



Vienna Toastpost

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Word from the editor

Dear Toastmasters,
Dear Friends of Toastmasters,

This time it is very hard to write a few words, because I missed the meeting!!! And as far as I heard, I missed a great meeting with excellent speeches. And even more to mention, that Christian H. and Christian B. „jumped“ in and delivered an excellent speech with a very short preparation time! Thank you very much for your encouragement.

And of course - like its happening in every meeting nowadays - we had the induction of a new member: Zoltan Vador (done by Martha, VP Membership). So once again, a warm welcom to our Club Zoltan.

Best regards, Andrea Hierman



Your last chance to register ...

This is the last chance to register for the **Fall District Conference** held on **November 23rd - 25th, 2007** in Vienna. The Registration link will be closed by November 16th, 2007 and then registration is not possible anymore.

So If you are not yet registered, please visit the registration link and join us for a great Conference! And of course also family & friends are welcome to join the Conference as a guest!

<http://conference.district59.org/>

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If you have any questions, ideas, suggestions for improvement, we would love to hear from you. Please find below the names of the executive committee (period 2007/2008).

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 mail to

toastofvienna@yahoo.com!





Club business

Conferences

Nov.23rd – 25th, 2007: District 59 Fall Conference in Vienna - Sign up:
www.conference.district59.org



Briefing Registration Specialists:

Thursday, November 22nd, 2007, 18.30 hours
at the Alcon office (Mariahilferstraße 121b, 1060 Wien, Tel. 01/5966970/17)

Briefing Tour Guides:

Thursday, November 15th, 2007, 18.30 hours
at Marriott Hotel, Parking 12, 1010 Wien

Speaker's Bureau

THE STORY

Last summer on my vacation in Finland, I was asked by a friend at the KMPG Finland to prepare a one day workshop for experts that are coming to work in Austria.

As a Toastmaster, I was happy to take on the **challenge**, and the workshop went very well. And when I came back to Austria, I was thinking, it would be nice to do trainings and speeches more often and also outside our regular Toastmasters Club.

Therefore I was looking for a suitable platform in Austria, but could not find one. So I decided to create one. This was the birth to a new non-profit organization:



The Speaker's Bureau Austria.

We aim to provide professional quality speakers to service businesses, organizations, community groups, and others.

The minimum requirement for you to qualify as an accredited SBA speaker, is to have a Competent Communicator (CC) Award . All other requirements (as well as more information about SBA as such), can be found on the [SBA Website](#).

The Speaker's Bureau Austria will function under the leadership of the Vienna Toastmasters Executive Committee.

Speakers that qualify and are interested in to join SBA are kindly asked to contact me per e-mail for further information.

I will also take this opportunity to thank you all for your active participation in the Club meetings and activities, and making Vienna Toastmasters such a great success! Keep the spirit high!

To the Success of Vienna Toastmasters,
Niko Viramo,
President [Vienna TM Club 551](#)
Founder & Chairman [Speaker's Bureau Austria](#)



Club business

Meeting Room Location

Dear Fellow Toastmasters,

Our Hotel venue, The Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, asked for hefty price increases in case we would like to move back upstairs to the meeting rooms. Therefore, for the time being, we will remain in the

**“Zierer Stube” room
until the end of 2007.**

Our aim is to provide a high quality meeting location, that is optimal to our members to conduct speeches and enjoy the productive meetings. Therefore we are currently evaluating other venue locations for 2008.

At the moment we are facing a bit of a **challenge** to:

- a) accommodate all the people in the meeting room
- b) have enough time for everyone to come out and speak

Therefore the Vienna TM Club Executive Committee has made two key decisions:

1. New possible location for the Vienna Toastmasters Club 551

We will make a **Test Meeting** at the

**Hotel Roomz
Paragonstr 1, 1110 Wien
on December 11th, 2007.**

It is very important that as many members as possible are joining us at this meeting, because we aim to make the decision (to move or not to move) based on the success of this meeting.

If you are unable to attend, it will be rather difficult for you to judge the new location. However, one thing is for sure: we will only move to a new location, if it is better than the old one.

2. Three Meetings per month

Starting March 2008 through June 2008 we will hold

three (3) meetings per month:

on the 1st, **on the 2nd (new!)** and on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This will allow our members to have better opportunities to come out and speak.

A new Toastmasters Club in Vienna?

As the Vienna TM membership keeps growing very fast, we are already considering a second club to Vienna, perhaps already next fiscal year. If this will be the case (most likely) it will only function with the support of all Vienna TM Members. It will be also a great opportunity to all of us to challenge ourselves as a club coach, speaker, executive committee member, etc. and of course we will all have more opportunities to speak, because the meetings would take place then on the 2nd and the 4th Tuesday of the month, therefore giving everyone the opportunity to become dual members and speak even once a week.

This is only for you as an information what will most likely happen in the near future — challenges supporting **our vision of becoming the leading toastmasters club in Europe and making Vienna the central hub of Toastmastering into Europe.**

Thank you and best regards,
Niko Viramo,
President, Vienna Toastmasters Club 551



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	0	
1 CL, ALB, ALS or DTM	✓	Renate Dörner (CL)
one more CL, ALB, ALS or DTM	✓	Günther Aschenbrenner (CL)
4 new members	✓	Wolfgang Löber, Royce To, Anita Himmelsberger, Alexander Rueprecht
4 more new members	✓	Deborah Coward, Bettina Kirnbauer, Anna Steinhardt, Zoltan Vandor
4 officers trained twice a year	0	
Membership dues renewal report and club officer list submitted on time	✓	
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

no foto available! Wolfgang Ammer	 Günther Aschenbrenner	no foto available Martha Auer	 Ivan Berlakovich	 Christian Bieber	 Renate Dörner
 Christian Halter-Koch	 Christoph Hammer	no foto available Anita Himmelsberger	no foto available Bettina Kimbauer	no foto available Joe Knehs	 Alois Kroiss
 Elisabeth Kummer	 Andrea Lapitza	 Wolfgang Löber	 Mario Pototschnik	 Peter Sicher	 Anna Steinhardt
 Beatrix Suppan-Raab	 Royce To	no foto available Zoltan Vador	 Evelyn Viehböck	 Niko Viramo	

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

Guests:

Sabine Pepper
Karl Biedermann
Claudia Hom





Meeting details

Functions

TM of the evening: Martha
 Table Topic Master: Christian B.
 General Evaluator: Andrea L.
 Timer: Ivan
 Grammarian: Anna
 Ah-Counter: Bettina
 Video Master: .
 Ballot Counter: Royce
 Joke Master: Renate
 Evaluator: Liz
 Renate
 Christoph H.
 Mario

Word of the day

tenacious

holding fast

example:

The dog had a tenacious grip on the child's arm.

Who used the word of the day:

Martha, Christian B., Wolfgang A.

Table Topics

Winston Churchill

Prepared Speeches



Title	Project/Manual	Name	evaluated by
You can get it	C4	Christian H.	Liz
I have a dream	A5 Storytelling	Niko	Renate
The event	High Performance Leadership	Günther	Christoph H.
Foreign Development Aid	A2 Speak to inform	Christian B.	Mario

AND THE AWARDS GO TO ...

Best Speaker: **Günther**
 Best Table Topic Speaker: **Wolfgang A.**
 Best Evaluator: **Christoph**





This & that

Meeting Roles

The success of a Toastmasters meeting depends on the program participants. There are many roles to fill, and each job is designed to improve the members' public speaking and leadership skills. Program participants must know and understand their duties so they can prepare for them. Some roles can be combined – for example, the Ah-Counter might also be the grammarian or listen for uses of the word of the day.



How do you prepare for your meeting roles? In the next issues we will publish useful information about the meeting roles.

Table Topics Master - The extemporaneous educator

With Table Topics, the Topicsmaster gives members who aren't assigned a speaking role the opportunity to speak during the meeting. The Topicsmaster challenges each member with a subject, and the speaker responds with a one- to two-minute impromptu talk.



Some people underestimate the Topicsmaster role's importance. Not only does it provide you with an opportunity to practice planning, preparation, organization, time management and facilitation skills; your preparation and topic selection help train members to quickly organize and express their thoughts in an impromptu setting.

Preparation is the key to leading a successful Table Topics session:

- Confirm who the prepared speakers and evaluators will be so you can call on other members at the meeting to respond first. You can call on program participants (speakers last) at the end of the topics session if time allows.
- Select subjects and questions that allow speakers to offer opinions. Don't make the questions too long or complicated and make sure they don't require specialized knowledge.
- Phrase questions so the speakers clearly understand what you want them to talk about.

Remember, too, that your job is to give others a chance to speak, so keep your own comments short. Table Topics usually begins after the business section.

When the Toastmaster of the evening introduces you, walk to the lectern and assume control of the meeting:

- Briefly state the purpose of Table Topics and mention any theme.
- If your club has a word of the day, encourage speakers to use that word in their response.
- Be certain everyone understands the maximum time they have for their response and how the timing device works (if the timer hasn't already done so).

Then begin the program:

- Give each speaker a different topic or question and call on speakers at random.
- Avoid going around the room in the order in which people are sitting.
- Don't ask two people the same thing unless you specify that each must give opposing viewpoints.
- State the question briefly – then call on a respondent.
- You may wish to invite visitors and guests to participate after they have seen one or two members' responses. But let visitors know they are free to decline if they feel uncomfortable.

Watch your total time. You may need to adjust the number of questions so your segment ends on time. Even if your portion started late, try to end on time to avoid the total meeting running overtime.



New member



Anita Himmelsberger

born in: St. Pölten
birthday: March 4th

Some words about your profession?

I work as a tax accountant on a self employed basis. Therefore I have a lot to do with tax declarations, financial statements, budgets or in other words with other people's money

Your middle name?

I do not have a middle name. That's makes it easier to remember

A childhood memory?

When I was a child I was fond of cats (and I still am). My relatives had a farm with lot of cats but they were very shy. So every time I visited my relatives I tried to catch at least one of them (especially when they were young) and that could take me hours. I remember myself sitting and waiting endlessly in the hayloft or strolling around the farmhouse only to catch one cat and I also remember the joy and pride when I once made it again.

The most beautiful thing you can buy for money?

Books! Unfortunately I can't buy the time to read them all!

A bad habit?

I do not keep my workroom in order, so it is always a mess

A weakness you should be forgiven for?

I sometimes mix up left and right.....

My ideal Sunday breakfast starts with...

Black tea and freshly made rolls with jam and butter!

Love is

the sense of life

What do you want to learn in future?

To express my thoughts clearly and to talk confidently in front of an audience

How did you come to Toastmasters?

I found toastmasters via the Internet more or less by accident

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

a good book, a cat and a pen

What do you always carry in your handbag/wallet?

money

Your favourite holiday destination?

Hawaii

My last sentence should be (when I die)?

Thanks for every experience

My career aspiration when I was a child?

biologist

Your hobbies?

reading, travelling, going for long walks and enjoying nature

A clever sentence which is not from you?

No one can predict to what height you can soar unless you have spread your wings (Thomas Banyacya)