

Award Winner

Speakers Corner

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Summer is arriving...Have you made plans yet? After a short summer break (last meeting on July 12), our club meetings will resume on September 13.

Lifelong Learning: Check out your Manuals

Last week I came across an article about 'lifelong learning', which I immediately linked with Toastmasters. In a competitive working environment we have to show distinctive qualifications.

Further education is an individual process and anyone who is striving for improving their skills and for personal development gets powerful tools of two manuals at hand. By following the path and with proven and tested manuals, individual progress is for sure to be seen both in private life and career and comes with the constant training and experience. Also, a mentor is assigned to facilitate the first steps.

I hope that you have already had a chance to read both the Competent Communicator and the Competent Leadership manual from cover to cover. Both manuals provide crucial information from The Toastmasters Promise and a

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MARTHA AUER,
CC, CL



description of each meeting-role to the Officers' duties and leadership skills.

The mission statement of Toastmasters International also stresses the moment of learning: "Through its member clubs, Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking – vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

However, my favorite phrase from Ralph C. Smedley, the founder of Toastmasters, is: "You learn best in moments of enjoyment."

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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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Thank you to all our contributors

A newsletter is an important vehicle of communication in any organisation. It is, too, in our Toastmasters Club.

For the second year in a row our newsletter was recognized for excellence and received the cherished Golden Quill Award. Last year, the same award was given to our club and its (then) newsletter editor Jakob Denk.

For the first time this year, our club's website and its webmaster Andrea Hierman were also recognized and received the prestigious Sparkling Pixel Award.

Our club was singled out as the best newsletter and the best web-

Editor's Column

**ROLF F. REHE,
ACS**



site in all of continental Europe. It is an occasion to be proud. It is also an occasion to renew our quest for excellence.

Under the leadership of President Martha Auer, we are also close to qualifying for the Distinguished Club Award.

Thank you to all who contributed their time and their efforts, to this newsletter in particular, and to our club in general.

N.B. Special thanks to Moritz Fromwald and to Renata Dorner for their contributions to this issue.

Achievements are rewarded with recognition

Achieving Greatness together" is the slogan of Toastmasters International and District 59.

Toastmasters achievements such as CC, CL etc. are the first steps when following the communication or leadership track.

These achievements are immediately rewarded with recognitions by TMI. Furthermore, District 59 gives credit to extra work in the areas of website, newsletter etc. When Rolf issued his first newsletter and Andrea showed the design of the first pages on the re-launch of the new VSC Website www.viennaspeakers.at, I was sure that they were both eligible for the special awards of District 59, the Golden Quill – for the Newsletter – and the Sparkling Pixel – for the Website.

I registered for both prizes, which are awarded at the annual Spring Conference. Congratulations! And, the winners are!

Rolf Rehe's achievement is an outstanding Newsletter that contains a lot of information for members and for guests, and the VSC Website can be considered as the main information tool covering any topic related with Toastmasters.

Be it a CC, a CL or the special awards, one message is clearly attached: not only Andrea and Rolf, but every achievement tells us that they have spent many hours dedicated to Toastmasters.

Congratulations to Andrea and Rolf who have contributed a great deal to the reputation of the Vienna Speakers Club!

Martha Auer, CC, CL,
President



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 giv-

The force is strong within you, but you still have a lot to learn

Although this is not a quote from the Area D1 conference in Budapest, it sums up the event pretty well. Around 80 people gathered in the Benke Hotel to hear a combination of interesting people, workshops and speeches. For the first time at the Area level, a speech contest was held in German. The two winning speeches had surprisingly similar topics: While Otto Schwerer talked about the satisfaction of achieving goals and overcoming obstacles, Markus Albrecht showed the many different ways to personal luck and happiness.

Switching to English, Robo Horvath's target speech crammed a race of 5 days into 6 minutes, a race of an old man winning a week long Marathon. However, the real winner was the speaker himself, since he was going to be evaluated by 5 Toastmasters in the Evaluation Contest.

Budapest Toastmasters sent the right selection of people into the

Guest's Column

MORITZ FROMWALD, TM



round, with fresh member Michael "Super Mike" Ulcany going before founder Peter Fekete.

The highlight of highlights at the end of the day was the international speech contest. It seems like being a fresh member of Budapest Toastmasters is part of the secret recipe to win contests. Katarina Kovalcikova. told a story on god-like powers within all of us, by screaming out motivational words, whispering her sadness and turned this emotional roller coaster into a call for the strength within all of us.

Energy, effort and enthusiasm help to shape this wonderful afternoon in Budapest and words are floating in the air, that in October there will be a conference in Vienna. Stay tuned!

Area D1 Conference in Budapest



Happy faces! They are displayed by some of the participants and winners of the Area D1 Conference in Budapest on April 9. Second from right is Moritz Fromwald from our club; to the right of him Leo Ziegler of the Wiener Toastmaster Rhetorik Klub.

Achievements

TMs District 59 - Achieving Greatness Together.

Competent Communicator

Martha Auer
Irmgard Kravogel

Competent Leader

Martha Auer
Harald Mattenberger
Thomas Puntus

Advanced Communicator Bronze

Jakob Denk

Advanced Communicator Silver

Rolf Rehe

Goals to Achieve according to the Toastmasters International Distinguished Club Program

- 2 Competent Communicators (CC) 2 more Competent Communicators (CC)
- 1 Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB), Silver (ACS) or Gold (ACG)
- 1 more Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB), Silver (ACS) or Gold (ACG)
- 1 Competent Leader (CL), Advanced Leader Bronze (ALB), Silver (ALS) or Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM)
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- 4 new members
- 4 more new members
- Minimum of four club officers trained during each of two training periods
- One semiannual membership report and one club officer list submitted on time

8 Points out of 10 – this means that we already have reached the Select Distinguished Club Recognition. In addition, our clubs must meet a membership requirement. At fiscal year-end (June 30th), it must have at least 20 members OR a net growth of at least five new members.

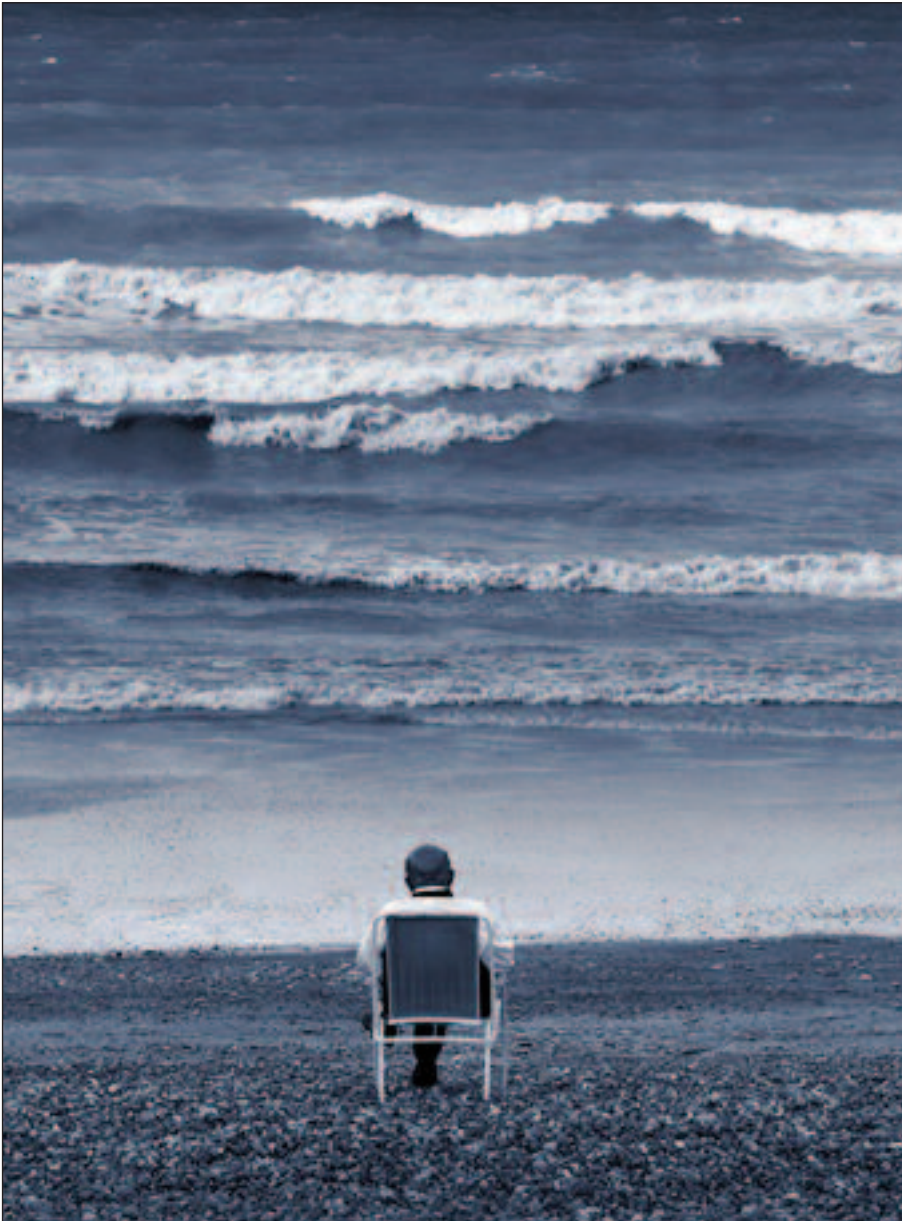


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"When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE
1811-1896, *Writer*



Marina Meier



Florian Kienast

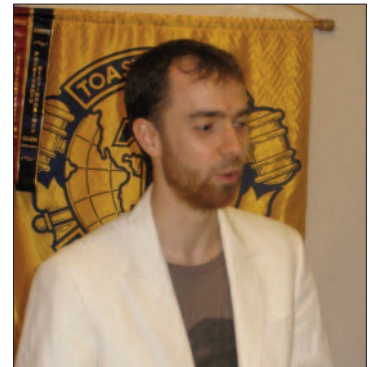
Welcome aboard!

Membership is growing...
It is a pleasure to welcome

Marina Meier and Florian Kienast

as new members. We joyfully accept Marina and Florian to our club!

Club scenes



Moritz Fromwald served as TM of the Evening at our Mai 24 meeting. Photo: R. Dorner

The trophy



The trophy (identical design for both the 'Sparkling Pixel' and the 'Golden Quill' award).