



## Word from the editor

Dear Toastmasters,  
Dear Friends of Toastmasters,

The last meeting offered 2 brandnew experiences for me. First of all thanks to our Toastmaster of the evening Martha, who led through the evening very organized and smoothly, we finished the meeting 4 minutes EARLIER! This gave many more members the possibility and willingness to join also for a drink at the bar!

Secondly I have never heard that so many people used the word of the day! I always note it down and this time it was used so often, that I hope that I did optimally not overhear somebody using it.

Susan conducted a very funny and well prepared table topics session. There must have been a lot of investigation to „chatch“ all the moonlighters among our Toastmaster colleagues. And I assume that there was hardly anybody, who did not think about a street named after him, or a mountain or a cigarette, dancing school etc. etc.

In the second half of the meeting we heard Travis holding an excellent icebreaker telling us about crocodiles and of course about himself (you can find some information about his travel homepage on page 7). And what a great achievement to be elected best speaker with your icebreaker! After that we travelled from Australia to America. Anna told us about American politics, especially the main differences between Democrates and Republicans. I can only talk about myself, but I found this extremely interesting, as I didn't know a lot about American politics before.

Maria rounded up our speech session with her speech about how to organize your speech. This was very helpful and interesting as organizing your speech is from relevancy for every speech project!

Best regards, Andrea Hierman

## New Meeting Schedule

Don't forget, beginning with March we will have 3 meetings per month.

**1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday**

## Toastmasters & WWW

[Homepage Vienna Toastmasters](#)

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 [Speaker's Bureau](#)

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).

<a href="#">Niko Viramo</a>	(President)
<a href="#">Megan Castek</a>	(VP Education)
<a href="#">Martha Auer</a>	(VP Membership)
<a href="#">Christian Halter-Koch</a>	(Treasurer)
<a href="#">Andrea Lapitza</a>	(Secretary)
<a href="#">Ivan Berlakovich</a>	(Sergeant at Arms)
<a href="#">Andrea Hierman</a>	(VP Public Relation)

## We meet

**1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### New Meeting Schedule

Please don't forget, **beginning with March** we will have **3 meetings per month**.

The meetings will take place on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday each month.

So the next meeting is - as usual - on March 4th, 2008 (contest meeting) and the next one will be on March 11th, 2008 also held in Hotel Biedermeier. We hope to see you all there!

#### 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](mailto:toastofvienna@yahoo.com) and/or to VP Education at [megan@castek.at](mailto: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

[Register](#)

**Division Conference** (Nürnberg)  
April 26th, 2008

#### District Conference (Prague)



Toastmasters District 59 Spring Conference 2008 • Prague, Czech Republic

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



## 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

 <b>Günther</b> Aschenbrenner	no foto available  <b>Martha</b> Auer	 <b>Ivan</b> Berlakovich	 <b>Christian</b> Biever	 <b>Megan</b> Castek	 <b>Renate</b> Dorner
 <b>Christian</b> Halter-Koch	 <b>Andrea</b> Hierman	no foto available  <b>Bettina</b> Kimbauer	 <b>Alois</b> Kroiss	 <b>Elisabeth</b> Kummer	 <b>Andrea</b> Lapitza
 <b>Wolfgang</b> Löber	 <b>Monika</b> Nagel	 <b>Susan</b> Perkins	 <b>Travis</b> Pittman	 <b>Mario</b> Pototschnik	
no foto available  <b>Winston</b> Smith	 <b>Anna</b> Steinhardt	 <b>Laurenz</b> Trawnicek	no foto available  <b>Zoltan</b> Vandor	no foto available  <b>Maria</b> Zwanikken	

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

### Guests:

**Snezana Milics**  
**Matanat Rahimova**  
**Vanda Kovacs**  
**Harald Mattenberger**





## Meeting details

### Functions

*TM of the evening:* Martha  
*Table Topic Master:* Susan  
*General Evaluator:* Andrea H.  
*Timer:* Renate/Ivan  
*Grammarian:* Wolfgang L.  
*Ah-Counter:* Vanda  
*Video Master:* Monika  
*Ballot Counter:* Christian  
*Joke Master:* Zoltan  
*Evaluator:* Andrea L.  
 Mario  
 Laurenz

### Word of the day

**optimal**

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**example:**

*8 o'clock is the optimal time to have dinner*

**Who used the word of the day:**

Martha (2x), Megan (2x), Wolfgang (2x), Zoltan

### Table Topics

Toastmasters & Moonlighting

### Prepared Speeches



Title	Project/Manual	Name	evaluated by
Ice Breaker „Crocodiles“	C1	<b>Travis</b>	Andrea L.
Republicans versus Democrates	C3	<b>Anna</b>	Mario
Organizing your speech	Better Speaker 2	<b>Maria</b>	Laurenz

## AND THE AWARDS GO TO ...

Best Speaker: **Travis**  
 Best Table Topic Speaker: **Winston & Christian H.**  
 Best Evaluator: **Laurenz**





## Member of this issue



**Monika Nagel**

born in: Graz  
birthday: January 30th

### Some words about your profession?

I am project developer within a construction company. My duty is to evaluate the commercial aspects of infrastructure projects.

### Your middle name?

I don't have a middle name.

### A childhood memory?

playing soccer in the living room (which was not yet furnished at those times;-)

### The most beautiful thing you can buy for money?

Flight Tickets....to get impressions from other countries and cultures.

### A bad habit?

I can't stop eating crackers until the bowl in front of me is empty.

### A weakness you should be forgiven for?

I am 10 minutes too late. (but not more, wherever I rush from ;-)

### My ideal Sunday breakfast starts with...

.. at least 2 newspapers

### Love is ....

a wonderful mystery

### What do you want to learn in future?

First of all I want to become a confident public speaker. I would also like to learn another language, preferably czech or slovak. It is always nice to speak to people whenever crossing the border.

### How did you come to Toastmasters?

In a seminar called „Presentational Speaking“ I heard about Toastmasters. After a while I visited a meeting as a guest. I was impressed by the spirit and the „impact“ of toastmastering. That was exactly what I was looking for.

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

Suncream, book, motorboat,

### What do you always carry in your handbag/wallet?

In my wallet there is a bunch of shopping cards, the credit card, metro tickets, some notes of foreign currency from the last trip in October, a talisman and hopefully some Euros.

### Your favourite holiday destination?

All countries in Asia, rich on culture, colours and good food.

### My last sentence should be (when I die)?

It is a good world, take care !

### My career aspiration when I was a child?

I was very flexible, I remember me willing to be a doctor, then a sportswoman, then a journalist, then...

### Your hobbies?

skiing, mountainbiking, jogging, playing soccer, travelling, having a good glass of wine with friends,

### A clever sentence which is not from you?

The only real prison is fear, and the only real freedom is freedom from fear. (Aung San Suu Kyi)

