

Speakers Corner

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Representing the Vienna Speakers Club:

VSC President Martha Auer was one of the participants at the Area Contest held in Győr (Hungary) on October 9.

Challenges

When I was on holiday on the island of Hvar in Croatia, we went on a mountain bike tour, and I thought I would never make it up the highest mountain. It seemed impossible to reach looking up from the point we started. But, if you go for the challenge, take a low gear and keep going at the speed that is convenient for yourself, with every turn of the wheel you approach the peak and, finally, motivated by the progress you make you reach the top and enjoy a stunning view.

When I was at the Area Conference in Győr, on Oct. 9, I remembered the mountain bike tour, as I was the only competitor from VSC in Table Topics.

Competing on Club level is fun, you know the audience and are familiar with the whole setting. One step further, the Area level is quite a challenge, and I advise

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MARTHA AUER,
TM



and encourage all of you, to meet the challenge and give it a try. You can learn much more in such a moment than you might expect.

How did I feel? Well, first of all, I was quite speechless on hearing the question. After a short silence, I answered the question. And, of course, this is wrong. Once you hear the question, one should start speaking about the topic itself without thinking too much about the core of the question.

Well, I did not even succeed in running third, but I know that I will once again go for it, and meet the challenge. There is another chance for all of you at the spring contest in March.

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Our Club Meetings:

Second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. (sharp) at Hotel Biedermeier, Landstraße-Hauptstraße 28, 1030 Vienna, Telephone 716-710. Dinner (optional) 8 pm to 9 pm.

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How important are meeting rules?

Toastmaster meetings follow a standardized pattern of established rules. Members in over 10,500 Toastmaster clubs all over the world follow them.

So when you visit a club anywhere on the globe, you will be at once familiar with the meeting proceedings.

The standardized procedures are at the very core of the Toastmasters concept. The various manuals, other publications and devices are geared toward sup-

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ACS**



porting the worldwide Toastmasters objective. They also ensure that contests are held in identical settings.

N.B. Remember this is your Newsletter. It needs your contributions, articles, photos, or ideas.

The Club has helped me in many ways

After a failed presentation in one of my classes back in 2009, I realized that I had to develop my presentation skills. Subsequently, I browsed the Internet and hit upon Toastmasters International, for which I immediately applied.

Since then, the fertile ground that this club provided, helped me a lot in various areas. After one year participating in the Vienna Speakers Club, I was motivated to take on more responsibility by applying for the position of Vice President of Education. I have been executing this role since September 2010.

The main duty of VP Education is to compile the agenda and providing equal opportunities for all members to deliver speeches.

Moreover, managing the easy speak system is also critical, as it enables members to apply for speeches and roles by themselves.

Last, but not least, I assist and support the president of the club,

VP Education

**CHRISTOPH J
MARTIN, TM**



giving her feedback and stepping in when she is unavailable.

Looking back on the presentation given in 2009 and noticing the invaluable skills that I obtained through plenty of Vienna Speakers Club sessions,

I am proud that I can contribute to the success of this club. The role of VP Education provides additional experience in a complete different area. I can therefore recommend taking on this role to everybody in this club, since it enables you to broaden your horizon and gather unique experience for your career.

If you are interested in this position for the next term, I would love to give you additional information.



The Vienna Toastmaster Clubs are part of the Toastmasters International network, which has over 10,500 clubs and more than 200,000 members in countries all over the globe. Toastmasters Clubs exist to empower their 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 the courage to be successful leaders.

Phrase of the day

At each meeting a new, unusual word is introduced, to be used at the meeting. Its purpose: to increase our vocabulary.

oxymoron

It means a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g., faith unfaithful kept him falsely true).

We may also introduce a phrase of the evening.

second to none

It means the first, best, worst, fastest, etc.



Welcome aboard!

It is a pleasure to welcome a new member to our club:

Joy Ibifuro

All our members look forward to meeting you soon at one of our meetings!

Important dates

Please mark these events in your calendar:

District 59 Fall Conference,
November 19-21, 2010,
Barcelona, Spain.

<http://toastmasters-euroconf-2010barcelona.org/site/index.html>

Next Spring Conference:
Lisbon, May 20-22, 2011,
Portugal, District 59, Spring
Conference.

**This month's
meetings are held
on November 9
and November 23
at the Hotel
Biedermeier**



Győr: Worth a journey at any time...

Perfect venue for Area Contest

It was a chilly, but very sunny Saturday morning of October 9, 2010, when I travelled to Győr. A 90 minutes train ride took me close to the centre of the small Hungarian town. As I had never been to Győr before, I wanted to explore the city before all official events started with the Area Council Meeting at 10 am.

The Conference was well prepared by our Area Governor Klaus Hammer and Martin Huba presented the Key note speech. President Dániel Szentimrey-Harrach from the Morgan Stanley Budapest Club was fully prepared in his role of the Contest chair. Five contestants were to compete in the Table Topics Contest: two both from the Budapest Clubs and VIC, and me from VSC. Unfortunately, I did not have a chance to hear my fellow contestants as I was last in the speaking order. The question about „the most unusual hobby I had ever heard of“.

The Hotel Raba is situated right on the brink of the pedestrian zone, close to the station. A short break after the first was another chance for many participants to stroll around Győr, as we really liked this place.

Four workshops were next on the afternoon agenda: First, TM Mike from Bratislava presented a workshop on Mentoring, his mentor and President of the Bratislava TM Club, Olga Durakova explained the importance of the Distinguished Club Program and how the Bratislava Club would strive for the highest scores in the DCP.

The third workshop, presented by Joe from the Morgan Stanley Budapest Toastmasters, showed an example how to set up a useful IT-solution for easier communication within the club. And finally President Hans Petersen from the Budapest TM Club gave a thrilling workshop on voice training.

The Humorous Speech Contest with two contestants was the final highlight of the day.

And – the winner of both the Table Topics and the Speech Contest is Geoffrey Thomas from Budapest. Congratulations.!

The city of Győr is situated right in the middle between Vienna and Budapest, so it was the perfect venue for the Area Contest and the final dinner at the Raba Hotel was an excellent opportunity for exchanging ideas with our friends from the Area D1.

For the Record:

Meeting October 12

Toastmaster:

Harald Mattenberger

Table Topics Master:

Sabine Langer

General Evaluator:

Thomas Puntus

Best Table Topics Speaker:

Renata Dorner

Main Speakers:

Fatime Barbara Hegyi

Moritz Fromwald

John Jeevan

Pilar Herrietha

Best Speaker:

Fatime Barbara Hegyi

Best Evaluator: Renata Dorner

Meeting October 21

Toastmaster: Thomas Puntus

Table Topics Master: Jakob Denk

General Evaluator:

Harald Mattenberger

Best Table Topics Speaker:

Sabine Langer

Best Speaker: Sabine Langer

Best Evaluator: Andrea Hierman



A happy Toastmaster and General Evaluator: Harald Mattenberger.



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All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim; have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible.

Orison Swett Marden
1850-1924, Writer