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**Follow Your Path**

More than three months have passed since the beginning of the 2002/2003 Toastmasters Year. I have no doubt that you have taken every opportunity to participate as both a communicator and leader in your Club. If it is your first time as a club officer, you are already halfway towards the attainment of the Competent Leader (CL) award. Besides the other requirements, which I have no doubt you have researched, you must have been in office from 1 July until 31 December. So even though time is running short, it is also working for you since as of the end of December, you will be eligible.

As individual Toastmasters, we are part of a larger organization, which contains specified organizational levels: Club, Area, and District. At each of these levels, there are goals which we want to achieve so that District 59P receives the credit and recognition it so richly deserves. These goals cannot be accomplished without planning at the Club, Area and District levels. This is where the associated officers set the goals, objectives, events, and activities to set everyone up for success. However you, the member, are the most important element of our organization.

Why? Because you set your own personal goals.

I cannot stress enough the importance of planning, good planning, in reaching our goals. Plan to achieve your next goal, whether it is Competent Toastmaster (CTM), Advanced Toastmaster (ATM), CL, Advanced Leader (AL), or Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). It is not only within your power to achieve these goals; you also have the power to bring about tremendous changes in yourself. By striving to achieve your individual Toastmasters goals you can bring out the best within you. Believe me! During the last six years I have had many opportunities to meet people from several clubs. I have met many of them at the very beginning of their Toastmasters journey, starting with their Icebreaker speech! I have been fortunate enough to meet many of them again years later at the European level when they were either competing in contests or serving on the District Executive Committee as Area Governors or in other leadership positions. All these people who stayed with Toastmasters, I have watched their personal growth. I have seen it, felt it, and believe me, I've enjoyed the journey with them immensely. I could see the rewards in their growth; both professionally and personally.

So do it! Take advantage of every opportunity, which Toastmasters has to offer. Take the opportunity now and your personal growth will be mirrored in the success of your Club, your Area, and your District. My wish for each and every one of you is that you hear, write, give and evaluate many enjoyable and inspiring speeches. And, also that you participate actively in educational sessions, whether given at the Club, Area or District level.

Christoph Stoppok  
2002/2003 District 59P Governor

***Drop the "P," Baby!***

***--Austin Powers  
International Man of Mystery***

### The Mission of the District:

The mission of the District is to enhance the performance and extend the network of clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters educational program by:

- Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the District and membership goals.
- Insuring that each Club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members.
- Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for Club and District officers.

### District Goals 2002 - 2003 At least 60 Clubs by 30 June 2003

- One new Club per Area
- All Clubs at charter strength
- 135 CTMs
- 53 ATMs
- 53 CLs
- Every Club a Distinguished Club
- 11 Distinguished Areas

You can monitor your Club's, Area's, and District's progress at:

<http://www.toastmasters.org/dreports/newd59report.htm>.

### 2002 District Fall Conference

Would you like to experience a truly fantastic event highlighted by the English Humorous Speech and English Table Topics Contests? In addition, would you like to take part in contest workshops in French and German as well as educational sessions in English, French and German?

Then attend the 2002 District 59P Fall Conference, 22- 24 November in Pardubice, Czech Republic, where the Conference will take place under the auspices of the City Hall. The program of the conference is now accessible on the official 2002 Fall Conference



website: <http://toastmasters.konektel.cz>

You can use the on-line registration form at: <http://toastmasters.konektel.cz/confer.regist.html>.

Do not miss the deadline to register, 31 October 2002. Pardubice is looking forward to seeing you in November.

Zuzana Grofova, Conference Chairperson

### Toastmasters-A Family Affair

As a charter member of Qatar Toastmasters in 1997 I discovered the world of Toastmasters International.

Qatar Toastmasters was the second club in Doha and there was a healthy competition between the two clubs to see which one would be the most dynamic, energetic and lively. In my (unbiased?) opinion, it was Qatar Toastmasters.

Most of the members were ambitious and cultivated Indian businessmen with a smattering of Americans, Filipinos, Egyptians and Qataris. Although we came from all corners of the earth, we shared a common goal in this international environment; making our Club, a great one!

And we were an extremely active club, especially in the area of education.

*We hold these truths to be self-evident; we must drop the P!*

*--Thomas Jefferson*

*Third President of the United States*

Programs to improve speaking techniques for both adults and children were organized and held regularly at the Qatar Science Club. The local community was encouraging and helpful. We got a lot of good press in the Doha newspapers.

Contests were held between the two clubs in Qatar and the winners participated in International competitions in the Gulf Region.

Being a member of Qatar Toastmasters was an enriching and challenging experience for me and before leaving Qatar, I was able to become one of the first CTMs of our Club. I had also become convinced of the advantages of belonging to Toastmasters International.

After moving to Paris in 2001, of course I wanted to continue the Toastmasters experience. On Toastmasters International website, I discovered two English language clubs and one bilingual club. Deciding which club to join was difficult, but the incredibly warm welcome given to me at Toastmasters of Paris was the deciding factor.

Participating in my first meeting of Toastmasters of Paris felt like coming home! The meeting was run in the same way as in Qatar. The agenda was similar, but most important was the way in which I was immediately accepted as part of the Toastmasters family.

Being able to grow and develop oneself in such a friendly and supportive environment is to me, what Toastmasters International is all about. Not only do we improve our own communication and leadership skills, but we also share experiences with people from different cultures and backgrounds.

I would like to see even more communication between clubs located in different countries. Why not start a “sister club” program in which clubs from different parts of the world could work together on projects? Anyone interested? If so contact me at [djdandres@yahoo.com](mailto:djdandres@yahoo.com) and let’s see what we could dream up!

Joanne Dandres, CTM  
VP Public Relations, Toastmasters of Paris

### *In Memoriam of William (Bill) Hamilton*

It is with the deepest sorrow that we tell you that former Continental Council of European Toastmasters (CCET) Chairman, DTM Bill Hamilton, died on 23 September 2002 at his home in Texas. Bill was CCET (the predecessor of District 59P) Chairman for the 1995/1996 Toastmasters Year. He had been doing fine but on 12 September; suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage. He did not suffer and was not in any pain. He went into a deep coma and never responded. God in His mercy took him on the 23rd. Please remember ATM Ardelle Hamilton, his wife, in your prayers. You can send your condolences to: [arbill@pcstx.net](mailto:arbill@pcstx.net) or Rt. 2, Box 13-2  
Crockett, Texas 75835

### *The Mission of the Club:*

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.

### *Going Beyond Our Current Borders*

Nothing is more constant than change. This saying also applies to our District.

*Four score and seven years ago, we dropped the “P!”*

*--Abraham Lincoln  
16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States*

Our District is just two years old and we already have to think about restructuring ourselves. New countries are showing interest and want to join District 59P. At the District Conference in Pardubice, we will discuss and decide about the extension of our club boundaries to include Spain, Portugal, Andorra, and Gibraltar. And, in addition we will decide on Liechtenstein, located in the heart of Europe. Also, there is a new Club in the Northern part of Italy, Aviano. So the inclusion of Italy in District 59P will be discussed as well.

Be prepared for more clubs and countries joining District 59P very soon!

### *District 59P Executive Committee Meeting, 28-29 September 2002*

The District 59P Executive Committee met last month in the thriving metropolis of Weilerbach, Germany, near Kaiserslautern. This great locale served as the ultimate in training and team building, thereby setting District 59P up for success. The three best quotes of the weekend:

- Paul Königer: “Seemed like family.”
- Lee Tapia: “I dream only big dreams.”
- Ralph Jones: “Let’s drop the ‘P!’”

Of particular note, Area 3 Governor Philippe Lambot has formed a special committee to look into the organization and alignment of our Areas into Divisions. In addition, the Executive Committee has stressed there will be strict adherence to TMI Speech Contest Rules.

### *New Advanced Toastmasters Club*

Based on August 2002 correspondence, 14 Toastmasters in the Kaiserslautern, Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, and Heidelberg area

expressed a sincere interest in forming an Advanced Toastmasters Club in Southwestern Germany. So on behalf of CTM James Lee, you are cordially invited to the first meeting of the Southwest Germany Advanced Toastmasters Club. The meeting will take place on Saturday, 2 November 2002 at 16:30, at the Landgasthof Pirsch in Ramstein-Miesenbach, Germany. If you would like to attend, please contact CTM James Lee at [james.lee@ramstein.af.mil](mailto:james.lee@ramstein.af.mil). Please pass this invitation to other CTMs, ATMs, and/or DTMs in your Clubs who you think may be interested in being a member of this Advanced Toastmasters Club and thus really hone their communication and leadership knowledge, skills, and abilities by being a member of an Advanced Toastmasters Club.

### *2003 District 59P Spring Conference*

The conference will take place 23-25 May 2003. The venue, **Paris Vilette Forest Hill Hotel**, 28 avenue Corentin-Cariou 75019 Paris Hotel reservation: **Tel 00 33 1 45 54 13 14, Fax 00 33 1 45 57 51 41**. The Website is located at: <http://www.foreshill-hotels.com/paris-villette>

### *District 59P Lieutenant Governor for Education and Training Report:*

For your continuing education and professional development, here is an updated list of the nine planned educational sessions for the 2002 District 59P Fall Conference. Sessions are divided into four educational tracks:

- #1: Speaking
- #2: Personal Growth
- #3: Motivation & Leadership
- #4: Club & District Success

*Every “P” I ever dropped, made me stronger!*

*--Frederick Nietzsche  
German philosopher*

Saturday, 23 November:09:10-09:40

"You Have the Power to Influence the World Around You"

- Keynote Address
- English Tracks 2 & 3
- Presented by Christine Harvey, CTM

14:15-14:45

Listen Your Way To Success, Fame And Fortune

- English Tracks 2 & 3
- Presented by Connie Kadansky, ATMB and Christine Harvey, CTM

Nous Négocions Avec Succès

- French Tracks 2 & 3

Die Sieben Säulen des Erfolgs

Based on Stephan R. Covey's bestseller, 'Seven Habits of Highly Effective People'

- German Track 2
- Presented by Paul Königer, ATMB/CL

14:45-15:15

Let's Discuss This Outside

- Conflict Management
- English Tracks 2 & 3
- Presented by Al Green, ATMB/CL

Je Parle Avec Mon Coeur

- French Track 1

Toastmasters - die Internationale Herausforderung

- German Track 4
- Presented by Otto Schwerer, ATMB/CL

Sunday, November 24, 200209:15-10:00

Million Dollar Words-Interactive Presentation & Discussion of Patricia Fripp's Keynote Address at the 2001 International Convention in Anaheim.

- English Track 1
- Presented by Elizabeth Nostedt

10:30-11:00

Webmastering for Dummies Hints & Tips for Your Launch into Cyberspace

- English Tracks 2 & 3
- Presented by Frank Spade

Denise Magyar, ATMS/CL

District 59P Lieutenant Governor, Education and Training

*District 59P Lieutenant Governor of Marking Report:*

Dear District 59P Toastmasters,

Our goals and objectives this year in terms of marketing are indeed challenging. That is, we plan to have 12 new clubs this year and have a membership increase of 10 percent. Our objective is simple: We must **DROP THE P!** Why? Because we want to become a full District and thus transform 59P, P for Provisional District, into just simply District 59. To that end, we must reach the minimum level of 60 clubs. This will give one of our European Toastmasters the opportunity to go to the World Championship of Public Speaking at the International Convention. Just think, you could start from club level, and then go through area and district levels all the way to the Overseas Districts Contest, held the first

*I never met a "P," I liked!*

*Will Rogers  
--Cowboy/Humorist*

day of each International Convention. Who know? Perhaps you might even be crowned the World Champion of Public Speaking.

Your help in creating a new club in your Area will provide you even more personal development opportunities. You'll realize personal rewards, as in leadership development or in creating new contacts in your company or in your community. Creating a new club can also be your project in order to become an Advanced Leader by completing the High Performance Leadership Program.

We have already leads for new clubs from dedicated Toastmasters like you. Often, these are teams, which are working on the creation of new clubs. For example, Thierry Laballestrier is creating a French-speaking club in St Brieuc (Brittany); Philippe Lambot in Brussels; Christina Schulze, Curtis Marshall, John Knotts, James Lee, Tony Cross, and Tom Burns in Kaiserslautern; Lee Tapia in Wiesbaden; Peter Kenton in Nice; Simone Johnson in Lausanne; S. Feller in Frankfurt; S. Von Loeben in Munich; Oliver Freitag and Andreas Schmidt are creating a French-speaking club in Munich; Elizabeth Nostedt in Lund; Frank Spade is creating a German-speaking club in Berlin. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone or any leads. If you have some contacts in your company and/or your community and you think it is possible to create clubs there, either in English, German, or French, let us know. All you need to do is find 20 people interested in doing so. Please contact your Area Governor, or his/her Vice-President for Marketing, or just contact me. We are here to help and support you either for a demonstration meeting or for any kind of support.

And just so you know, this year District 59P, in order to facilitate the creation of new clubs, will subsidize each new club with a 100 Euros (50 Euros before the charter and 50 Euros after the charter). The District will also subsidize each new club for promotional material and advertising (around 60 Euros). Finally, we will this year, put the focus on club creation and support each potential lead. Together, we can grow and DROP THE P!

Together, We Achieve!

**Thierry Peirani**  
**District 59P Lieutenant Governor,**  
**Marketing**

**The Toastmasters Promise:**

Being a Toastmaster means more than simply making a commitment to self-development. Everyone who joins a Toastmasters Club is making a commitment to the Club, to its members, and to the organization as a whole.

As a member of Toastmasters International and my Club, I promise ...

- To attend Club meetings regularly;
- To prepare all of my speeches to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the Communication and Leadership Program manual or the Advanced Communication and Leadership Program manuals;
- To willingly prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments;
- To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations;
- To help the Club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow;

***Life is tough; it's tougher if you have a "P!"***

***--John Wayne  
 Actor***

- To willingly serve my Club as an officer when called upon to do so;
- To treat my fellow Club members and our guests with respect and courtesy;
- To bring guests to Club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers;
- To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs;
- To maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities.

### *What Business Are We In Anyway?*

Many of us join Toastmasters to improve our knowledge, skills, and abilities as public speakers and/or to improve our effectiveness and efficiencies in a second (perhaps third) language. Furthermore, many of us stay with Toastmasters because of the people. We enjoy the camaraderie, sense of belonging, and oneness with what we call back home, “good people.” We enjoy the communication, and then learn to take advantage of the leadership possibilities Toastmasters offers. We gain confidence in so many ways. We take these techniques and routines and apply them to our personal and professional lives. But have you ever thought about the fact that leading and managing a Toastmaster Club is like running and operating a small business or franchise?

- The President is really the Chief Executive Officer of your Club.
- The Vice-President of Education is really the Chief Operating Officer of your Club.
- The Vice-President for Membership is really the Human Resources Manager of your Club.

- The Vice-President for Public Relations is really the Public Affairs Officer for your Club.
- The Secretary is really the Chief Information Officer for your Club.
- The Treasurer is really the Chief Financial Officer of your Club.
- The Sergeant-at-Arms is the Facilities Manager for your Club.
- The Club Executive Council is really the Board of Directors of your Club
- The Members are really the employees, stockholders, and stakeholders of your Club.

So one can take these skills and abilities learned in being in one of these positions to gain an appreciation of how a business operates. But you may ask, what are the products, services, and deliverables produced and/or supplied by a Toastmasters Club? I submit the following represent our deliverables at the Club Level:

- CTMs
- ATMs
- CLs, ALs, and DTMs
- New Members

At the Area Level, the deliverables are:

- CTMs
- ATMs
- Distinguished Clubs
- New Club

Finally, at the District Level, our deliverables are:

- CTMs
- ATMs
- Per Caps (member dues payments)
- New Clubs
- Distinguished Clubs
- Distinguished Areas

*If you can drop the “P,” while all others keep theirs and blame it on you, you will be provisional no more!*

*--Rudyard Kipling, Author*

So from a corporate standpoint, if your Club can reach its goals, then the Area, and the District benefit. The secret is in the individual members doing their part. But before you can do your part, it requires the senior leadership of your District, Areas, and Clubs to set you up for success. So we operate in a state of mutual interdependence. There is a thread between each member and the District, which requires each to depend on each other to excel. The District needs to provide the Areas and Clubs the tools and resources so their members can reach their goals. If this is done, the Clubs, Areas, and Districts benefit just as the members do.

The End Result:

- A Better District
- A Better Area
- A Better Club, and most of all,
- More and better Toastmasters Club members

So whether in the public or the private sector, Toastmasters teaches everyone how to reach their individual goals, those of our employers, and those of other civic organizations of which we are members. As a Toastmaster, you have a vested interest in not only your goals, but also in your Club's, Area's, and the District's goals. Moreover, District 59P, your Area Governor, and your Club's Executive Council wants to see you meet and exceed your goals, both now and in the future. That is the essence of the fact that not only 'Together, We Achieve' but also that together everyone achieves more. The Bottom Line: It is not only what your Club, Area, and District can do for you, it is what you can do for your Club, which really counts.

### *The Mission of Toastmasters International*

Toastmasters International is the leading

movement devoted to making effective oral communication a worldwide reality.

Through its member Clubs, Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking--vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

It is basic to this mission that Toastmasters International continually expand its worldwide network of clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its program.

### *Correction to the 22-4 Clarion:*

Also in attendance at the International Convention in San Antonio were Sandra Gann and Martine Kalmar.

### *Next Issue of the Clarion:*

The 22-2 Clarion is set for release 15 December 2002. If you have an item of interest you would like published, please send it to me at [ralph.jones@ramstein.af.mil](mailto:ralph.jones@ramstein.af.mil). Of particular note, I would like to include success stories of individual Toastmasters and "what works" in your Club.

Ralph Jones, District 59P Clarion Editor

### *Disclaimer:*

The quotes represented in this edition of the Clarion, represent the fictitious views and opinions of those identified. However, the editor of the Clarion believes once presented with the evidence at hand, they also agree that District 59P needs indeed to "Drop the P!"

Until next time...

Yours in Toastmastering,

Ralph Jones, DTM

***Drop the "P," Luke!***

***--Obi-Wan Kenobi  
Star Wars***