still searching for the best software.

If you know a (free software) solution I would appreciate your piece of advice!

TM Monika

Club Fees

We are glad to inform our members, that we have decided to keep the club fees at the same level (no increases), therefore EUR 150,- for the fiscal membership year 2007/2008.

Furthermore, we have decided that the dual member fees are EUR 100,- for the fiscal year 2007/2008. This implies to members, who are already a member of another Toastmasters Club (such as VIC/Henkel/or any other) and would like to join our club as well.

If you have any questions about the fees (how much are the pro-rated fees when I join in x month?, Where do my fees go to?, How do I set my Toastmaster fees off against tax liability?, etc.) please contact our Club Treasurer, [Christian Halter-Koch](#) , or [myself](#).

Best, Niko



OUR VISION

Vienna Toastmasters exists to empower its members to achieve full potential, both professionally and personally.

We strive for continuous improvement in our communication and leadership skills, thereby empowering our members to embrace dynamic changes and giving them a courage to be successful leaders.

It is our vision to become the leading Toastmasters club in Europe!

Our **CORE VALUES** are integrity, dedication to excellence, service to the member, and respect for the individual.

OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Vienna Toastmasters Club is to provide a friendly, positive and creative atmosphere; where members actively participate to improve their thinking, listening, speaking and leadership skills.

Effective, well organized, productive meetings are conducted in a lively, fun-filled manner.

Members are challenged to achieve and surpass their personal goals through constructive evaluation and feedback promoting improved self-esteem, confidence and personal growth.

Guests and new members from the community are always welcome.

MISSION POSSIBLE

DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM

Goals to achieve

Following are the goals we should strive to achieve during the year.

goal #	status	who has achieved
2 CCs	0	
2 more CCs	0	
1 ACB, ACS or ACG	0	
one more ACB, ACS or ACG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1 CL, ALB, ALS or DTM		Renate Dorner (CL)
one more CL, ALB, ALS or DTM	0	
4 new members	2	Wolfgang Löber, Royce To
4 more new members	0	
4 officers trained twice a year	0	
Membership dues renewal report and club officer list submitted on time	0	
At least 20 members OR and net growth of at least 5 new members		



Distinguished Club Program and Club Success Plan

Recognition

- 5 goals achieved: **Distinguished Club**
- 7 goals achieved: **Select Distinguished Club**
- 9 goals achieved: **President's Distinguished Club**

CC *Competent Communicator*
 ACB, ACS, ACG *Advanced Communicator Bronze, Silver or Gold*
 CL *Competent Leader*
 ALB, ALS *Advanced Leader Bronze or Silver*
 DTM *Distinguished Toastmaster*



PARTICIPANTS OF THIS MEETING



Günther
Aschenbrenner

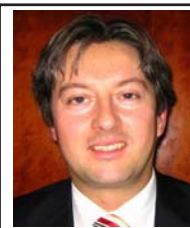
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Ivan



Christian
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Walter
Graßl



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Halter-Koch



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Hexelschneider



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Hierman



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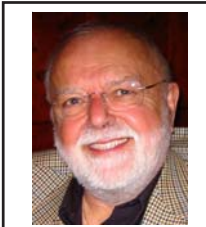
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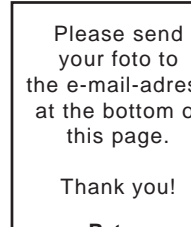
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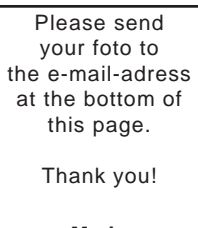
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Viramo



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Thank you!

Maria
Zwanikken

If there is no photo above your name, please send it to me: andrea.hierman@alconlabs.com.

Guests:

Anita Himmelsberger

Wolfgang Löber

Royce To





MEETING DETAILS

Functions

TM of the evening: Monika
 Table Topic Master: Martha
 General Evaluator: Alois
 Timer: Ivan
 Grammarian: Alois
 Ah-Counter: Liz
 Video Master: Monika
 Ballot Counter: Christian H.
 Joke Master: Megan
 Evaluator: Andrea L.
 Walter
 Annette
 Günther

Word of the day

resplended

brilliant

example:

She wore a resplended gown to the reception

Who used the word of the day:

Alois
Megan
Liz

Table Topics

Summer & Traveling

Prepared Speeches



Title	Project/Manual	Name	evaluated by
Horsemanship	Competent Communicator/C5	Andrea H.	Andrea L.
The right attitude	A3	Christian B.	Walter
Cheers to Club 551	Special Occasion Speeches	Maria	Annette
Mission possible	Advanced Leader	Niko	Günther

AND THE AWARDS GO TO ...

Best Table Topic Speaker: **Günther & Walter**
 Best Speaker: **Niko**
 Best Evaluator: **Walter**





THIS & THAT

VIENNA'S *English* THEATRE
FOUNDED IN 1963
JULIA SCHAFRANEK PRESENTS
A PRODUCTION FROM ENSEMBLE THEATRE OF CINCINNATI

A MUSICAL FANTASY
ON THE LIFE OF
FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS

Souvenir

by Stephen Temperley
by arrangement with Joel Grey

3 Sept – 17 Oct 2007
DAILY AT 7.30PM, EXCEPT SUNDAYS
NO PERFORMANCE ON 3 SEPTEMBER

The smash Broadway hit *Souvenir* tells the hilarious and endearing story of Florence Foster Jenkins, an eccentric socialite, who gave a series of annual charity concerts during the 1930s and 40s. The only problem: Jenkins suffered under the illusion that she was a great coloratura soprano, when in fact she was tone deaf! Despite her lack of talent, Jenkins' recitals garnered her much fame and a date at Carnegie Hall. Inspired by the real-life collaboration between Jenkins and her accompanist, pianist Cosme McMoon, this touching play is about the true meaning of music, the art of performing, and unlikely friendships.

Dear subscribers – booking is advised by 13 August
tickets@englishtheatre.at • tickets 01-402 12 60-0
www.englishtheatre.at

VIENNA'S ENGLISH THEATRE JOSEFSGASSE 12 1080 VIENNA

Souvenir

It is a touching play about the true meaning of music, the art of performing, and unlikely friendships and I can very much recommend it.

It is not only entertaining, no! We also learn something, like to believe in us and this can move you over mountains to a big success!!

So do not miss to get entertained and get something valuable for your life!

<http://www.englishtheatre.at/>

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Renate Dörner CC, CL

Horsemanship



„The basis of every interaction of horses is attention, confidence and respect. They react very sensitive, when one of these aspects is disturbed or neglected. In the work with horses you experience through their immediate reaction many things about yourself and how you are perceived by others.“

As already promised in my speech find below the contact data of Reinhard Mantler. This was an extremely interesting experience and it is worth spending time and money on it!

Best regards
Andrea Hierman



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MEMBER OF THIS ISSUE

In this category, we will present in every issue another member or the new members. So we get to know each member better, by reading their answers to personal questions.

To set a good example I will start in this issue with my interview, I am very much looking forward to reading your answers!



Andrea Hierman

born in: Mödling
birthday: Jan.22nd

Your middle name?

I don't have a middle name, but originally my parents wanted to name me Saskia. As my mother is blond, they expected me to be a blond too. But when my father saw me with my red hair, he immediately insisted, that Saskia is only appropriate for a girl with blond hair. So this is how I got named Andrea finally, which means „die Mannhafte“ *gg*.

A childhood memory?

That's easy. When I was a child, and there was a warm summer rain, my sister and I put on our bathing suits, fetched our umbrellas and our rubber boots and ran through the warm rain, singing, laughing and dancing.

The most beautiful thing you can buy for money?

Being almost a shopping addict I must say, there are so many things. No matter if it is nice clothing or shoes and finally a nice meal and a good glass of wine in nice company.

A bad habit?

When I leave the flat, I always have to look twice, if I do not have forgotten to unplug the iron flat.

A weakness you should be forgiven for?

I tend to speak according to my mental leaps, so sometimes it is a bit difficult to follow my comments and my thoughts as they jump around from topic to topic.

My ideal Sunday breakfast starts with...

Depends on what is in the refrigerator (mostly almost nothing). I love to have a brunch with friends, and sometimes the breakfast is even replaced by a lunch.

Love is

a many splendored thing

What do you want to learn in future?

To give speeches and table topics like all the other more experienced Toastmasters!

How did you come to Toastmasters?

I heard from Günther about Toastmasters in the last 10 years, and finally I dared to join Toastmasters and did not regret it up to now.

Which three things would you take along to a deserted island?

First of all I would not like to be at this island, but I would definitely take my friends, food and beverages and lots of suncream with me.

What do you always carry in your handbag/wallet?

My mobile, my purse and my keys. Obviously there are a lot more things in my handbag, but many of them I don't really need, but I only forget to put them out of the handbag in the evening. And finally, I always have my photo camera with me. You never know, if a good occasion for a snapshot occurs, so I am always prepared ... and you should too.

Your favourite holiday destination?

I love skiing, so definitely many places where you can ski. Additionally I love Scotland and I would like to visit Scandinavia in the future.

My last sentence should be (when I die)?

I don't mind which sentence I speak, but I hope I will say it to a person I love!

My career aspiration when I was a child?

I always wanted to become a kindergarden teacher, as I always looked after the children of our neighbours and loved to do so!

Your hobbies?

Skiing, cinema, of course Toastmasters, scuba diving, meeting friends, book binding, my computer ;-)

A clever sentence which is not from you?

When you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of the life to start as soon as possible.?