

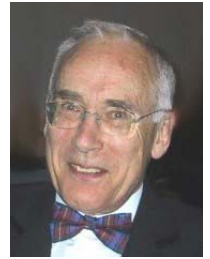


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Every year the average club loses 20 to 30 percent of its members. Luckily, most gain back slightly more than that. As a result, only 25 percent of our members achieve their CTM—75 percent, a stunning figure, left before reaching their tenth speech.

If we are serious about fulfilling our mission – **Making Better Communication A Worldwide Reality** – and, on a shorter prospect range, if we want to reach our District objective (87 new CTMs before June 30th) we must stop the leak. We must close that back door!



Alain Petillot
D59P Governor

How? We must provide each one of our club members a burning desire to attend the next meeting, to progress towards his/her own goals, to share the fun with the other fellow Toastmasters. Believe me; it is realistic and achievable. A member of my club once said, “There are two special Monday nights each month, and I am waiting for each of them with impatience.” Is this not the most wonderful reward a club, as a whole, can receive?

What’s the secret? There is none! Only hard work and dedicated people. Key factors are:

- Good meetings, well planned, with interesting speeches and effective, tactful evaluations.
- Mentoring increases each new member’s satisfaction and progress. Meeting the member needs is the objective of any club. Finding out what they are is the first step in meeting those needs, and assigning a mentor to each new member will just do that, beside helping that person participate in the various meeting roles.

But the ultimate reason why people stay is friendship. The evidence of good communication! As our International Director candidate, Rob Cockburn, stated in one of his educational sessions, “We stay because of what we can do to help others achieve.”

Helping others succeed: The key to lock that back door.

The Seven Habits of Successful Toastmasters Clubs

The Successful Toastmasters Club knows that no Toastmasters club runs itself: It takes a strong Executive Council working together as a team.

New member recruitment is stressed at all times. Also guests are invited to join the club.

Every club meeting is a good meeting no matter what the agenda. The show must go on.

Individual member growth and retention is paramount at all times. Members stay with the club for years and years.

Every club officer does his/her job to the best of his/her ability. The club never misses a beat because a club officer is not available.

There are six hours of preparation (cumulative) for each club meeting. Effective and efficient meetings are the norm.

The club has a defined culture: There are standards and expectations that each club member knows, understands, expects, and performs.

These Seven Habits provided by District 59P’s Area Governor of the Year, ATM-S Ralph Jones



Dear District 59P Members,
The Overseas District’s website is born! Have a look at:

www.geocities.com/tm_overseasdist

If you want to input anything, please email the file to ID Christine Temblique, mctem@vasia.com, and she will upload it.

Wiesbaden, 9-10-11 novembre 2001 : la conférence d'automne du District 59

Je vous ai parlé dans la lettre du secteur 3 de notre conférence d'automne, le 27 octobre dernier à Paris. C'était déjà une jolie manifestation ! Multipliez les activités par deux et l'affluence par trois, et vous aurez une idée de ce qu'étaient les festivités au Ramada de Wiesbaden.

Dès le vendredi soir, une quarantaine de Toastmasters venus de toute l'Europe partageait dans la bonne humeur un dîner convivial agrémenté d'un discours prononcé par Elizabeth Simonson, la présidente du club anglophone Toastmasters 75, puis d'une séance d'improvisation hilarante animée par Marion et Priestley Parker, du club de Wiesbaden qui organisait cette conférence.

Le lendemain, deux ateliers en anglais précédèrent l'assemblée générale du District sous la présidence de son président, **Alain Pétillot**. Au cours de cette réunion, **Rob Cockburn, DTM**, annonça publiquement sa candidature au poste de Directeur International pour la région hors des Etats-Unis et du Canada, dont l'élection se déroulera à San Antonio en août 2002. C'est la première candidature d'un représentant de l'Europe continentale à ce niveau : soutenons le par nos votes !

Un délicieux déjeuner suivit, agrémenté par un discours inspirant de Roy Skinner, responsable du secteur suisse.

Les 11 concurrents du concours anglophone d'improvisation durent ensuite répondre à une question à mon avis très difficile sur le bien-fondé de l'adoption de l'Euro par un petit pays limitrophe de l'Europe, « Costa Fantastica ». Notre secteur francophone était représenté par **Peter Kenton**, qui s'en tira ma foi fort bien.

Les personnes intéressées purent ensuite assister à deux ateliers en français : « **Traquons le trac** », par **Bernadette Morineau** et « **L'évaluation dans tous ses états** », par **Thierry Peirani**.

Après une pause, tout le monde se retrouva pour assister au grand concours de discours humoristique anglophone, où nos couleurs furent défendues vaillamment par **Maggie Thorogood**, de Forum des Rives de Seine. Superbe concours, dont les onze concurrents nous offrirent une palette variée de talents et de styles.

La soirée se termina par un dîner aux chandelles au cours duquel les gagnants des deux concours, mais

aussi le TM le plus prometteur et le TM de l'année (**Mike Monroy**, parti en Espagne, et qui y a déjà créé 3 clubs !) 2000-2001 furent honorés. Notre ami **Peter Kenton** et **Ranger Russell**, responsable du secteur 10, se virent remettre par le président Alain Pétillot le ruban et la médaille de DTM, et **Odile Pétillot** fut parmi les 6 responsables de secteur félicités pour avoir obtenu le statut de « Secteur remarquable » l'an passé. Puis jeunes et moins jeunes poursuivirent – certains jusqu'à 4 heures du matin ! – sur la piste de danse.

Dimanche matin, effaçant les brumes de la veille, un groupe de francophones se retrouva pour les concours en français. Nous eûmes **5 discours humoristiques**, pas moins : Maggie Thorogood (bravo et merci pour cette active participation !), Nicolas Peirani, Elena Sollewijn-Gelpke, Linda Raiola, et Marilyn Oprisan tout droit sortie de son Canada natal. **Nicolas Peirani** en tête, **Maggie Thorogood** ensuite, **Elena Sollewijn-Gelpke** en troisième position : voici l'ordre des places. Ensuite, Thierry Peirani proposa le sujet d'improvisation « *Les élèves surdoués sont-ils bien gérés par le système éducatif ? Que proposes-tu ?* ». **Elena Sollewijn-Gelpke**, **Martine Kalmar** et **Linda Raiola** se partagèrent les trophées, qui furent remis dans la foulée, en même temps que ceux des concours en allemand, devant une assemblée encore très nombreuse, si l'on considère le jour et l'heure.

Ces conférences de District sont toujours, de l'avis de tous ceux qui y vont (dont 11 TM parisiens), un moment privilégié : on y rencontre des gens du monde entier, animés par la même foi dans une meilleure communication ; on y entend des orateurs d'exception ; on y apprend toujours quelque chose, grâce aux ateliers éducatifs. Et, cerise sur le gâteau, on s'y amuse généralement beaucoup ! Je vous encourage donc vivement à aller au printemps à Hambourg !

Odile Pétillot, ATM S, CL, Responsable du secteur 3



Als Area Governor fuer Area 5, möchte ich noch gerne zu dem Artikel von Elizabeth ein paar Worte dazufügen.

Es ist für uns alle ein großer „Reichtum“ in dieser Stadt mit ihrer Vielfalt an Kulturen, Sprachen und Menschen zu leben. Obgleich unser Sektor sicherlich noch „klein“ ist, ist alles Potential vorhanden in den nächsten Jahren größer zu werden. Hierbei können wir alle gemeinsam das Wort des Verständnisses, der Verständigung und der Toleranz weitergeben, und nicht nur das, durch Toastmaster's International, können wir es bei jedem Club-Treffen demonstrieren. Somit wird jeder einzelne ein „Gewinner“

Anna Eicher, AG, area 5

Dear fellow Toastmasters
“twas brillig, and the slithy toves
did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
all mimsy were the borogoves,
and the mome raths outgrabe.”

If you have instantly understood the meaning of this opening stanza from “Jabberwocky” by Lewis Carroll, read no further and apply for immediate membership of Wonderland, for you have mastered Humpty Dumpty’s codes of communication. Like him you will soon be able to make words mean what you want them to: as he asserts, “When I make a word do a lot of work (i.e. mean many different things) I always pay in extra Ah, you should see them come round me of a Saturday night, for to get their wages.”

I have never found the various entries to Wonderland, over the years, but I found something even better: a place where communication is original, diverse, open-minded, intellectually stimulating, and impassioned.

Toastmasters is a wonderful and wondrous group to belong to for the very reasons Humpty Dumpty gives his “word employees” extra wages: we sure make ‘em work harder! Indeed, language and talking are our obsessions.

Our club, Toastmasters 75, based in Paris, was founded in 1993, as an offspring of Toastmasters of Paris, the first English speaking club in the city of light(s)

I have been a member for five years, and this year am delighted to be the President. It is a unique club: so many different age groups, cultural backgrounds, travel and work experiences... we have people who have lived in France for a month, for a year, for ten years, their whole lives. Guests at yesterday’s meeting came from Washington State, Washington

DC and Great Britain, and other times, we have had people from Philippines or Sweden.

The international presence of Toastmasters International is quite naturally represented in our multicultural club, as last meeting’s Icebreaker Evening goes to show: Amar spoke of his childhood in the Caribbean Island of Trinidad, and his many travels, Cyrene, of Italian American origin, went to Milan to be in the center of the fashion industry. Lorrie brought alive her three (yes) grandmothers, who each in their own way, gave her precious values, which she treasures to this day.

Last night was the meeting where we laughed the most so far this year, and yet there were no humorous speeches. But in our club, we have so much fun we need to allow extra time in the evening program for the laughter.

This did not mean lack of focus and the evening went very smoothly, with once again speakers whose strengths are their love of communication, and their passions: without consulting ahead of time, they delivered very different kinds of speeches on a similar theme... which was not Thanksgiving. Robert urged us to listen to the women of the world waging peace, i.e. waging a war on war and violence. Shazia brought to life before our eyes the slaughter of conflicts waged thousands of years ago in an impassioned plea for reason and communication, and I suggested some lines of interpretation for W.H. Auden’s poem ironically eulogizing the faceless, obedient, unquestioning, deferential (ha ha , got the word of the day in after all if a bit late!) “Unknown Citizen”

The diversity of people, interests, and types of speeches, which nonetheless all have common grounds and criteria for their speech choices, and I would even say for their life choices, and values, is a special gift Toastmasters brings us all every day. I am ready to bet, however, that if they came to a meeting, which we have every other Thursday, at “Le Moulin à Café” they would stay on, and make speeches and turn their backs on Wonderland, but not on humor and fantasy.

President of Toastmaster 75, Paris
Elizabeth Simonson

All clubs within the DCP:

<http://www.toastmasters-wiesbaden.de/DCP-2001-2002.html>

Special information for the Area Governors:

<http://www.toastmasters-wiesbaden.de/DAP-2001-2002.html>

Ranking of all clubs in Europe:

<http://www.toastmasters-wiesbaden.de/dcp2001-europe.html>

Hall of fame Europe:

<http://www.toastmasters-wiesbaden.de/hall2002.html>

Become a Better Leader – Strive for your Excellence

Toastmasters International offers you a wide range of opportunities for improvement of your leadership skills. Within Toastmasters you can do this in many ways and many of us know about the opportunities when we have served as club officer or district officer. But beyond these leadership roles TMI offers a specific program you may conduct to achieve the Advanced Leader Award (AL). It's the...

HIGH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This hands-on, skill-building program requires you to conduct a project of your choice in which you serve as a leader. Reflecting your own goals, the project may be affiliated with your participation at Club, Area, District, business or community level. The High Performance Leadership manual walks you through the project's different phases, providing study material and activities to complete. As you progress you will learn about:

- The need for leadership, the six dimensions of leadership, your current leadership skills and becoming a more effective leader.
- Developing a vision and a mission
- Building a team and creating an action plan
- Helping the team accomplish its mission and dealing with setbacks
- Analyzing efforts.

Providing help through each phase is a Guidance Committee – people you select to counsel you and evaluate your work.

To achieve more leadership skills order the High Performance Leadership program from TMI (\$19.95) and study the details. If you have any questions concerning the program please do not hesitate and send me an e-mail Christoph@Stoppok.net.

Good luck and have a good time

Christoph Stoppok
Lieutenant Governor Education &
Training District 59P



Wahlkampf

In unseren Landen ist die nächste Wahl nie weit entfernt, und Wahlkampf scheint immer zu sein. Das ist bekannt.

Aber wißt ihr, daß es auch bei Toastmasters Wahlkämpfe gibt? Für Wahlen zum Club-Vorstand habt ihr das zwar wohl noch nie erlebt, weil ja jeder die Kandidaten bereits kennt. Aber die Toastmaster, die als International Director oder gar als 3. Vizepräsident unserer Organisation gewählt werden möchten, müssen sich bei den Wählern bekannt machen und für Unterstützung werben. Erfreulichweise geschieht das auf viel ruhigere Art als bei den gängigen Wahlkämpfen.

Wer sind die Wähler, die hier umworben werden? Das seid letztlich ihr, die Mitglieder unserer Clubs. Jeder Club hat eine Stimme bei diesen Personalwahlen. Deswegen bemühen sich die Kandidaten während der jedes Jahr im August stattfindenden International Convention um das Gespräch mit möglichst vielen Toastmastern. Das ist für jeden von uns eine gute Gelegenheit, unsere europäischen Besonderheiten in den Blickpunkt der Organisation zu bringen.

So habe ich während des letzten Jahres oft auf den Bedarf an einem offiziellen deutschsprachigen Grundlagenhandbuch hinweisen können. Die Reaktionen sind ermutigend.

Wahlkampf kann nützlich sein. Ohne selbst im Board of Directors zu sitzen, kann ich Einfluß nehmen.

Es gibt aber einen Toastmaster aus unserem europäischen District, der ab nächsten Sommer im Board of Directors tätig werden möchte. Robert Cockburn, zweimaliger CCET-Chairman und seit vielen Jahren sehr aktiv für die Toastmasters in Europa, bewirbt sich mit Unterstützung des Districts um das Amt eines International Directors.

Damit wäre zum ersten Mal die Stimme Kontinental-Europas im Vorstand von Toastmasters International vertreten.

Ich werde Robert in seinem Wahlkampf nach Kräften helfen und zähle dabei auch auf eure Unterstützung.

Mit den besten Wünschen
Dirk Husfeld, Past District Governor

**The Following Areas are requested to provide inputs for the next Clarion: 1, 6, 8, and 11
Look for highlights on the Spring Conference and a Distinguished Club Push, plus...
Standing articles from the District Governor and LG, Education and articles in French and German**

EXPAND YOUR NETWORK
Ranger Russell, DTM

Toastmasters is not only an excellent mechanism to improve your ability to effectively communicate, it is an organization that also offers venues to expand your personal network of friends and professional acquaintances.

Question: Have you expanded your “network” this year? How many **new** people have you met, spoken to, or learned more about? How many people have learned about you?

For the vast majority, the answer to the first question is “NO” and the answer to the other two questions is “Not many.” Why is this? There is an overriding tendency for people to remain in their “comfort zone” and not venture beyond what they already know. This leads to the habit of always speaking to the same people, sitting with the same group, often conversing about the same issues you discussed last week or last month...where is the personal growth we Toastmaster are so proud of pursuing?

Beyond the manual presentations and in-club table topics sessions, there are a multitude of opportunities to expand your network at every meeting, contest, and conference. Make an effort to sit beside someone new at each meeting. How about seeking out a new face and introducing yourself during an Area Contest or District Conference? Each time you do this, you are growing. And as the saying goes, if we are not growing...we are dying.

When you are the sponsoring club for an event, think about making one objective be for your club members to sit at different tables (or at least not next to members of their own club). This will result in other attendees sitting next to someone new and can be an exponential first step to expanding the network.

Whether you seek to increase your circle of friends, desire to learn about and capitalize on professional possibilities, or experience life-enriching opportunities...none will occur if you fail to expand your network

District 59P Award Winners



TM Bernadette Williams
English Humorous Speech Contest

ATM Mike Monroy
Toastmaster of the Year

Not Pictured

TM Helmut Wostatek
German Humorous Speech Contest

TM Nicolas Peirani
French Humorous Speech Contest



ATM-B Frank Hoffman
Most Promising Toastmaster

CTM Morag Otens
English Table Topics Contest

Not Pictured

CTM Ingeborg Hildman-Lorenz
German Table Topics Contest

CTM Elana Spillewijn-Gelpke
French Table Topics Contest



Where do you go after the Ice Breaker, the CTM, the ATMs and DTM?

One of our European Toastmasters recently discovered that there is Toastmastering life after becoming a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). DTM George Nigro, of the Ramstein, Kaiserslautern, and Eifel Toastmasters clubs, recently started his journey toward being an Accredited Speaker.

“I didn’t even know there was such a program,” said DTM Nigro, “until I received a letter of congratulations from Toastmasters International on achieving DTM and an article about the Accredited Speaker Program.”

The Accredited Speaker Program is a three-level achievement process that leads to certification as an “Accredited Speaker.” No big deal? Well, what would you give to have your name, telephone number and address made available to the media/special interest groups and many organizations throughout the world with the promise, from Toastmasters International, that you are a *professional speaker*. The first level of achievement, according to Toastmaster Nigro, is the completion of 25 speeches of at least 20 minutes’ duration outside the club environment. There is no limit to audience size or subject, only that the duration of the speech is at least 20 minutes. There is, additionally, the requirement to document each speech and complete the 25 speeches within a 3-year period.

“That’s pretty tough when you think about it,” said Toastmaster Nigro. “Searching for clubs or organizations that are looking for a speaker and especially one to which a 20-minute presentation could be delivered is not easy to find.”

After completion of the 25 speeches, the “candidate” is invited to submit a taped 20-minute presentation, which is then reviewed by a panel of Toastmasters. If the tape receives their approval, the Toastmaster is then invited to deliver a live presentation to a group of accredited speakers somewhere in the United States. Only after their final approval can a Toastmaster be granted the certification as an “accredited speaker.”

“I’m looking for as many speaking opportunities as possible,” said Toastmaster Nigro who, after starting his 3-year window in October now has 2 speeches completed. “I’ll travel just about anywhere, not to speak on a subject that interests

me, but rather on a subject of interest to the audience.”

Toastmaster Nigro, as a Distinguished Toastmaster, is certainly qualified to speak on any aspect of toastmastering, whether speaking or leadership. He is also well qualified as a motivational speaker, as a humorous speaker, and can speak informatively on many topics. Toastmaster Nigro is uniquely able to use stories to illustrate or make a point.

If you’re looking for a speaker from outside your area and you’re asking: “Where do you go after the icebreaker, CTM, ATMs and DTM?” You go to George Nigro at (49) 6371-52090 or nigrogeoge@aol.com.

How can you achieve the ADVANCED LEADER Award?

- Achieved Competent Leader (CL)
- Served a complete term as a District Officer (District Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Public Relations Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Division Governor, Area Governor)
- Completed the High Performance Leadership program (HPLP)
- Served successfully as a Club Sponsor, Mentor, or Specialist.

As these things might not be self-explaining attached you find all the details for the HPLP.

And here some more explanations:

Q: What is a Club Sponsor?

A: A club sponsor assists in the formation of a new club. So if you have helped during the charter process of a new club and your name was mentioned on the application form you will receive a letter from TMI that you are a club sponsor (up to two per club are possible).

Q: What is a Club Mentor?

A: These are individuals who assist the newly chartered club for at least six months after charter is granted. Again these mentors have to be mentioned on the charter application forms. (up to two per club are possible).

Q: What is a Club Specialist?

A: Clubs that have nine members or less are eligible for up to two Club Specialists. Specialists are assigned by the District Governor and are reported to TMI at the time the Club is at nine or fewer members. Actually these specialists help the club to come up to charter strength again.