

Award Winner

Speakers Corner

NEWSLETTER OF VIENNA SPEAKERS CLUB 01174718

It's Summertime and livin' is easy

Traditionally the Vienna area TM Clubs invite to summer get-togethers, and this year is no exception. Here are two specific dates:

WTRK (German club) gathers on Wednesday, July 20, starting at 7 pm at Biergaststätte Grünspan, Ottakringertrasse 266. (Invitations have been sent.)

Our own club, VSC, and other clubs also invite to a joined summer Heurigen on Friday, August 12, starting at 6:30 pm. The location is La Creperie, An der Oberen Alten Donau 6, 1210 Wien.

Trouble finding the location? Call Jakob: 0699 17909121 or Moritz: 0664 1331584 (Invitations have been sent.)

It's summertime – enjoy!



Summer – time to slow down, take a break

At the end of my term as President of the Vienna Speakers Club I want to thank my team of officers for their work and effort they have put into the club life all year.

Any task, big or small, contributed to our success and was very much appreciated. When I took over presidency of VSC last year, my intention, on the one hand, was to serve each member and also to be there, whenever replacement for a role or duty was needed, and on the other hand to foster our club's future development, especially in its good standing – with all we do we are monitored by Toastmasters International – and also to exchange ideas intensively with our neighbouring Toastmaster Clubs.

It is quite a responsibility one takes on with this crucial role, but it

President's Farewell

MARTHA AUER,
CC, CL



was an honour for me that you offered me this chance to learn so much in the leadership field. After an eventful year we all deserve a break to reload our batteries, it is very inspirational to travel or just do nothing for a while.

I welcome the new Executive Team, they have already shown new ideas and we can all look forward to an exciting next Toastmasters year.

In the meantime I wish you all a good summer!

Cheers,

Martha Auer

Immediate Past President

JUNE/JULY 2011



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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Vienna Toastmasters Club: Meets every first and third Tuesday, 7 pm. at Hotel Biedermeier.
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Wiener Toastmasters Rhetorik Klub (in German): Meets every first and third Wednesday, 7 pm, at Wipplinger Gasse 13



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We are a multicultural club with members from many countries

One of the many unique aspects of our club – and our sister club TM 551 – lies in the fact that our membership is comprised of individuals from many countries. Counting both clubs, our members come from some 20 nations.

How many clubs anywhere can make such a, joyous claim? Few, I am sure.

It is especially the Icebreakers – but not they alone – that give us insights into cultures that may not be familiar to us.

In addition to improving our speech (and listening) talents, we are privileged to learn so much from our multinational participants from around the world.

Editor's Column

**ROLF F. REHE,
ACS**



Hence, here is a special salute to our international members!

Summertime is upon us. Our Vienna Toastmaster clubs offer, as every year, various activities, mostly of a 'lighter' nature. Come and join us! (Info elsewhere on these pages.)

Remember, this is your Newsletter. It needs your contributions, articles, photos, or ideas. Special thanks to Moritz Fromwald and to Marina Meier for their contributions to this issue.



Farewell: Corinne Westphal with Marina Meier, Paul Fischer, and Rolf Rehe. Photo: Marina Meier

A very special Toastmaster goes to South Africa

A special guest attended our last meeting in June: Corinne Westphal of our sister club 551. And it was a special occasion too.

Corinne and her husband are moving to South Africa, where they will run a farm ('Chrysalis Farm') in the vast bush veldt of that country. It is a major change for both as they have not run a farm before.

"But it was just the time to do that," says Corinne with her usual nonchalance. Corinne, who is American and a writer, had left her native country to live in Paris for a number of years. Then followed life in Hamburg, Germany. And for some time now she has dwelled in Vienna. Very active in Toastmasters, she has given many an inspiring and thought provoking speech.

We wish Corinne and her husband the very best for her new life. And: We will be eager to read about it in her blog:

www.chrysalis-farm.com

-RFR

Just do it!

Over the last few weeks, you received an E-Mail from VSC. An E-Mail that was asking about the future. Your future in our club, your future with Toastmasters.

This very E-Mail and especially the answers to it, are reasons to look forward to the upcoming season. Your ambitions, your plans and your ideas for club life will bring us another year full of energetic meetings.

I noticed this special energy, when establishing a new role, the Quizmaster. It showed the experimental environment of our club evenings. The encouragement about the Quizmaster by members triggered more and more interest. A new role was born. So if you have an idea, just do it! Try it out!

Moritz Fromwald

**VICE PRESIDENT
EDUCATION, TM**



Volunteer for the meeting role required, maybe announce it to the TMOE and then just try it. Since Toastmasters is focused on feedback and on public speaking, chances are high you will find someone with an opinion towards your change.

Another thing I was delighted to hear after the meeting: Although it ends rather late for most of us, the mind is nevertheless wide open, the thoughts are inspired by their own and the other club members' speaking skills. This state should be facilitated as much as possible and as VP Education, I will try my best to do so.



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-

Thank you, President Martha Auer!

The President's job is the most important responsibility of any in a Toastmasters Club. She (in this case) or he sets the tone for each meeting, as well as for the performance of the Executive Team, and is charged with the smooth and effective conduct of the Club for an entire year.

For the year just ending, that responsibility lay in the capable hands of Martha Auer, CC, CL.

When I think of Martha, I appreciate her reliability. No task was too small for her, or too cumbersome. When I needed a new manual, she provided it instantly. (And when I changed my mind and decided to replace that very manual, she provided another one as well, and instantly too.)

Under her leadership the club has flourished. A number of members advanced their TM status to a higher level, and we almost achieved



ved the cherished 'Distinguished Club' status.

What not too many know, she also is an avid runner and has completed the Vienna Marathon – no small achievement either.

Martha now steps back into the ranks and will focus on her career activities. Good luck, and thank you, Martha! -RFR

From the Division D Governor:

I'd like to thank everyone for their contribution to the successes we have enjoyed in the clubs, areas and division.

We have managed to record: 40 Competent Communicators, 18 Advanced Communicators, 15 Competent Leaders, 5 Advanced Leaders and one Distinguished Toastmaster (Otto Schwerer).

We have 14 clubs which are Distinguished, Select Distinguished or President's Distinguished – Well done all of you!

Areas D1 and D2 both made President's Distinguished, while area D3 made Select Distinguished.

Our Division was the first one to be President's Distinguished in District 59 this year.

We welcomed 4 new clubs into the Division: Wiener Toastmasters Rhetorik Club (D1), Toastmasters Ostrava, Brno Business Toastmasters and Amplion (all D2). We also have one new provisional club: Pilsen Toastmasters (D2). This growth has meant that next year area D2 will be restructured to form two areas: D2 and D4.

Morag Mathieson, Division D Governor 2010 - 2011

Thank you outgoing officers of VSC:

President: Martha Auer
 VP Education: Christoph J. Martin
 VP Membership: Thomas Puntus
 VP Public Relations: Rolf Rehe
 Treasurer: Andrea Lapitza
 Secretary: Renata Dorner
 Sergeant at Arms: Harry Christ

Executive Committee here to serve you

Members of your new Executive Committee:

- Jakob Denk, President
- Moritz Fromwald, Vice President Education
- Thomas Puntus, Vice President Membership
- Rolf F. Rehe, Vice President Public Relations
- Andrea Hierman, Secretary
- Christoph J. Martin, Treasurer
- Florian Kinast, Seargeant-at Arms



Jakob Denk



Moritz Fromwald



Thomas Puntus



Rolf F. Rehe



Andrea Hierman



Christoph J. Martin



Florian Kinast



Photo: Les Szurkowski

"Set your sights high, the higher the better. Expect the most wonderful things to happen, not in the future but right now. Realize that nothing is too good. Allow absolutely nothing to hamper you or hold you up in any way."

EILEEN CADDY
Author

TM meetings during summer

For some, the summer is a welcome break from most activities. Others prefer to remain active.

The German WRTM will hold meetings during the summer season. Dates are Wednesday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 17. The meetings start 7 pm at Systemisches Institut, Wipplingerstrasse 13, A-1010 Wien. Starting time is 7 pm. More info: www.rhetorikklub.at.

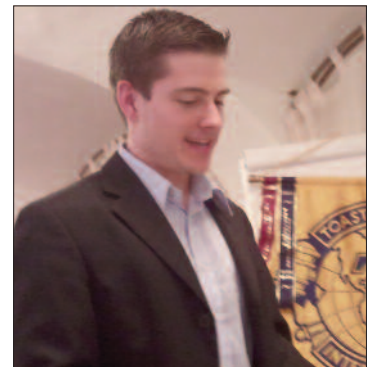
Movie time

Have you noticed that speech training has appeared in movies lately? First there was the much acclaimed 'The King's Speech', and now another enchanting film deals with it, although in a different setting.

'Larry Crown' with Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts is a nice summer fare about an American speech teacher and her students, and, naturally, a tender, romantic entanglement.

The Artis movie theatre, near the Judenplatz, shows that and other English language movies in their original language version.

Club scenes



Christopher J. Martin, shown here as a recent contest participant.

Photo: M. Fromwaldr