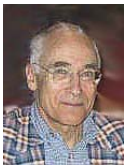




<http://www.district59.org/>

District Governor's Report



Question n° 1: "What is the purpose of a Toastmasters Club?"

Answer: "The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth"

Question n° 2: "How do you know a club is meeting its mission and is being successful?"

The answer is contained in one word:

DISTINGUISHED!

Sometimes I hear disparaging comments about the Distinguished Club Program (DCP). "We are not interested in cookie points", people say. Well, let me put this straight in three short sentences:

- 1- A bad club (one which does not fulfill its mission) **cannot** be Distinguished.
- 2- A Distinguished club cannot be a bad club (another way to express proposition number one.)
- 3- A good club may not be Distinguished... one year. However, this is usually a transient period. This club will either become a Distinguished club or fail to fulfill its mission the year after.

It's that simple. Fulfilling the Club's mission means being Distinguished (letting aside those very few clubs in the transitory period dealt in proposition number 3).

Now is the time of the year to ask yourself: "Is my club well on its way towards the Distinguished status?". Don't wait until May or, worse, June. It will be too late! Start right away; ask your fellow club officers what goals have already been achieved, what others should be achieved before June 30th. One of these is to pay the April semis on time!

And the same holds true for our District: Fulfilling the District's mission means to be a Distinguished District. Now I can hear your question: "Where are we?"

Let's start by reviewing our goals:

Goals	Target	Achieved on February 8th
CTMs	87	31
ATMs	12	21
Per Capita	2558	1307
Paid Clubs	52	51

Two potential issues, here

- a) Number of CTMs
- b) Number of paid clubs

During our recent Executive Committee meeting we discussed these two issues and reviewed the ongoing actions. According to your commitments, the prospects of achieving more than 87 CTMs on June 30th are good. It all depends on you, the members, and on your clubs fulfilling their mission. Do not postpone, do not procrastinate, dare to be competent! Also, we have several clubs on their way towards their charter and the target we aim at should be reached on time.

We've also had numerous motives for rejoicing during this meeting and I would like to conclude by sharing some of them with you.

Congratulations to the 31 new CTMs since July 2001. You've reached a major milestone in your personal development and your ability to communicate will play a key role in your life.

Congratulations to the 21 new ATMs. You are the living evidence that skill development in organization, proper word usage, and effective body language does not end with the CTM award!

Congratulations to the 11 new Competent Leaders and to the 3 new Advanced Leaders. You are the precious resource the corporate world craves for.

And words are weak to describe the stunning burst of 6 new Distinguished Toastmasters! I can't wait to congratulate them during the next Spring Conference.

See you all in Hamburg.

Well Done Toastmasters in Europe!

Surprise, surprise! It's a pleasure for all of us to watch the achievements of our district this year. What have we/you already achieved at the end of February 2002 compared to the same time last year?

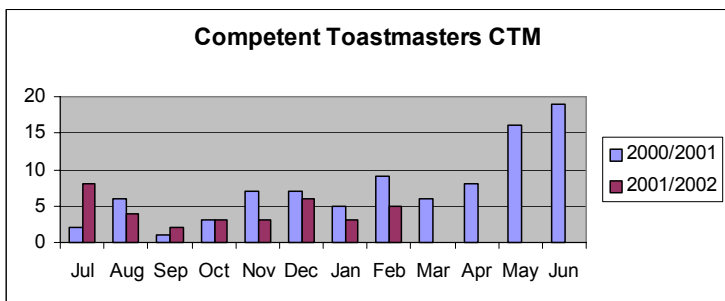
Seven members achieved their DTM. WOW!!! That is more than we have ever had in Europe so far. Three members achieved their Advanced Leader award compared to one by the end of February 2001. Eleven members achieved their Competent Leader award compared to eight by the end of February 2001. And all together 23 members (!!!) achieved their ATMs compared to twelve by the end of February 2001. Well done! Congratulations to everybody!

For more details about member names and clubs please check out the Hall of Fame Europe:
<http://www.toastmasters-wiesbaden.de/hall2002.html>

The results show that we are really building up a body of Toastmaster expertise in Europe. We all can be very proud of what we have achieved.

<http://www.toastmasters-wiesbaden.de/DCP-2001-2002.html>
<http://www.toastmasters-wiesbaden.de/DAP-2001-2002.html>
<http://www.toastmasters-wiesbaden.de/hall2002.html>
<http://www.toastmasters-wiesbaden.de/dcp2001-europe.html>

*So far so good and excellent! But what about our CTMs?
For that have a look to the diagram below.*



Picture 1: 34 CTMs in February 2002 compared to 40 CTMs in February 2001

What is happening here? Where are all those new CTMs we were expecting this year? Are you all waiting until the last moment? Last year our district goal was 78 CTMs and we achieved 89. This year our district goal is 87. But how many will we really achieve by June 30? Nobody knows exactly but I am pretty sure that we will make it. And even more than we achieved last year. So let's go for it.

Let's achieve 87 new CTMs and our district will receive again Distinguished District status. Recognition to the district will be given at the International Convention in San Antonio August 2002.

Have a good time. Enjoy being Toastmasters, see you in Hamburg and don't forget

Together, we achieve!

Christoph Stoppok

Lieutenant Governor Education & Training District 5P

The Final Spurt Starts Now

District 59P is standing before its last year as provisional district. Do you remember, fellow Toastmasters in Europe, what the prerequisite is for becoming a full district within Toastmasters International? The magic word is 'Growth' which means the district has to build new clubs up to 60 within the three years as a provisional district. Now we have reached after 19 months 51 Clubs. And we need at least 9 more in the following 16 months. Can we achieve this goal? I think: yes, we can!

Lets have a short look at where we now stand. Before the end of this Toastmasters year, we are expecting new clubs chartered in Amsterdam, Berlin and Hradec Kralove. And if we don't loose any clubs we would have 54 clubs by June 30. Then, in our last year as a provisional district, we will have to work very hard in building new clubs. Every area governor should set his or her goals to building at least one new club within the area. And this can be reached relatively easily. In my experience with new clubs in the past, I know that it is easier to build clubs in the local languages. Don't focus only on English-speaking clubs! Remember! More than 25% of our clubs are using the local language and this trend is growing. Let's have a look at the situation of clubs we now have. Alone in Germany, we have the potential for new German-speaking clubs in every city English-speaking clubs exist. This means Hamburg, Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, Kaiserlautern, Heidelberg, Ulm, Stuttgart and Freiburg.

The same applies in Austria (Vienna) and in the German-speaking part of Switzerland (Basel, Bern, Zug, Zurich). In all of these cities, we have experienced Toastmasters who will be able to help build new clubs. There is a market! Area Governors, please discuss this with your club presidents and analyse the situation. I am sure every club has had guests who don't join because of language. Don't neglect this potential! The District will support you in this activity. *Together – we achieve!*

Andreas J. Schmidt, ATM-S, CL

Lt. Governor Marketing 2001-2002

District Conference Information

Dear Fellow Toastmasters and Guests:

It is our pleasure to invite Toastmasters from all of Europe and abroad to attend the 2002 District 59P Spring Conference. It will take place in the wonderful city of **Hamburg, Germany**, on **May 24-26, 2002**.

Be our guest and enjoy the excellent program!

Hamburg is the most famous city in northern Germany. It is known not only for the Reeperbahn, but also as Germany's gateway to the world. We recommend experiencing the harbour or Alster lake on a cruise or by strolling along the waterfront. If you come early you could also enjoy one of the famous musicals, such as Mozart and The Lion King.

Join us at the **Panorama Hotel**, which is located in a suburb of Hamburg that is just a short hop away from all that Hamburg has to offer. Attached you will find two different packages from which you can choose. **Package 1** includes **all Saturday and Sunday events** including such conference highlights as the Speech and Evaluation Contests and the Saturday night gala dinner with dancing and music afterward. For those of you more pressed for time, we offer **Package 2**, which includes just the Saturday **Speech Contest, cocktail hour and gala dinner**. We have a packed schedule with plenty of Toastmasters activities, but still leave you with some time for sightseeing.

Come early and stay late for a truly enjoyable event!

We are also offering a special opportunity to see Hamburg for a great low price! Please join us for a **sightseeing tour of Hamburg** by bus Friday night from 19:30-22:00 for only **€8 per person**. The tour will conveniently start and end at the Panorama Hotel.

On behalf of the Hedgehog Toastmasters and the First Hanseatic Toastmasters, we look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions about the conference please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be more than happy to help you.

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P.S. Check regularly for conference updates on our homepage:

<http://www.hamburg-toastmasters.de/SpringConference>

Outdoor Events

In the *Clarion* of last December (Volume 21, Issue2) **D59P Governor Alain Petillot** pointed out the importance of good meetings and mentoring for our common mission **Making Better Communication A Worldwide Reality**.

Another effective means to avoid loss of club members and to regain energy for toastmasters with fading interest in attending regular club meetings is the introduction of **Outdoor Events**. What is an "Outdoor Event"? The answer is simple: Any special speech event that a Toastmaster Club organizes outside of the regular club meetings, if possible also at another location.

At the beginning of this term I recommended to all Toastmaster clubs of "my" area to promote, at least, one Outdoor Event until the end of this term. The main advantages of Outdoor Events should be twofold: For the club members it should be the participation in an interesting speech event that requires their cooperation and leads to a revitalization of their esprit de corps; for guests it should be an attraction to learn (more) about Toastmasters and join a Toastmasters club, i.e., if promoted effectively, function also as a Public Relation event.

The mottos for such an Outdoor Event are virtually without limits. Let your imagination flow! It should, of course, be possible to give also manual speeches (basic and advanced) in an Outdoor Event. You could stage, for instance, an Outdoor Event under the motto "American Literature" and invite Toastmasters and guests from your area and district to give speeches or simply participate. Speeches of the basic manual and advanced manuals like "Interpretive Reading", "Reading to Inform" etc. could be easily combined in such an Outdoor Event.

The new Munich Toastmaster Club **Rhetorenschmiede**, for example, held a debate-competition with the **Debattier-Club** of the Munich Ludwig-Maximilians-University.

This was not only a very interesting and unusual debate experience for the club members of the Rhetorenschmiede, but also raised a lot of questions about **Toastmasters** on behalf of the Debattier-Club. We also gained new members from this event.

Therefore, **I recommend promoting an Outdoor Event also with your Toastmaster club!** It is both an effective and attractive way to strengthen the club spirit of your club members and to gain new ones.

"Outdoor Events" provided by District 59's Most Promising Toastmaster, ATM-S/CL Frank Hoffmann (Area Governor for Area 6, 2001-2002)

A vous tous, chers amis Toastmasters francophones de notre District, je dédie l'éditorial que le président de Toastmasters International a écrit pour le magazine *The Toastmaster* de janvier 2002. J'ai trouvé que ce qu'il disait, dans sa grande simplicité, valait la peine d'être traduit pour que tous ceux qui ne lisent pas l'anglais reçoivent chez eux ce message. Bonne lecture !

Odile Pétilot, ATM S, CL
Coordinatrice du secteur 3

Grâce à vous, les choses bougent ! J'ai toujours cru que tout individu avait le pouvoir de faire bouger les choses. L'histoire est pleine d'exemples : voyez Jésus, Gandhi ou Winston Churchill, pour ne citer qu'eux. En votre qualité de Toastmaster, vous pouvez faire bouger les choses dans le monde.

Tout d'abord, dans votre club. Woody Allen a dit : « Etre présent, c'est 80 % de la clé du succès ». Dans une enquête auprès de nos membres menée voici quelques années, nous avons découvert que ce que désirent nos membres avant toute chose, c'est un auditoire ! Et en prenant juste la peine de venir aux réunions, vous apportez un plus à votre club. Lorsqu'ils prononcent leurs discours, les membres de votre club voient votre visage qui leur sourit. Ils vous entendent rire à leurs bonnes plaisanteries, protester aux mauvaises. Ils vous voient réfléchir à ce qu'ils disent. Bien entendu, il est difficile d'être là sans participer, et votre club profite donc de vos discours, de vos évaluations et de vos opinions. Vos amis Toastmasters profitent de votre créativité lorsque vous leur proposez les sujets d'improvisation. Ils tirent un enseignement de vos évaluations. Vous n'en êtes peut-être pas conscient, mais ils vous observent et vous avez sur eux une influence positive. Vous les inspirez. Oui, vous !

Vous pouvez aussi apporter un plus dans votre entourage familial. Ce que nous apprenons dans notre club Toastmasters ne reste pas dans la salle de réunion lorsque nous la quittons. Au contraire, nous l'apportons avec nous à la maison et nous ne cessons d'y penser où que nous allions ! Vous n'entendrez jamais plus le discours d'un politicien sans noter ses « heu ». Vous écouterez beaucoup mieux ceux qui vous sont chers vous raconter leur journée. Vous donnerez votre opinion de façon beaucoup plus constructive. Et vous vous lancerez dans l'improvisation de votre vie lorsque votre enfant vous demandera comment on fait les bébés ! Je ne prétends pas avoir avec ma famille une communication sans défauts. Mais pour moi, cette communication est de la plus haute importance et c'est en partie parce que je souhaite l'améliorer que je suis toujours un Toastmaster.

Vous pouvez faire bouger les choses au bureau. Le fait d'avoir amélioré vos compétences dans le domaine de la

communication peut favoriser votre carrière. Vous allez avoir de meilleures relations avec vos collègues, vos supérieurs, vos clients. Si vous êtes manager, vous vous servez de ce que vous avez appris sur l'évaluation pour conduire les entretiens d'évaluation. La plupart des entreprises ont adopté le modèle de travail en équipe. De quoi a besoin une équipe ? D'un leader. Et vous pouvez appliquer au monde du travail ce que vous avez appris lorsque vous étiez membre du bureau, au niveau d'un club ou d'un district. Ces compétences sont directement transférables, j'en ai fait l'expérience.

Vous pouvez faire bouger les choses autour de vous. Vous avez de moins en moins de difficulté à participer à des groupes de réflexion, à des associations, à des réunions syndicales, au conseil de copropriété, voire au conseil municipal. Vous avez désormais le courage de prendre la parole devant des gens pour défendre des causes qui vous semblent importantes pour vous et vos voisins.

Mais le plus important, c'est ce que vous changez en vous-même. La pratique de la méthode Toastmasters produit des êtres meilleurs. Nous avons tous des vies très occupées. Il est facile de prétendre que vous avez trop de travail et pas le temps d'aller à votre réunion. Investir en Toastmasters, c'est investir en vous-même. Ne valez-vous pas largement deux heures par quinzaine ? Je pense que si. Car c'est grâce à vous que les choses bougent.

Alfred R. Herzing
Directeur International

Area 7 – Here Up North

“The Stockholm Park Toastmasters Club had the first meeting in January 1999 and was chartered October 19, 1999 as club no. 5320 by mainly Agneta Loge André & Pelle Holmberg, but with the great help of Elizabeth Nostedt, then the our Area Governor - Toastmasters clubs in Scandinavia and also a member of the Speech Masters Club in Gothenburg. Pelle had experience from the Stockholm Club since 1982 and Agneta from Brussels Toastmasters for five years. Some of our old members that still are active are: Robert, Johanna, Maria and Kerstin. The first president was Pelle 1999-2000 and from 2000 onwards it has been Agneta. The Club is English speaking, with mainly Swedish members, but also members born in Finland, Zimbabwe, Norway, United Kingdom, The Philippines and Singapore. Most of us have spent years abroad - Belgium, The Netherlands, Australia, USA, Ireland, United Kingdom, Zambia, Bahamas, Mallorca - so we are truly both international and multicultural. In October 2001 the club reached 20 members and received its banner.” Park Club 5320 - <http://www.imhresurs.se/TMI/toast.htm>

Do you need a Reason to go to Berlin?

Here it is: The Area 8 Spring Contest on April 13, 2002

The Area 8 (Northern Germany) Speech and Evaluation Contest has a German and an English section. Participants of the German section are from our two German clubs (Hannover Speakers and Berliner Meisterredner) and all our English clubs who are invited to send contestants, i.e. from Hamburg, Buxtehude, Berlin of course, and even Warsaw.

We will be happy to offer you an opportunity to serve as a judge, timer or target speaker, but those spots are few and will be gone fast. It is therefore best to plan ahead and make your reservations early. We have room for some visiting Toastmasters to stay with us over night.

This is a splendid opportunity to visit Berlin in spring. Our contest takes place in a cheerful midtown location. Before the contest you may join us for lunch at Oranienburgerstraße, one of the new cultural centers of Berlin, near the splendidly rebuilt Synagogue with its golden dome. After the contest we will have dinner at a choice of cosy area restaurants, right were Berlin’s night life is in full swing. The next morning we will meet for an entertaining city walk to the most interesting spots of the capital.

There will be lots of fun and a great opportunity to meet fellow Toastmasters.

For further information contact Patricia Steinmann denkesteinmann@yahoo.de or 030-80402163

Patricia Steinmann, CTM, Berliner Meisterredner, area 8

A New Approach

So how do you get a friend, coworker, and/or business partner to become a Toastmaster? Here’s how:

1. Motivate by Perceived Benefits. In a casual conversation, explain the value of the Toastmasters Communication and Leadership Program, and also the fact that through Toastmasters one learns how to improve one’s networking or organizational skills. Explain to them that Toastmasters is a “Learning Laboratory” and that Toastmasters teaches “life skills” and “people skills;” applications which can set them up for success in both their personal and professional lives. Then you tell them it is just plain fun and why.
2. Plant that Seed. Just ask them to come to the meeting as a guest, just once. If someone walks into your meeting as a guest, he/she is 95 percent sold on becoming a Toastmaster. You just have to get the remaining 5 percent taken care of by putting on a good show and inviting to join. But if they choose not to join, don’t pressure them. All you need to do is just plant that seed, then later on if they choose to join, you will know why.
3. The Personal Testimonial. Try the following, “This is what Toastmasters has done for me. This is what Toastmasters can do for you. But if you choose not to join, it’s cool. We will still be (friends, coworkers, and or business partners).”

Folks, this stuff works. So please use this construct to invite a friend, coworker, or business partner to your next club meeting.

Ralph Jones

Have you seen the brand new HTTP://WWW.ULM-TOASTMASTERS.DE/ Website yet?

Area 8 – On the Move

Spring is already in the air in Area 8, with all of our clubs looking toward the future. Not only are the clubs working on strengthening their own numbers, but we are also helping each other to start new clubs. And, most exciting of all, the Buxtehude and Hamburg clubs are hosting this year's Spring District Conference! Read on for more details!

Most of the clubs in Area 8 are going strong, including the three clubs in Berlin, one in Buxtehude, and one in Hamburg. Our club in Hannover is in a bit of a downturn right now since many of its active members and its founder moved out of the area, but it is receiving support from the surrounding clubs. A demo meeting will be held March 25 in an effort to attract new members. We also hear quite often from the undistricted Warsaw club, whose members visited our last Area Contest in Berlin. We have now been invited to a contest in Warsaw and hope to attend. The Warsaw club has also been invited to the District Conference in Hamburg in May.

The clubs in Hamburg and Berlin have been so successful that they are branching out to help form new German-speaking clubs. The German-speaking club in Berlin already has a name, "Berliner Meisterredner", and has 9 members. The driving forces behind the club are Frank Spade, ATM-S; Margot Jetter, CTM; and Patricia Denke-Steinmann, CTM. Please visit the club's website at www.meisterredner.de for more information. The Hamburg German-speaking club is just starting out, with a demo meeting held on February 28.

Finally, preparations are well underway for Area 8's big event: the hosting of the District 59P Spring Conference in Hamburg in May. Invitations have already gone out (please contact your club's president for the invitation if you have not already received it), and almost everything is set. Please see the article about the Conference in The Clarion and/or the Conference website at www.hamburg-toastmasters.de/SpringConference for more information. Our Area contest in preparation for the Conference will be held April 13 in Berlin and will include both English- and German-speaking speech and evaluation contests. Please join us for any of our Area's demo meetings and contests; you will see that Area 8 is on the move!

Kirsten Greco, VP-PR
First Hanseatic Toastmasters, Hamburg

Hamburg in Spring District 59P Spring Conference

So, you've always wanted to visit Northern Europe, but have never had the chance. Or perhaps you have been here before but would like an excuse to come back. Well, now is your chance! On May 24-26, the District 59P Spring Conference will be held in beautiful Hamburg, Germany.

Spring is the perfect time to visit Hamburg, with all the flowers in bloom and the Elbe River and Alster lake looking their best. And the action doesn't stop when the sun goes down – that's when the famous Reeperbahn heats up and shows such as *Mozart* and *The Lion King* come alive. If you join us for the Conference, you will have the opportunity to experience Hamburg at its best.

The Conference will be held at the Panorama Hotel, located just south of the Elbe River and a short hop from all that Hamburg has to offer. Friday night, May 24, you will have an opportunity to tour Hamburg for a great low price with fellow Toastmasters on a specially-chartered 2.5 hour bus tour that starts and ends at the hotel. Then the Conference fun begins on Saturday, May 25, with wonderful Education Sessions and the English Speech and Evaluation Contests. We will end the day with a bang with the cocktail hour and gala dinner with music and dancing afterward. Sunday, May 26, will conclude the Conference with additional Education Sessions as well as the French and German Speech and Evaluation Contests.

On behalf of the Hedgehog Toastmasters (Buxtehude) and the First Hanseatic Toastmasters (Hamburg), we look forward to seeing you! Please visit our website at www.hamburg-toastmasters.de/SpringConference for further details on the Conference, reserving hotel rooms, directions, and visiting Hamburg and Northern Germany. See you soon!

Kirsten Greco, VP-PR
First Hanseatic Toastmasters, Hamburg

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Fellow Toastmasters of District 59p, as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee I invite you to name candidates for the District Executive Committee for the Toastmaster year 2002-2003. Please find descriptions of the offices to be filled below. If you wish to nominate someone, please contact me. Contact information is at the end of this contribution.

Elected Positions

The following officers will be elected by the District Council during the Spring Conference in Hamburg, May 25th. The Nominating Committee will consider all nominations received until April 28th and will nominate one or two candidates for District Governor and Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, and one or more candidates for Lieutenant Governor Marketing for the elections. Further candidates can be nominated from the floor. The mission/purpose and the qualifications for the three elected officers are as follows.

District Governor:

Mission/Purpose: As the District's chief executive officer, directs the District in a way which fosters strong Clubs; produces maximum growth in education completions, Club and membership; and is consistent with the interests of members of Toastmasters International.

Responsible for motivating the District to achieve Distinguished District. Achieves the Mission of the District in a manner which motivates volunteer leaders and promotes a standard of excellence in all District activities

Qualifications: At the time of taking office, the District Governor shall have served at least six consecutive months as a Club President and at least twelve consecutive months as a Lt.Governor.

Lt.Governor Education and Training:

Mission/Purpose: Under the guidance of the District Governor, strives to have every Club and each member reap the benefits fo the Toastmasters educational program and to have every Club become a Distinguished Club. Responsible for achieving Distinguished District goals for CTMs, ATMs, and Distinguished Clubs. Provides direction and counsel to Area Governors and Club officers on the educational opportunities in Toastmasters. Responsible for the design and conduct of successful District training programs, conferences, and other District educational events.

Qualifications: The Lt.Governor Education and Training shall have served at least six consecutive months as a Club President and at least twelve consecutive months

as a Lt.Governor or an Area Governor, or a combination thereof.

Lt.Governor Marketing:

Mission/Purpose: Under guidance of the District Governor,

makes the benefits of Toastmasters membership available to greater number of people. Plans, develops, implements, and directs short-term and long-term District marketing objectives. Develops and directs programs for new Club development, Club rescue efforts, Club membership promotion, and membership retention. Responsible for achieving Distinguished District goals for membership and Club growth. Promotes standards of service to the member and to the Club.

Qualifications: The Lt.Governor Marketing shall have served

at least six consecutive months as a Club President and at least twelve consecutive months as a Lt.Governor or an Area Governor, or a combination thereof.

Appointed positions

The following positions will not be elected, but appointed by the District Governor. Nominations will be passed on to the candidates for the office of District Governor for consideration. Descriptions of Mission/Purpose and Qualifications for these offices can be provided by me on request.

Area Governors (for each of the District's Areas)
District Public Relations Officer
District Treasurer
District Secretary

I would be please to answer all questions arising from the call for nominations.

Dirk Husfeld, ATM-S, CL
Past District Governor
Chairman of the District Nominating Committee 2002-2003

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DISTRICT NOMINATIONS

District 59 District officer elections will take place on May 25th 2002. Names to be considered for nomination are being accepted for the following offices: DISTRICT GOVERNOR; LT. GOVERNOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING; LT. GOVERNOR MARKETING. If you would like to be nominated for office or if you want to enter a person's name for nomination, please complete the form below 'and send to Alain Petillot by April 28th. See address details below. You may submit more than one person's name (including your own) for each position.

The Nominating Committee will consider all candidates received by the deadline. To be nominated or elected, a person must be a member in good standing, meet the qualifications of the office, must consent to being nominated, and must sign an Officer Agreement and Release Statement.

District Officer Nominating Form

I wish to have the Nominating Committee consider the following person for the office of

District Governor Lt. Governor Education & Training

Lt. Governor Marketing Public Relations Officer

Name _____ CTM ATM DTM

Address _____

Postal Code _____ City _____

Telephone (H) _____ (B) _____

FAX _____ e-mail: _____

Home Club Name _____ Club No. _____

List the Club and District offices in which this person has served and the dates of service. Describe this Toastmaster's qualifications for office and fitness to serve. Please attach any other information about this candidate that may be helpful in assisting the Nominating Committee.

Submitted by: _____

Mail or fax or scan & e-mail to:

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e-mail: apetillot@free.fr

Deadline for submitting this form is April 28th 2002

ATTENTION DISTRICT OFFICER CANDIDATES:

As a condition for running for and/or holding office, all candidates for District office must sign the following Officer Agreement and Release Statement prior to being nominated or appointed:

Officer Agreement and Release Statement:

Consistent with my desire to take personal responsibility for my conduct, individually and as an Officer of Toastmasters International and as a member of a Toastmasters Club, I agree to abide by the principles contained in "A Toastmaster's Promise" and the governing documents and policies of Toastmasters International and my Club. I will fully comply with my fiduciary duties to Toastmasters International under its governing documents and the law of the land. I will refrain from any form of discrimination, harassment, derogatory, illegal, or unethical conduct, and I understand that if I engage in such conduct, I may be responsible to reimburse Toastmasters International, my Club or other Clubs, or other individuals involved with Toastmasters, for any damages, losses, or costs resulting from my conduct. Understanding that Toastmasters programs are conducted by volunteers who cannot be effectively screened or supervised by Toastmasters International or its Clubs, I release and discharge Toastmasters International, its Clubs, governing bodies, and representatives from any liability for the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of any member or Officer of my Club or other Clubs, or any Officer of Toastmasters International.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____ District 59P

Office: _____

Date: _____

Distribution:

- * **Candidates for District Governor, Lt. Governor Education and Training, Lt. Governor Marketing, Division Governors, and, if elected, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer** -- Signed copy to Nominating Committee Chairman. Chairman will provide copies to District Governor, along with the Nominating Committee Report.
- * **Candidates for Area Governors (if appointed or elected) and all other appointed District Officers** -- Signed copy to District Governor prior to taking office.

All signed forms shall be sent to World Headquarters and kept as part of the District's permanent records at World Headquarters.

D59 FALL CONFERENCE 2002.

When? Friday to Sunday November 22 - 24, 2002

Where? PARDUBICE, Czech Republic

Conference Center: The HOUSE of TECHNIQUE

Gala Dinner:

The Knight Halls of the Renaissance Pardubice Castle
Accommodation: various hotels in Pardubice City center (within walking distance to the Conference Center)

Pardubice is one of the largest cities in Eastern Bohemia region with its population of almost 100,000 inhabitants. The first settlement overlooking the confluence of the Elbe and Chrudimka rivers was mentioned in late 13th century. Thanks to the House of Lords of Pernstein, a saying "It glitters like Pardubice" became quite common in Czech Lands of the 16th century because of its economic and cultural boom. The Castle, late Gothic and Renaissance chateaux, and the historical city center is the place of District 59 Fall 2002 Conference place.

The Conference will be held at the conference center called The House of Technique in the main city square, next to the city theatre, just couple steps from the historical city center – the Pernstynske square. The House of Techniques is fully equipped conference center where about 100 conferences are held per year with necessary main hall, additional lecture rooms and technical equipment. Opposite to the Main Conference Hall there is the Restaurant called Philadelphia with places booked for Friday dinner. There is also a disco available on Friday evening, if someone wants to stay after dinner. The Saturday Gala dinner is held in the historical Castle, in its Knights Halls built in Late Gothic and Renaissance styles. The Castle is about five minutes walk via the historical Pernstynske sq. from the House of Techniques, the conference site.

How to get to Pardubice?

There are flight connections from all main European cities to the capital city Prague. The Pardubice city is easily accessible from Prague by car or train. Trains are running very frequently in day-time between Prague and Pardubice main railway stations.

How far it is?

Munich (Germany) 500 km – 7 hours car drive, train
Paris (France) 1200 km – air flight to Prague, train to Pardubice
Berlin (Germany) 400 km – direct train connection to Pardubice

Göteborg (Sweden) 1100 km – air flight to Prague, train to Pardubice
Luxembourg 850 km – air flight to Prague, train to Pardubice

Where to sleep? in hotels according to your choice

Pardubice is not that large city in downtown area and it offers various, comfortable hotels (unfortunately not as big to accommodate all conference participants at one site). A small Travel Agency AHOJ will serve the participants to help them to find the most appropriate accommodation in Pardubice hotels in downtown area, in walking distance to the conference place – the House of Technique; or is prepared to help with other travel arrangements and transportation.

It is a good idea to contact the Travel Agency AHOJ as soon as possible, at least one to two months before the conference for arranging a hotel accommodation in Pardubice or even earlier if participants wish to arrange some sightseeing tours and accommodation in the capital city Prague or elsewhere in the Czech Republic:

Contact: Travel Agency AHOJ, Mrs. Roleckova, K Olsine 95, 530 09 PARDUBICE

Phone/Fax: + 420 40 641 5276,

E-mail: ahojck@atlas.cz

The Travel Agent will help to arrange further trips and sightseeing if participants wish so.

All the club members of Pardubice Enthusiasts Toastmasters International are honoured to host the District 59 Fall 2002 Conference and are looking forward to this special Toastmasters International event.

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