

Vienna Speakers Corner

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Do you want to contribute to the Newsletter? Maybe you would like to write an article, a thought or your personal experience with Toastmasters.

Simply write an email to info@viennaspeakers.at

WORD OF THE DAY

a godsend

= a secular term describing someone or something exceptionally good

Example: Thanks so much, you re a godsend!

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2nd + 4th Tuesday every month
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Word from the Editor

Dear Toastmasters,
Dear Friends of Toastmasters,

We live in an exciting period of time.
It has never been better to be a Toastmaster.
It has never been more important to improve our speaking skills.

Last meeting we were celebrating the first anniversary of our young club, which has years of in-depth knowledge, brought in by our most experienced members. At the very same time we have one of the most dynamic and active clubs around with so many new members and guests joining the club.

It is my pleasure to contribute to the Toastmasters Club as the newsletter editor for this season. It was really nice seeing all of you at the kick-off meeting on September 8th after a long summer break.

I can't wait looking forward to all these great table topics, speeches, and contests that are yet to come.

Toastmasters is challenging, energizing and most importantly:
A lot of fun!

Best regards, Jakob Denk

President s Welcome

Dear fellow Toastmasters,

It was my pleasure to open this first meeting of the new season, and I think it was an excellent start! Eager for more?

The good news is, there is a lot more to come. And the even better news is, that there are no bad news! The new Toastmaster year just started and there are many more meetings to come.

The success of these meetings is in our hands and I am looking forward to creating successful, supportive, funny, interesting meetings with all of you together!

Best regards, Andrea



Meet Dagobert

Dagobert the Ah-Duck. Meet Dagobert, the newest member of our club. We have had ideas on how to improve some of the meeting roles we have today. Dagobert, for example, will assist us with counting ahs and mhhs.

Ah-Counter

Getting rid of Ahs, Mhhs and other filler words is very difficult. So in the executive team we were thinking about possibilities to improve this kind of feedback in our evaluation session.

We came up with 2 ideas, which we want to test in the first few meetings. To evaluate the effectiveness of these ideas, we would strongly count on your feedback. So please let us know after a few meetings, what you think about these innovations.

2nd Tuesday of each month (= first VSC meeting per month)

During the table topics session there will be an acoustic signal (Dagobert squeaks) for each ah.

4th Tuesday of each month (= second VSC meeting per month)

Ah-counting should not only serve the speaker. It should also improve listening skills. A second ah-counter will be assigned, who will complete the report of the first ah-counter.

The slogan is: 4 ears can notice more than 2 ;-)

Joke or Thought of the Day

The role of the joke master was always hard to fill, as not everybody likes to tell a joke. So we decided to make this role more flexible. The person signing up for this role can in the future decide, whether he/she wants to cheer the audience up with a joke, or provide a thought of the day.

This can be everything, an advice, a quote or whatever is worth sharing with others! But also the thought of the day should stick to the time limit indicated on the agenda (approx. 3 min).

Contests, Workshops, Conversations

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It's Showtime.

Toastmasters Conferences. It's the most exciting time of the Toastmasters year. Area, Division and District Conferences are rapidly approaching. Conferences are always exciting: Meeting new people, participating in contests and listening to both interesting and entertaining workshops. The following two pages will give you a glimpse on what to expect from the conventions.

Dates

10.10.2009 - Area Conference
Vienna, Hotel Hilton

03.11.2009 - Division Conference
Pardubice

20.-22.11.2009 - District Conference
Hamburg

District 59 Fall Conference

- Entertaining Humorous Speech and Table Topics contests
- Inspiring educational sessions
- A Gala Dinner and exuberant dancing
- The Toastmaster Family and its professional performances

Register straight away:

www.hamburg-conference.de

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Area D1 Fall Conference

10.10.2009

Provisional Agenda

13.00-14.00 **Arrival & Registration**

14.00-14.10 **Welcome**

14.10-14.30 **Keynote Speech** by Christian Biever

14.30-15.00 **Workshop I** by Charles LaFond

15.00-15.30 **Coffee break**

15.30-16.15 **Table Topics Contest**

16.15-16.45 **Workshop II: Effective Evaluations** by Olga Odurakova

16.45-17.15 **Workshop III** by Morag Mathiesen

17.15-17.45 **Coffee break**

17.45-18.30 **Humorous Speech Contest**

18.30-19.00 **Closing Comments, Move to Café Schottenring**

19.00 **Dinner & Awards**

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Meeting

Functions

- Jakob Denk** Toastmaster of the Evening
- Irmgard Kravogel** Table Topics Master
- Rolf Rehe** General Evaluator
- Monika Nagel** Timer
- Travis Pittman** Grammarian
- Andrea Hierman** Ah Counter
- Harry Christ** Video Master
- Andrea Lapitza** Ballot Counter
- Rolf Rehe** Joke Master
- Fenia Kanatsouli** Evaluators
- Alois Kroiss**

Table Topics

- Irmgard Kravogel** Personal Experiences

Prepared Speeches

- Thomas Puntus** Light, Medicine, Photography
First Speaker C1, Ice Breaker
- Imre Rem nyi** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire
Second Speaker C7, Research Your Topic
- Christian Biever** How to Prepare a Humorous Speech
Third Speaker Workshop

Awards

- Imre Rem nyi** Best Speaker
- Renata Dorner** Best Table Topics Speaker
- Aloiss Kroiss** Best Evaluator



