

# Speakers Corner

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**Scenes from a meeting I:** Past President Andrea Hierman used an innovative visual method to present the themes for the Table Topics session.

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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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## TM Clubs in Vienna:

**Vienna Toastmasters Club:** Meets every first and third Tuesday, 7 pm. at Hotel Biedermeier.  
www.viennatoastmasters.at

**Wiener Toastmasters Rhetorik Klub (in German):** Meets every first and third Wednesday, 7 pm, at Wipplinger Gasse 13



**Newsletter Editor:** Rolf F. Rehe  
(rehe@rehedesign.com) with correspondents in Singapore, Lyon, Bangalore/India, Tolyo, and Kaisermühlen.

## BeSt – Marketing for Toastmasters

For the first time, the Vienna Toastmasters Clubs are stepping out to introduce their Clubs to a wider public. From March 3-6, 2011, Toastmasters are present at the BeSt 2011, the Fair for Job, Training and Education, at the Stadthalle.

I compared Vienna to Munich and found out that Munich has fewer residents than Vienna, but boasts of 10 Toastmasters Clubs. Berlin, on the other hand, numbers 3 million residents, but has only 6 Clubs. Hence I presume, Vienna may have more potential for Toastmasters than our three Clubs show in membership at the moment.

The concept of constant training in public speaking is a worldwide acknowledged program that has supported thousands of people in gaining more confidence with their public speaking skills. And what to do with your hands?

## President's Column

**MARTHA AUER, TM**



Well, also body language and training in vocal variety are part of the program. Apart from speaking, another value is the leadership skill. In most companies, leaders are generally considered more valuable than those who follow. Toastmasters clubs are typically highly energized meetings where participants learn leadership in a safe and fun environment.

Dear fellow Toastmasters, please help us to spread the word of Toastmasters. Tell your friends and co-workers about Toastmasters and invite them to join our biweekly meetings or visit us at the BeSt Fair 2011.

For more information about our club: [info@viennaspeakers.at](mailto:info@viennaspeakers.at)

## An opportunity for everyone

Usually our club meetings attract many members and guests. Whenever possible, the assignments for the evening are prearranged by the VP membership, in our case, by Christoph J. Martin.

Now and then, there are so many members present, that not everyone can be given a specific assignment.

It is a standard, and important, rule, that each member present should be speaking at least once during the meeting.

That brings an obligation to the Table Topics Master: Please make sure that members who do not have a specific assignment

### Editor's Column

**ROLF F. REHE,  
ACS**



are given Table Topics first. After that other members, who may have an assignment already, can be called on.

The idea, again, is to provide each member present with an opportunity to speak during our meetings.

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

## Vienna hosts Area Officers Training



Area Governor Klaus Hammer presided over the Area Officers Training on Saturday, January 15, at the Systemisches Institut in Vienna. Toastmasters from various area clubs attended the highly successful meeting.



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.

## For the Record:

### Our meeting of January 25

**Toastmaster:**

Moritz Fromwald

**Table Topics Master:**

Hans Langer

**General Evaluator:**

Jakob Denk

**Best Table Topics Speaker:**

Harry Christ

**Best Speaker:**

Thomas Puntus

**Best Evaluator:**

Travis Pittman

**Phrase of the evening:**

"it is never too late to mand"

**Achievements:**

Thomas Puntus and Harald Mattenberger have achieved CL status and were presented with their certificates. Congratulations to both!



## Welcome aboard!

It was a pleasure to welcome these guests at our meeting:

Jörg Tscherney

Angelika Trochimiak

We hope to see you again at our meetings – and maybe even welcome you as a member!

## Important dates

BeSt, March 3-6, 2011,

10:00-18:00 o'clock, Stadthalle

**CEE speech** contest Saturday,

February 26 in Bratislava.

**Spring Conference** Saturday,

April 9, in Budapest.

(More info to come.)

**This month's  
meetings:  
February 8  
and February 22  
at the Hotel  
Biedermeier**

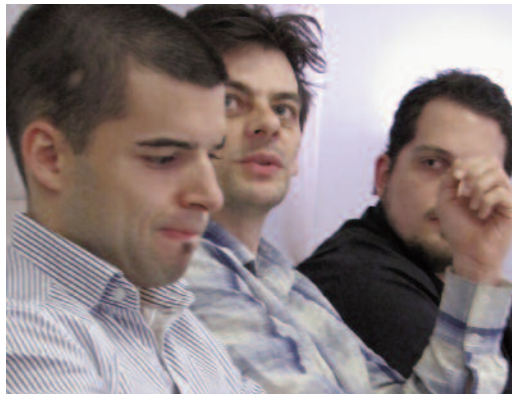


**Scenes from a meeting II:** Exchanging information: Thomas Puntus and Megan Castek. Identity of the phantom in the back is known to the editor.

## Club procedures enjoyed by all



**Considering a point:**  
Hans Langer



**Emphasizing a point:** Christoph J. Martin and focused listeners



**Presenting points to attentive VSC audience:** Jakob Denk

### Notable phrases in English

#### give someone the third degree

Definition: to question someone in great detail  
German translation: jemanden ins Kreuzverhör nehmen

#### five o'clock shadow

darkness on a man's face due to hair growth over the day  
German translation: die Bartstoppeln, der Bartschatten

#### in the offing

Definition: it will probably happen soon  
German translation: bevorstehend

#### the die is cast

Definition: the situation can't be changed  
German translation: die Entscheidung ist gefallen, die Würfel sind gefallen

Source: "One-Word-A-Day Wordbutler" <[wordbutler@wordbutler.owad.de](mailto:wordbutler@wordbutler.owad.de)>

### The Toastmaster International Distinguished Club Program

Each year, recognition by Toastmasters International is given to those clubs internationally that have excelled throughout the year. Last year, our club received this cherished recognition.

This year too, we are striving to repeat that special performance. To qualify, a number of requirements have to be met. They include various aspects of member performance, membership growth, officers training, and more.

We are well on our way and have met some of those requirements already...We can do it!

At the present moment we have 27 active members.



Photo: Les Skurshowski

Do not wait; the time will  
never be 'just right.'  
Start where you stand, and  
work with whatever tools you  
may have at your command,  
and better tools will be found  
as you go along.

**Napoleon Hill**  
**1883-1970, Author of**  
**Think And Grow Rich**

## Come and join our VSC theater group

Vienna is home of the acclaimed Vienna English Theatre. Why not enjoy a visit to one of their fine plays in the company of other TM friends?

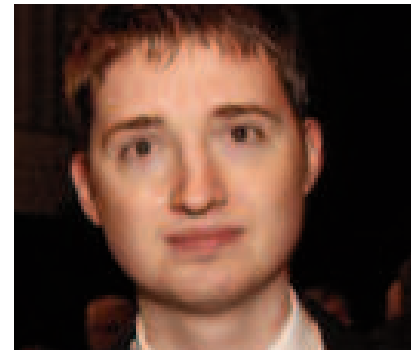
The next play runs 31 January – 12 March 2011. It is in celebration of playwright Tennessee Williams' 100th anniversary:

### CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

More about the theater and its program can be found at: [www.englishtheatre.at/](http://www.englishtheatre.at/)

After we agree on a date for the visit to the theatre (usually it's a Saturday) we meet there and after enjoying the play together, we retreat to one of the restaurants or bars for a post-evaluation of the event.

More information is available from Martha Auer or from Rolf F. Rehe.



TM Thomas Puntus

## At U.S. Conference to present research

VSC board member Thomas Puntus has been invited to present his work at the symposium of the American Society of Clinical Oncology on February 17-19 in Orlando/Florida. The study investigated the safety and efficacy of a chemotherapy regimen in elderly patients with bladder cancer.

Thomas has the unique opportunity to accompany the head of his department to Orlando.

He states, "Being a member of the VSC is the perfect preparation allowing me to hone my skills in public speaking in English."