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### *Enjoy Your Holidays*



Christmas time is approaching quickly. Hopefully, we will all have time to relax with friends and family. But more importantly, we will have the time to reflect upon where our lives are taking us and if we are charting our true paths. The holiday season allows us to take our time, after all the shopping is complete. I encourage you to take this time to reflect upon your life, what you accomplished in 2002 and what you want to accomplish in 2003. Are you charting your course? Because if you are not charting your course, who is?

My Christmas wishes for all of you are that you first have all of life's basic needs. Next, that all your wishes come true, and also the wishes for those you love. In today's world we all need health, freedom and peace, let us all continue to wish for peace around the world, for the health to enjoy our lives, and the freedom to celebrate it.

As we are coming toward the end of December, it signals half of the Toastmasters year is gone. And we did well, believe me, we did really very well. So let me also take this opportunity to thank you

all for your accomplishments--for the accomplishments of your Club, your Area, and in District 59.

Without you, there would have been no success, there would have been no fun, and there would be no enlargement of the District this year. Thank you sincerely again for all your contributions.

And now as this calendar year draws to a close and we begin to see next year already, think about your life, about the wishes you might have. You know every accomplishment starts with a wish or sometimes it's also called a vision. And then the vision becomes more and more concrete until finally a plan is worked out. That's when the wish becomes a reality. Take this time over the holiday season to find out what your wishes are. For if you don't know what your wishes are, how can you make them a reality?

So my wish for each and everyone for the outgoing year and the incoming year, become the person you were meant to be, the person you truly want to be.

I wish all of you a safe, happy holiday season where all your wishes and dreams come true.

All the best to your friends, your family, and you!!!

Christoph Stoppok  
 District 59 Governor

### *Lieutenant Governor of Marketing Report*

With three newly chartered Clubs, Nuremberg, Berliner Meisterredner, and one in dynamic Area Iberia, Palma de Mallorca, we have a good start in order to achieve the 12 new clubs and more particularly, the 60 clubs target to become a Full District before June 2003.

TMI continues to send us new leads in the different areas of the District from people requesting information on the TMI web site about creating new community or company Clubs. There seems to be a growing momentum in European Toastmasters and in some countries like Germany, a network of TM-aware folks dedicated towards creating new Clubs. With the help of each Area Governor and their respective Vice Presidents for Marketing:

Ralph Jones - Area 1  
 Philippe Christin - Area 3  
 Martine Kalmar – Area 4  
 Joanne Dendre – Area 5  
 Jasmin Quirshfeld – Area 8  
 Shekhar Pula – Area 10  
 Virginia Melero - Area Iberia

leads in those areas will be taken care of.

I mentioned, during the Pardubice Conference, the outstanding demonstration meeting organized by Philippe Lambot, Area 3 Governor, with 65 people in attendance from the National Bank of Belgium. In addition, we also had a demonstration meeting in Luxembourg for a French-speaking club, organized by Ian Pigott, Dirk Dewulf, and their team. More demonstration meetings are planned in January.

We will soon add to the District website ([www.district59.de](http://www.district59.de)), managed by Odile Petillot, a marketing section with among other things press releases, sample fliers, major leads for new clubs in the District, and any marketing-related documents which could interest and help other members in creating new clubs. Feel free to share with us material you use in your Club which you think should be published on the website. Let's use the District website as a toolbox for club creators!

If you have contacts in the cities where new

clubs are about to be created or potential leads for new clubs, in community or within your company, please contact your area governor or his/her VP Marketing.



Let's Get Together and Drop the P!

Thierry Peirani  
 District Lieutenant Governor, Marketing

### *District Public Relations Officer Report*

For those who don't know, I am your District Public Relations Officer. So what is the job of such a person? He or she tries to prepare a comprehensive communication program that will keep both members and non-members aware of the benefits and opportunities offered through Toastmasters membership.

My main way of communication is our District website (<http://www.district59.de>). I urge you to go visit this site. There you'll find a lot of information not only on Toastmasters in general, but on all Toastmasters clubs, activities and achievement throughout Continental Europe.

This site can be a wonderful tool for all club officers as well as members to share their views or skills with other Toastmasters. You can also use it to advertise your Club's and Area's events and activities.

My goal is to use the existing website as a link between people. That's why I urge you

to send me whatever contribution you would like me to put online for people to read. If you have created your own educational material or developed inventive ways for conducting meetings, if you want to share some of your ideas or skills related to public communication with others, please feel free to send me what you think could help others improve and succeed.

My e-mail address is [opetillot@hotmail.com](mailto:opetillot@hotmail.com). Let the District motto "Together, we achieve" come true!

Odile Pétillot, ATM-S/CL

### *Fall Conference Hot Wash*

#### **From the Host Club**

As Vice President Public Relations for the Pardubice Enthusiasts, I'd like to inform you about echoes of the Fall Conference in the Czech press. After announcement of the Conference in "Pardubice Town Hall Reporter" and regional newspaper on Friday some reporters started to become interested in this event. On Monday there were several articles on the Toastmasters Conference in various newspapers. Two regional publications even had front page coverage with photographs of Dirk Husfeld speaking and one of Frank Spade and Jiri Cecka before Frank's presentation with the headline, "Speaker's Summit in Pardubice and the sub headlines, "European speakers enjoyed humor," "Contest of wit and promptness," and so on. At the end of every article there was a Toastmasters promotional appendix. We plan to scan them and add them to our web pages.

Marie Bibrova, Vice President Public Relations, Pardubice Enthusiasts

#### **Fall Conference Highlights**

#### **English Humorous Speech Contest**

First Place: Piotr Kulicki  
Second Place: Paul Hughes  
Third Place: Preben Nielsen



#### **English Table Topics Contest**



First Place: Maggie Thorogood  
Second Place: Elaine Gillan  
Third Place: Marilyn Oprisan

#### **French Humorous Speech Workshop**

First Place: Maggie Thorogood  
Second Place: Frank Thorogood  
Third Place: Jane Verwijs

#### **French Table Topics Workshop**

First Place: Alfred Lowey-Ball  
Second Place: Norbert Poppe  
Third Place: Jane Verwijs

#### **German Humorous Speech**

First Place: Graham Tritt  
Second Place: Leo Ziegler

Third Place: Dirk Husfeld

### **German Table Topics**

First Place: Luciana Husfeld

Second Place: Schifra Wittkopp

Third Place: Patricia Steinmann

### **Most Promising Toastmaster of the Year**

Shekhar Pula

### **District 59 Toastmaster of the Year**

Zuzana Grofova

### **District 59 Area Governor of the Year**

Ranger Russell

### **District 59 Appreciation Award**

Ralph Jones

### **Special Report on the German Workshops**

Please find below a few impressions of the German Speech Workshops in Pardubice. For those of you who do not speak or read German, here is the short version, "We had great fun in our sessions!"

We had 9 contestants altogether and ALL contributions were great. Graham's winning speech was outstanding and we can't wait to here the English version of it that he has promised. The Table Topics question was, of course, from the German classical play "Faust." And I do promise that next year's Contest Master will be better organized!

### **Humorous Speech Workshop:**

Alle Zuhörer waren sich einig, dass Graham mit der sprühenden Ironie seiner Rede den ersten Platz verdient hatte: *Tennis - psychologisch gespielt*. Graham degradierte

den Tennisschläger zu einer bloßen Zutat zweiten Ranges, während er den Tricks und Listen der Tennisspieler die Hauptbedeutung für den Ausgang des Wettkampfs gab. Da war von Schlaftabletten die Rede, von zurückkommenden Bällen, von verbalen Einschüchterungen, die schon in der Umkleidekabine beginnen. Unsere Bauchmuskeln gerieten in rege Aktivität, und wir danken Graham für sein Angebot, diese Rede bei nächster Gelegenheit noch einmal auf English zu halten. Don't miss it!

Leider gab es nur einen einzigen ersten Platz zu vergeben - die beiden Reden von Leo Ziegler und Dirk Husfeld zeigten ebenfalls hohe Klasse. Leo brillierte mit österreichischem Understatement, bei dem wir Deutsche aber dann doch irgendwie nicht so gut wegkamen. Jedenfalls werden wir vorerst keine Österreicherwitze mehr erzählen - man kann sich bei so viel gekonntem Wiener Humor damit nur blamieren.

"Du entkommst Ihr nicht", so der Titel von Dirks Rede, in der er die umfassende Gegenwart von Musik in jeder Form durch den Kakao zog. Dirk zeigte völlig neue Talente, als er ein erstaunliches Kaleidoskop seiner musikalischen Erfahrungen vor uns ausbreitete. Vom braven Schüler, der sich auf seiner Blockflöte quält, bis zum Gitarrenfreak, der mit Rockersonnenbrille auf seiner Gitarre "Smoke on the Water" heulen läßt, war so ziemlich alles dabei. Wie gut, dass wir dieser Rede nicht entkommen waren.

### **Table Topics Workshop**

Zu einer deutschen Stegreifrede gehört natürlich auch eine deutsche Aufgabe. Die Redner mussten sich einfallen lassen, was die Menschheit dazugelernt hat, seit Faust resumierte "Da steh ich nun ich armer Tor, und bin so klug als wie zuvor". Nicht viel, so kam das doch in fast jeder Stegreifrede durch. Allen Teilnehmern ein herzliches

Dankeschön fürs Mitmachen und besondere Gratulation an die drei Erstplatzierten. Sollen wir schon die Redeaufgabe für den nächsten Table Topics Contest verraten? Nein, aber sie könnte z.B. lauten: Warum haben eigentlich bei den vorbereiteten Reden nur Männer gewonnen und bei den Stegreifreden nur Frauen?

mit herzlichen Toastmastergrüßen,

Paul Koeniger  
Area 6 Governor

### *What Works in District 59 Toastmasters Clubs*

**New Members:** For getting new members, press articles have worked best for our Club. It is always good to have something "special" to tell. For example, when someone won an International Contest, when you start the new "season," and/or the first meeting after the summer break. The best coverage we got was when we hosted the Area 11 Contest. We had sent out a press release about the contest two weeks before. We got some articles printed and also a short interview on the local radio station. As a result we had a nice number of guests at the contest. We also invited the press to visit the contest, which they did. And we got an extra article including picture of the contest. Try to make sure that they put some information on how to contact the Club in every article (web page, E-Mail, contact person, and phone number). Also try to include pictures (with captions) as often as you can. The easiest way to send out press releases is by creating an E-Mail distribution list.

Yours in Toastmastering...

Carola Repky  
FRITZ Toastmasters Club

**Web Sites and Word of the Day:** There is an important web directory out there, which is used by Google, Alta Vista, and other search engines for their web searches. Human beings edit it, so the quality is high. Being listed there automatically improves the overall ranking when searches are conducted. They have a category for European Toastmaster clubs located at <http://dmoz.org/Society/Organizations/Self-Improvement/Toastmasters/Europe>. It is a good idea for all webmasters of our District Clubs to go to this page, click on the "Add URL" link, and create an entry for their Club's web site.

In addition, a few years ago, I found out about "A Word A Day" mailing list. Each day, its author sends an E-mail explaining one word in the English language. It's great for non-native speakers to improve your vocabulary. If you think you might like to receive it, just point your browser to <http://www.wordsmith.org/> and follow the links to the AWAD newsletter.

Carsten Kuckuk  
Stuttgart International Toastmasters Club

**Member Support:** We support our members financially, if they are going to Area or District conferences:

1. For participation at an Area Contest, the Club supports the contestants with 25 EUROS in total. These 25 EUROS have to be divided by the number of contestants. Usually we have two contestants, so that everyone gets at least 12,50 EUROS. And that is mostly the contest fee.

2. For District Conferences, our Club supports the contestants with 50 EUROS in total. This amount is also divided among our contestants at the District level. If no one from our Club takes part at a District Contest, the 50 EUROS go into a

jackpot. So there are already funds available for our contestants at the next conference.

We never pay a contestant more than the conference fee, because we do not want our members to make any profit.

Christiane Bischoff  
Hedgehog Toastmasters Club

### *Club News, Events, and Activities*

#### **Invitation to the Berliner Meisterredner Charter Party:**

We are celebrating our chartering on Saturday, 25 January 2003, at "Vorderhaus 13" (<http://www.vorderhaus13.de>), beginning at 1800. We would like to invite all District 59 Toastmasters to attend. If you would like to attend, please contact Frank Spade at +49(0)30 81 82 86 81.

The cost is 25.00 EUROS and we will try to offer accommodations with local Toastmasters for out-of-town visitors on a first come, first serve basis.

We are planning an exciting program and will have a wonderful buffet, which should suit every taste and preference.

So come visit Berlin and celebrate with us!

Patricia Steinmann, ATM-B  
President, Berliner Meisterredner  
<http://www.meisterredner.de>

#### **Nuremberg Toastmasters: Invitation to January 24th, 2003 Charter Party:**

We are pleased to invite you and your guests to our Charter Party at German-American Institute Amerika Haus, Gleißbühlstr. 13, Nuremberg, on Friday, 24 January 2003. For planning purposes, RSVP with payment is kindly requested by Tuesday, 14 January.

Please forward this invitation and attachment to as many people as you deem appropriate.

For more information, contact me at +49 (0)170-5432 069 or E-Mail him at [carlos.galaniuk@gmx.net](mailto:carlos.galaniuk@gmx.net).

We look forward to seeing you then and in the meanwhile we wish you wonderful holidays.

With best wishes...

Carlos Galaniuk  
Nuremberg Toastmasters

### *The Wanderers Advanced Toastmasters Club*

The Advanced Toastmasters Club, formerly the Southwest Germany and/or Intercity, now has an official name. The name chosen at the 7 December 2002 meeting in Wiesbaden is The Wanderers. The rationale behind the name is that the Club wanders from Area 1 to Area 2 to Area 11 for meetings. For example, the November meeting of the Club was in Ramstein, the December meeting was in Wiesbaden and now the January 2003 meeting will be in Heidelberg. So far, the meetings have met or exceeded all expectations.

Great speeches, individual and roundtable evaluations, and tough Table Topics seem to be the order of the day at each meeting. So far 12 people have signed up for membership. Since meetings are readily accessible to members of Area 1, Area 2, and Area 11 Toastmasters Clubs, all CTMs, ATMs, and DTMs from Ramstein to Ulm, Freiburg to Cologne, and points in between are invited to attend the next meeting of the Club on Saturday, 11 January 2003 in Heidelberg. If you are interested, please contact either James Lee

([james.lee@ramstein.af.mil](mailto:james.lee@ramstein.af.mil)) or Ralph Jones  
([ralph.jones@ramstein.af.mil](mailto:ralph.jones@ramstein.af.mil)).

The Wanderers Advanced Toastmasters Club: Coming to a city near your!!!

### *Toastmasters ein Geheimnis?*

Bevor ich das erste Mal zu einem Toastmasterstreffen kam hatte ich noch nie etwas davon gehört und auch keine Vorstellung, dass es so etwas geben könnte. Meine erste Bekanntschaft mit Toastmasters war so beeindruckend, dass ich mich entschloß wieder zu kommen. Die Fähigkeiten der Redner waren erstaunlich und die Organisation der Treffen sorgfältig ausgearbeitet. Ich glaubte ihren Versprechen, dass ich das auch lernen könnte und wurde Mitglied. Das ist jetzt fast zehn Jahre her und war in Houston, Texas.

Wieder in Berlin wollte ich mit Toastmasters weiter machen und fand drei Berliner Klubs im Internet. Basierend auf einer Einwohnerzahl von etwa 4 Millionen im Großraum Berlin ist es erstaunlich, dass es hier nicht noch mehr Klubs gibt. Wenn wir Berlin mit anderen Metropolen vergleichen, sehen wir, welches Potential es hier für Toastmasters gibt:

Stadt	Land	Population <sup>1)</sup>	Klubs <sup>2)</sup>
Houston <sup>3)</sup>	USA	4,9	93
Toronto	Kanada	4,9	62
Atlanta	USA	4,4	85
Sydney	Australien	4,25	52
Berlin	Deutschland	4,2	3
Guadalajara	Mexico	4,1	19
Miami	USA	4,05	22
Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	3,8	21
Singapur	Singapur	3,3	114
Brüssel	Belgien	2,5	3
Colombo	Sri Lanka	2,45	4
Brisbane	Australien	1,725	41
Auckland	Neu Seeland	1,175	18

<sup>1)</sup> Millionen Einwohner im Einzugsgebiet der Stadt

<sup>2)</sup> Stand Oktober 2002

<sup>3)</sup> Einschließlich Bellaire 3 und Sugar Land 5

Erstaunlich ist sicherlich, dass eine nicht-amerikanische Stadt, deren Landessprache nicht Englisch ist, mit 114 die höchste Zahl der Toastmastersklubs aufweist. Doch sogar kleinere Metropolen wie Auckland, Brisbane und Kuala Lumpur haben auffallend mehr Klubs. In Europa haben London mit 15 und Paris mit 5 mehr aufzuweisen und Brüssel und Kiew ziehen gleich mit jeweils drei Klubs, während die wesentlich kleineren Städte Sofia und Wien auch bereits je zwei haben.

Diese Zahlen sollen uns helfen das Potential für Toastmasters Klubs in Metropolen zu erahnen und den Mut zu entwickeln weitere Klubs zu chartern. Ich bin fest davon überzeugt, dass wir in Berlin, spätestens am Ende dieses Jahrzehnts wenigstens zehn Toastmasters Klubs haben werden. Ich rufe jedoch alle deutschen Toastmasters auf, nach potentiellen Standorten und Zielgruppen Ausschau zu halten. Wir haben jetzt in Deutschland eine Reihe erfahrener Toastmasters, die gerne beim Aufbau eines neuen Klubs behilflich sein würden. Davon sollten wir Gebrauch machen. Zusätzlich bietet der Distrikt finanzielle Unterstützung um beim Start eines neuen Klubs zu helfen.

Toastmasters erscheint manchmal wie ein wohlgehütetes Geheimnis. Das muß anders werden! Die Aktivitäten u.a. der Berliner Marketinggruppe haben dazu geführt, dass Toastmasters öfter in den Medien zu finden ist. Die beste Werbung können wir jedoch persönlich machen, indem wir Menschen in unserem Bekanntenkreis ansprechen und ihnen von unserer Erfahrung mit Toastmasters erzählen. Last uns unsere Freunde einladen einmal zu einem Toastmasterstreffen zu kommen, damit sie herausfinden können, ob Toastmasters nicht auch etwas für sie ist.

Frank Spade, ATM-S/CL  
Area 8 Governor

***Una Semana con Toastmasters en España***  
***--Mucho Movimiento, Mucha Alegría***

Vamos, una semana como la tenemos frecuentemente aquí en el paraíso llamado España:

A Lunes, encuentro del comité provisional de Area Iberia en el Hotel Hurricane de Tarifa, con vista a la vez al Océano Atlántico y al Mar Mediterráneo, a 20 km de Marruecos. Charla sobre el desarrollo del área.

A Martes, reunión bisemanal del Sevilla Bilingual Toastmasters Club de Oradores, en la Escuela de los Ingenieros, con su espíritu académico, totalmente bilingüe, es decir, todos los miembros hablan los dos idiomas: inglés y español.

A Miércoles, sesión inicial del nuevo The Achievers Toastmasters Club con su fundadora energética Barbara Hofmeister (CTM/CL) en Marbella, con una cena argentina deliciosa en un restaurante de estilo, ambiente amical y cordial. Seis naciones alrededor de la mesa. Pernoctación en la Costa del Sol después de un par de copas de vino tinto.

A Jueves, en la base naval de Rota en la costa atlántica, cerca de Cádiz, la ciudad trimilenaria, reunión semanal del Al-Andalus Toastmasters Club con la presencia de Mike Monroy (ATM-G/CL) y Sean Smith (ATM-S/CL), dos Toastmasters extremadamente experimentados. Son ellos que hicieron crecer Toastmasters en la península ibérica.

A Viernes y a Sábado conferencia de todos los clubes de Area Iberia (provisional) en Madrid bajo el guión del Madrid Toastmasters Club, luego cena en la casa

inmensa de Kirsty Brooks (CTM), la vice presidente de educación de este club.

Para aquellos que quisieran, hay una reunión más este fin de semana, la reunión semanal de los Balearic International Toastmasters en Palma de Mallorca.

¡Toastmasters Iberia sigue creciendo!

Sevilla Bilingual Toastmasters Club de Oradores  
Sevilla, España

***2003 District 59 Spring Conference***

In Northeast Paris, only 15 minutes from the City Center, lies the Forest Hill Paris – Villette Hotel, the location for the 2003 District 59 Spring Conference, which will take place 23-25 May 2003. The Agora 75 and The Europeans Toastmasters Clubs will host the Conference. Toastmasters from all over Europe and the entire world are invited to attend. The Conference web site (<http://tmparis.free.fr>) is now under construction, but you can contact Odile Petillot, Conference Chairperson ([opetillot@hotmail.com](mailto:opetillot@hotmail.com)) for current information:

***From the Editor***

We plan to publish the next Clarion in April 2003. If you have an article for suggestion for that edition, please E-Mail it to me at [ralph.jones@ramstein.af.mil](mailto:ralph.jones@ramstein.af.mil).

Yours in Toastmastering...Happy Holidays!

Ralph T. Jones, Jr., DTM  
District 59 Clarion Editor