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# Speakers Corner

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# Two from VSC travel the world

Read two exclusive reports filed by VSC members  
**Annette Hexelschneider and Marina Meier.**  
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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



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## Our clubs are quite unique!

Our two English-language TM Clubs in Vienna are unique in many ways. Their membership always has included a wealth of uncommon personalities from a variety of professions.

Amongst them: medical doctors, diplomat, professors and other teachers, banker, retired and active UN officials, image counselor and consultants in various other fields, managers, journalists, lawyers, writers, designers, international aid workers, and many more.

We also show a healthy mix of ages: seasoned Toastmasters of long standing rubb shoulders

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with young members, some of whom are still students.

Added to this is the rich mix of nationalities that are represented in our two clubs. It all makes for a lively and enjoyable atmosphere whenever we meet.

Hail to a wonderful blend of personalities, professions, and nationalities! We are quite unique!

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



**"I believe in taking a positive attitude toward the world. My hope still is to leave the world a little bit better than when I got here."**

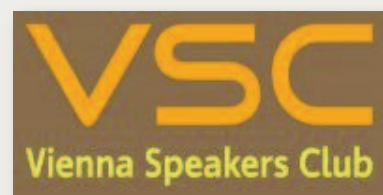
**Jim Henson**  
1936-1990, Muppets Creator

## Welcome to our new member:

The club has the pleasure of welcoming a new member into our midst:

### Martin Bechter

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and encourage your participation in our activities!



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.



The Toastmasters Club in Honolulu on the beautiful Island Oahu; Ala Moana welcomes Marina Meier (far right).

## Marina Meier visits TM Club in Hawaii

The Toastmasters Club 'Oahu' in Honolulu on the beautiful island of Hawaii recently had a visitor from Vienna: our own Marina Meier.

During a vacation trip, Marina visited the club and their last meeting of the year just before Christmas. Afterward, they all enjoyed food together.

"The Toastmasters there welcomed me with the Aloha spirit," Marina states.

She also extended an invitation to the Hawaiian Toastmasters to visit our club here in Vienna. So, who knows, maybe some day a Toastmaster from there walks into one of our meetings and greets us with the traditional "Aloha".



VSC member Annette Hexelschneider feels at home in Ho Chi Minh City.

## A VSC Toastmaster abroad / II

By *Annette Hexelschneider*

**M**y next destination was Vietnam. After traveling 3000 km through Vietnam finally on my last afternoon in Ho Chi Minh City I met the Saigon Toastmasters Club. The Club meets twice a month, Saturday afternoon in an office/training building.

It was love at first sight for me. They are a young club full of energy, with young, very friendly Toastmasters who enjoy fun.

One of the prepared speeches that afternoon discussed why marriage at young age is not good – an interesting mixture of serious considerations and fun and Vietnamese culture.

The table topic theme was "Truth or Dare". Toastmasters can volunteer for table topics and I felt I should be brave and do so. I added some more braveness and took a question out of the Dare-box. It was: "Leave the room. Count to 45. Come back and tell us what you saw."

I left the room and saw nothing. Good for me so I could tell anything. When I came in I was told that it was too early. I sensed there were some instructions under way... So I was not too surprised

about the disruptive noise which started when I started to tell my story about what I saw. 2012 is the Year of the Dragon and my story was that I have seen a dragon outside who told me that my 2012 will be a positive one. And that I should not fear other people who might want to disturb me. Which brought me a lot of applause.

Thank you very much dear Toastmasters over there. Your meeting was certainly one of the highlights of my Vietnam trip!!

**F**ive weeks in Australia, during my last week there I met the Advanced Toastmaster Club: Yakety Yaks Advanced Toastmasters in Melbourne.

All members are CCs and members of this club and of another club. So they have a double membership and they are double-achievers yet very friendly fellows. This club is young yet the speakers are very proficient.

"A new beginning" – the Table Topics speeches were awesome. For example a wonderful and very funny idea of a new job – a mixture of mediation and boxing gymnastics and some more suitable job, ingredients like these. Another one: would the Toastmaster would be

willing to become next Governor-Central of Australia. That she would be willing and absolutely fit into this role was pretty obvious.

A surprise for me was that the Table Topic speeches were evaluated. A useful idea. Because this helps a lot to improve one's TT performance. One Evaluator evaluated the even number TT speeches and one the uneven number TT speeches. Both Evaluators in doing so took part in the Best Evaluator competition.

The two prepared speeches were very interesting: "A Load of Hot Air".

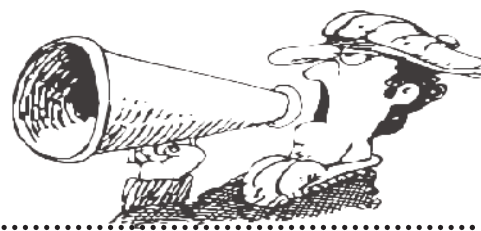
This drama speech made us all follow the attempts of the hero to get on board of his balloon flight. As usual in live when you are prepared nothing happens but beware what happens when you are not prepared.

"In anticipation of new experiences – what do cyclists want."

The visual aids presentation prepared a real conference contribution of a new cycle track on an old railway line in Victoria, helping a country part to prosper economically. I loved the meeting and the concluding time in a pub nearby.

Off I went to new countries and new Toastmasters...

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## Humor, anyone?

Enjoy laughing and fun companionship? Then the 'Humor Stammtisch' may be for you. (But it helps if you speak German.)

It's an informal gathering and meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 pm. Since it is unstructured, you can also join a bit later. The purpose is to exchange funny stories and enjoy good laughs together. The 'Stammtisch' (round table) was started by Rudi Streele. He is a member of the Wiener Toastmasters Rhetorik Klub.

### • Humor Stammtisch

Restaurant "Gösser Bierklinik", Steindlgasse 4, first district, near Graben (53375980); next meeting on Monday, March 5, at 6 pm.

## How we stand at the Distinguished Club Program

Toastmasters International recognizes achievements of individual clubs each year. Specific accomplishments are rewarded on the basis of a designated point system.

Our club, by now, has accumulated five points toward a target of ten. Hence we are well on our way, but need the support of all members to accomplish that lofty goal.

## Newsletter from Kasachstan

At a recent meeting, we welcomed Aliya Duganova, a Toastmaster from Kasachstan. Aliya liked our newsletter and sent us an address to view their own club newsletter. It is an impressive mega edition and you might enjoy seeing it at [www.calameo.com/books/0006154297a15ab03798f](http://www.calameo.com/books/0006154297a15ab03798f).



## It's movie time! English language movie theatres

We are fortunate that in Vienna we have several movie theatres that show English language movies in their original version.

One of the three movie houses that exclusively feature films in English is also the largest one of its kind in Vienna: the Artis International. It is very conveniently located near the Judenplatz in the first district.

Another theatre, medium sized, is the Haydn English Cinema on Mariahilfer Strasse.

Last but not least there is the somewhat smaller Burg Kino, on the Ring, near the Burg, as the name suggests.

Artis International  
1010 Wien, Schultergasse 5  
Telefon: 535 65 70  
Web: [www.cineplexx.at](http://www.cineplexx.at)

Haydn English Cinema  
1060 Wien, Mariahilfer Straße 57  
Telefon: 587 22 62  
Web: [www.haydnkino.at](http://www.haydnkino.at)

Burg Kino, Großer Saal  
1010 Wien, Opernring 19  
Telefon: 587 84 06  
Web: [www.burgkino.at](http://www.burgkino.at)

Each movie house is a great place to see the latest English language films in their original version. Enjoy! And who knows – you may just bump into one of your Toastmaster friends there!

## Carnival time at Bratislava TM Club

This nice note arrived from our friends at the Bratislava Toastmasters Club:

"We would like to invite you to the Toastmasters Carnival on 21 February 2012 starting at 7 pm at [www.devin-vacik.sk/valcik.htm](http://www.devin-vacik.sk/valcik.htm) Klub Valcik. Bring costumes with you. The entrance fee will be between EUR 10-12.

You can be looking forward to entertaining speeches, funny Table Topics, non-verbal communication part and a great party afterwards :) Food and beverages provided.

Please confirm your presence by answering [www.facebook.com/events/235608836516275/RVSP](https://www.facebook.com/events/235608836516275/RVSP) on facebook OR mail to: [matin.ronky@gmail.com](mailto:matin.ronky@gmail.com) sending an email.

We are looking forward to seeing you there! ;-)"

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