



Word from the editor

Dear Toastmasters,
Dear Friends of Toastmasters,

It's already a little while since last meeting, but the Toastpost is coming right on time to bring you into mood for the meeting tonight!

Last time we had Laurenz presenting the Table Topics and he came up with a brandnew idea. He ordered two boxes of table topics questions and chose couples. But not only did we have to pick questions, but also the asked person had to pose a question in return, just as you would do in a normal conversation. I think that this was a good practice for our communications skills!! And additionally lots of fun, listening for example to the idea of Susan to start building a house with the roof.

After our dinner break we heard 3 great speeches. Anna reported about how to learn a second languages. And she knows what she is talking about. Being married to a Viennese, she not only had to learn German, additionally we experienced that she studied Croatian and Spanish too.

Annette reported us about „paradise by surprise“ She told us about the great feeling to be photographed, climbing on the roof in high heels and beeing the most important person of that day. And as I tried this myself, I can only agree with her.

Maria provided us with very helpful hints to become a better speaker. Knowing the audience is for sure a very important aspect of preparing a speech. This is easy within the Toastmaster Club because we get to know each other very well during months and years, but when preparing a speech held in front of strangers, this is not as easy and needs more investigations.

All in all I have to say, this meeting was again a very interesting one and it was extremely well led by our Toastmaster of the Evening, Megan, wo did a great job to be almost in time and taking care of the fact, that every member should have to possibility to speak during the meeting.

CU later tonight! Andrea Hierman

Have you already considered to visit the District Conference?



Although the deadline for the early bird package was already on February 16th, there

is still time to register with the reduced fee of € 145,-- (instead of € 165,--) until April 16th, 2008.

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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!](mailto:toastofvienna@yahoo.com)





Club business

Important dates - Int. Speech -and Evaluation Contest Calendar, Spring 2008

Club Contest (Vienna) March 4th, 2008

WANTED!

- Speech Contestants
- Evaluation Contestants
- Target Speaker (for evaluation contests)
- Judges
- Timers
- Ballot Counters
- Helpers (Sergant at Arms)
- Chief Judge
- Contest Master

Active participation - Let us make our contest meetings a great success together! Just send your wishes to toastofvienna@yahoo.com and/or to VP Education at megan@castek.at

You can find the contest rules on our blog at the following link

<http://toastblog.wordpress.com/conferences/club-contest/>

Area & Division Conference

Area Conference (Vienna)
March 29th, 2008

Division Conference (Nürnberg)
April 26th, 2008

District Conference (Prague)



You can register for the District Conference in Prague under the following link:

<http://www.bohemiantoastmasters.org/conference//>

Price Packages

Full (entire conference) regular (Feb 17 – Apr 16, 2008):	€ 145,--
Full (entire conference) late (from Apr 17, 2008):	€ 165,--
Guest (Saturday afternoon (no lunch) and Gala evening incl. dinner):	€ 75,--

Travel Expenses

As decided by the Executive Committee every participating member will receive EUR 50,-- for covering a part of the travel expenses to the District Conference in Prague 2008.

And if you succeed to compete at the District Level in Prague (Speech/Evaluation), you will get **one year free membership** at the Vienna TM Club 551

We have received a box of materials from the TMI and therefore are stocked now with some great advanced manuals, books, dvd's etc. These materials are available for our club members to borrow. All items going in/out will be signed by the member and counter-signed by Andrea Lapitza, who has been kind to volunteer to take over the stock control of our club materials. Thank you Andrea Lapitza!



Vienna Toastpost

Vienna Toastmasters Club 551, www.toastmasters.at

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	1	Annette Hexelschneider
2 more CCs	0	
1 ACB, ACS or ACG	0	
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1 CL, ALB, ALS or DTM	✓	Renate Dorner (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	✓	Bettina Kirnbauer, Anna Steinhardt, Zoltan Vandor, Karl Biedermann, Laurenz Trawnicek, Travis Pittman
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	 Karl Biedermann	 Megan Castek	 Renate Dorner
 Annette Hexelschneider	 Andrea Hierman	no foto available Bettina Kirnbauer	 Alois Kroiss	 Andrea Lapitza	 Susan Perkins
no foto available Travis Pittman	no foto available Winston Smith	 Anna Steinhardt	 Laurenz Trawnicek	no foto available Zoltan Vandor	 Evelyn Viehböck
no foto available Maria Zwanikken					

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

Guests:

- Harald Mattenberger**
- Gabriele Schaal**
- Vanda Kovacs**
- Yumiko Kamogawa**
- Alba Calleja**
- Kaiko Hamamitso**





Meeting details

Functions

TM of the evening: Megan
Table Topic Master: Laurenz
General Evaluator: Martha
Timer: Travis
Grammarian: Winston
Ah-Counter: Karl
Video Master: -
Ballot Counter: Andrea H.
Joke Master: Bettina
Evaluator: Andrea L.
 Renate
 Susan

Word of the day

resplendent

example:

She wore a resplendent gown.

Who used the word of the day:

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Table Topics

Table Topics International

Prepared Speeches



Title	Project/Manual	Name	evaluated by
Learning a second language	C2	Anna	Andrea L.
Paradise by surprise	A2	Annette	Renate
Knowing your audience	Better Speaker Series 1	Maria	Susan

AND THE AWARDS GO TO ...

Best Speaker: **Anna**
 Best Table Topic Speaker: **Susan**
 Best Evaluator: **Susan**





Member of this issue



Christoph Hammer

born in: Vienna
birthday: April 27th

Some words about your profession?

SAP

A childhood memory?

In 1982 when I was 7 years old I was collecting stickers of the players in the Soccer World Championships. I wanted the Austrian players - some older boys gave me the stickers of Players from Peru (also red-white-red flag but vertical) in exchange of many of my stickers. Since then I know the difference of the Peruvian and Austrian flag ;-)

The most beautiful thing you can buy for money?

Holidays

A fad (bad habit)?

Think that I am always right

A weakness you should be forgiven for?

Often a little bit too late

My ideal Sunday breakfast starts with...

Coffee

Love is

when you went running for 2 hours, sweat like a pig and still want to hug each other right afterwards.

What do you want to learn in future?

Romanian

How did you come to Toastmasters?

Invitation by my friend Johannes

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

Girlfriend, many books, notebook with Ski Challenge 2008

What do you always carry in your handbag/wallet?

Maestro card

Your favourite holiday destination?

Provence in France

My last sentence should be (when I die)?

See you.

My career aspiration when I was a child?

Can't remember exactly but me and my brother wanted to become priests when we were in kindergarden.

Your hobbies?

Climbing, Running, Skiing, Reading

A clever sentence which is not from you?

Don't let your fears stand in the way of your dreams!



THIS & THAT

General Evaluator

Improving the process while overseeing the execution.

Don't worry; there's no capital punishment during Toastmasters meetings. Unless, of course, the grammarian is in a bad mood.

If you think of a club meeting as a project, then you can see the general evaluator as a kind of project manager.



As GE, your responsibilities include:

- Ensuring the speech and leadership project evaluators know their responsibilities
- Supervising the timer, grammarian and Ah-Counter
- Evaluating everything that takes place during the club meeting
- Making sure each activity is performed correctly

Before the meeting, contact the Toastmaster of the evening and confirm the meeting program. You should also develop a checklist to follow during the meeting so you don't have to keep all the details in your head.

You'll also need to contact members serving as:

- Timer
- Grammarian
- Ah-Counter
- Individual evaluators

Remind them of their assignments, and brief evaluators on their responsibilities, the members they will evaluate and the evaluation format to use. Make sure the evaluators understand that evaluation is a positive, helping act that enables fellow Toastmasters to develop their skills. Point out that an evaluation should enhance the speaker's self-esteem and encourage evaluators to prepare thoroughly for their role. Recommend that they call the member they've been assigned to evaluate to discuss specific project objectives.

Your final task *before* the meeting is to prepare a brief verbal explanation detailing:

- The purpose, techniques and benefits of evaluation so guests and new members will better understand the function of evaluations.
- How evaluation is a positive experience designed to help people overcome flaws and reinforce good habits in their presentations.

On meeting day:

- Arrive early.
- Make sure all evaluators are present and that they have the appropriate speaker or leader's manual.
- If an evaluator is absent, consult with the vice president education and arrange for a substitute.
- Ask each evaluator if he or she has any questions about the project objectives to be evaluated, verify each speaker's time and notify the timer if there are any changes.
- Take your seat near the back of the room. This will ensure you have a good view of the meeting and all its participants.

When you're introduced:

- Deliver the explanation you prepared.
- Identify the grammarian, Ah-Counter and timer and have these members briefly state the purpose of their jobs.