

Speakers Corner

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Scenes from a meeting I: Sergeant-at-Arms Harry Christ and TM Christoph Halter-Koch at a recent meeting. President Martha Auer, in the background, is explaining procedures. Photo: Moritz Fromwald

Christmas and New Year

Christmas means taking time to meet up with our families and friends. Also, celebrating and feasting by spending much time together in a festive atmosphere with nice food. Of course, not to forget the exchanging of presents. Just as VSC members and members of the sister club Vienna Toastmasters Club 551 gathered for the annual Christmas meeting, had a splendid Christmas dinner together and brought along small presents.

This is a tradition we want to keep up and I even should like to compare it with a special family tradition. I hope that you all had a wonderful time and maybe you even made new year's resolutions with explicit goals for the year 2011.

Well, as president of a dynamic club, my new year's resolution is to support our members the best possible way, especially in their

President's Column

MARTHA AUER,
TM



performance as speakers and in our meetings. We do have a very informative website and I can only emphasise how important it is to use our website as tool for your Toastmasters career.

There you do not only find guidelines for the various meeting roles, but there is also precious information in the members-only-section. If you are not sure how to go about it, do not hesitate to ask me, our long-term members or your mentor.

In one of our next meetings, I will explain the various functions and roles according to the TM program.

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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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Moving in the right direction

There are many remarkable things about being a member of the Vienna Speakers Club. Anyone who has attended our club for a while may have noticed the vivacity of our membership.

We are blessed that at almost every meeting guests visit us. Many of them ultimately become members. As a result, our club grows in size.

After a time of participating in the club meetings, some new members move into positions of responsibility and leadership.

The remarkable thing is that there is always a valuable mix of

Editor's Column

ROLF F. REHE,
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longtime members and new ones, shaping and maintaining the club. It is part of an ongoing cycle that keeps our club dynamic and moving in the right direction.

N.B. Remember this is your Newsletter. It needs your contributions, articles, photos, or ideas. Thanks to Moritz Fromwald and Anne-Christine Peherstorfer for the photos in this issue.



Scenes from a meeting II: It is speaking and listening...

Word and phrase of the day

At each meeting a new, uncommon word is introduced, to be used by members. Its purpose: to increase our vocabulary.

droppings

It means solid waste produced by animals. Sample text: Goose DROPPINGS pose serious park problem.

We may also introduce a phrase of the evening, Here is one of them:

up the ante

It means to raise the cost or risk of an activity.

For instance, "We became the market leader by upping the ante."



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:

December 14: Our Christmas Meeting

Toastmaster:

Harald Mattenberger

Table Topics Master:

Monika Nagel

General Evaluator:

Moritz Fromwald

Best Table Topics Speaker:

Rolf F. Rehe

Main Speakers:

Barbara Cvikl

Jakob Denk

Best Speaker:

Barbara Cvikl

Special Guest:

Richard S. Attenborough



Welcome aboard!

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

Martin Schubert, Paul Fischer, Peter Lefterov, Klaus Odenwalder.

All Toastmasters hope to see you again at one of our meetings – and maybe even welcome you as a member!

Important dates

Please mark these events in your calendar:

Next Spring Conference:

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

This month's meetings are held on January 11 and January 25 at the Hotel Biedermeier



Participating in the gift exchange: Monika Nagel and Andrea Hiermann.

Photos: Anne-Christine Peherstorfer

Combined TM Christmas party

It is already an established and cherished tradition: the joint Christmas Party of our two Vienna TM Clubs.

In addition to the regular TM meeting procedures, one of the main features was the exchange of gifts, tied in with the presentation of Table Topics.

Another traditional highlight of the meeting, held in high esteem, was the Christmas dinner during the break. Both TM Clubs had invited to this gala event. RFR



Just what I wanted! Richard Attenborough – or Rolf Rehe?



Is this what I wanted? Travis Pittmann



Renata Dorner: wondering



Bill Fennessy: pondering



Imre Reményi et al.: wondering and pondering



Photo: Les Skurshowski

Successful people decide how they are going to live; they are not victims of circumstance. In good times or bad times, they know where they are going and they know that they are going to get there.

Bob Proctor
Author and Speaker

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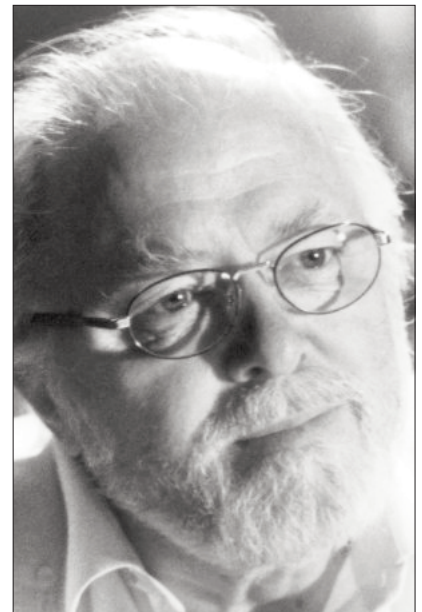
Learning never was easier...

Famous actor visits

It was through the good efforts of TM Jakob Denk that the renowned British actor Richard S. Attenborough ('Miracle on 34th Street' and 'Jurassic Park') made an impressive guest appearance at our Joint Christmas meeting. He received enthusiastic applause.

Noticeably absent from the room during the brief appearance by Attenborough was TM Rolf F. Rehe. Some people surmised that Rehe and Attenborough were actually the same person.

Proof of this assumption could not be obtained at press time.



Richard Attenborough (?)