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Got Goals?

I do but I'll get back to that later. It's pretty safe to say we all have goals, in one shape or another, we'd like to see become a reality. Now I'm not talking about your goal of getting to work on time or finally making order out of that madness you call a basement. I'm talking about those "special" goals that if realized would be a major personal triumph. It's these goals that are often abandoned and labeled as "impossible" because the journey is longer than expected and that once vivid picture of success is lost.

I don't really believe that the reasons most dreams are "ditched" is because they are too big; I simply think it's because we focus too much on doing it all in one grand leap rather than taking it one step at a time. That's how our District Toastmasters were able to turn two of their dreams into a reality this year.

The first was our dream of sending our Spring Conference

winner to North America to compete in the world championships and the other was to have our Communication and Leadership Manual, i.e. Basic Manual, in German. Neither of these goals was achieved in one "easy" step. The dream of sending our spring speech contest winner on to the overseas speech contests and beyond was born in 1993. The dream of having manuals not only in English but in German too was hatched in 1997. Both these dreams required us Toastmasters to climb a ladder of smaller goals, one rung at a time, until our dreams became our possibilities.

Now that Ivan Moss of the Lausanne International Toastmasters has won our District 2004 speech contest, he'll be setting his sights on winning the 2004 World Championship of Public Speaking in Reno, one speech at a time. And our German speaking Toastmasters are busy setting new goals, one translation at a time.

And you? Where are you in your goals? Have you completed what you set out to achieve when you joined Toastmasters? Like me, you are a work in progress. Don't expect it to happen all at once. We need to take it one step at a time by achieving those "little" goals we set out to achieve by June 2004 like our CTM or CL, or our ATM or AL. That's exactly how I did it. After 40 little speech project goals, and six leadership project goals, I can finally send in my Distinguished Toastmaster Application to Toastmasters International.

So complete those little goals you set out to achieve. 'Cause you never know: those little steps you take today may very well be your stairway to the stars.

Aim high and full steam ahead!

*Your District Governor,
Denise Anne Magyar, ATMG*



Please pass this District Newsletter to all members in your club. Learn all about District 59!

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District 59 Fall Conference

November 19th to 21st, 2004 – Berlin, Germany

Featuring:

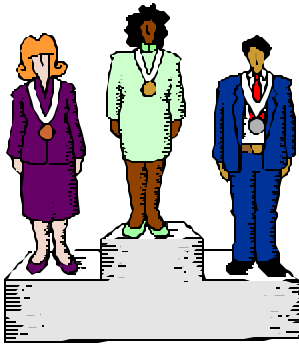
Humorous Speech Contest—Table Topics Contest
Exciting workshops

Conference Venue:

Lodge House Berlin—www.logenhaus.de

Accommodation:

Avalon Hotel Berlin—www.avalon-hotels.com



Talk Up Toastmasters Membership Award

Congratulations to the following 11 clubs who received the Talk Up Toastmasters Award for gaining 5 new members in the period February 1 to March 30.

Club #	Club Name
9754	Cologne Toastmasters
8887	Barcelona Toastmasters
8040	Nuremburg Club
6286	Agora 75
5183	Achievers
4935	Orateurs Club
3286	Brussels Club
2874	Esprit de Corps
1575	Toastmasters 75
1788	Al-Andalus
1200	Mallorca Club

June 3 - 6th, 2004, the City of Pardubice celebrates the Czech Republic joining the European Union.

Pardubice Enthusiasts Toastmasters International Club cordially invites you on this very special occasion to:

MATINÉE with EUROPEAN SPEAKERS
OPEN AIR PUBLIC MEETING OF
TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

For those who like English speaking and communication, and want to talk not only about the European Union.

Saturday, June 5th, 2004 at 10 a. m.

If you need more information:
www.toastmasters.cz

www.mmp.cz/ew/about_city/events/eu_celeb_program

Congratulations! The Winners of the Spring District Conference

International Speech Contest

- 1st: Ivan Moss – Lausanne International #6634
2nd: Alain Petillot – The Europeans, Paris #8018
3rd: Matthias Senn – Nuremberg Toastmasters #8040

Evaluation Contest

- 1st: Rahim Saafir – Wordweavers, Wiesbaden #4146
2nd: Andy Campbell – Prosmasters, Munich #9867
3rd: Dirk Dewulf – Bossuet Gaveliers, Luxembourg #2175

French Speech Contest

- 1st: Bernadette Morineau – Agora 75, Paris #6286
2nd: Jean-Baptiste Petat – Club de Rhétorique Francophone Munich #641732
3rd: Marco Bigornia – Speakers' Corner, Munich #5993

French Evaluation Contest

- 1st: Céline Le Quellec - Club de Rhétorique Francophone Munich #641732
2nd: Ralph Schleer – Munich Toastmasters #2041
3rd: Christophe Kamdem – Les Orateurs du Jeudi, Luxembourg #7067

German Speech Contest

- 1st: Rolf Dietrich, Rhetorenschmiede, Munich #5176
2nd: Martine Kalmar, Mosquito Hill, Zurich #638179
3rd: Beate Richter, Hannover Speakers #5571

German Evaluation Contest

- 1st: Beate Richter, Hannover Speakers #5571
2nd: Schriffa Wittkopp, Meisterredner TM, Berlin #1633
3rd: Franz Lauterbach - Cologne Toastmasters, #9754

Other Membership Award Campaigns

Plan now to have some Membership building campaigns for the coming year!

Individual Recognition – July 1 to June 30

If you sponsor 5 new members – you will receive the Building the Best pin.
Sponsor 10 new members – receive the Gold Star pin.
Sponsor 15 or more members – receive the new Toastmasters necktie or scarf.

Smedley Award - August 1- September 30

If your club adds five new, dual or reinstated members between August 1 and September 30, your club will receive the Smedley Award ribbon to display proudly on your banner.

Talk up Toastmasters! - February 1- March 31

Add five new, dual, or reinstated members to your roster between February 1 and March 31, to receive a special Talk up Toastmasters! ribbon to display on your Club's banner.

Beat the Clock - May 1- June 30

Clubs adding five new, dual, or reinstated members during these two months earn a choice of one item from The Better Speaker Series, The Successful Club Series, or The Leadership Excellence Series. Make earning the Beat the Clock! award a Club goal and formulate a contest in your Club to motivate every member to get involved

2004-2005 District 59 Executive Team

The following people were elected or appointed at the District 59 Spring Conference in Munich in May.

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New Club Officer Lists

Remember to submit your list of incoming club officers by June 10th. You can use the Toastmasters International web-site at: www.toastmasters.org > Club Officer Report Form at the right side of the screen under Member Quick Links.

Please use the above information to fill out the bottom of the form.

There is Still Time!

10 new clubs have already been chartered in District 59 this year. The eleventh club is waiting for its charter number. What an accomplishment! Congratulations to those who helped build them! Their dedication and commitment made a difference, allowing 200 more people to benefit from the Toastmasters program. Well done!

Over ten other clubs are meeting on a regular basis, working hard to recruit enough members to achieve charter strength. For some of them, the goal is very close: they only need two or three more members. Fellow Toastmasters, it is still time to achieve this goal before June

30! Don't let go, pursue your diligent efforts, speak to friends, colleagues, and family about this new club, encourage them to join.

Don't let Summer vacation put your growth on hold. It is a critical period when even healthy clubs lose some members who move, change job or activities and don't come back to their club afterwards. Better to make the extra effort to convince those two or three hesitant guests to join right now: you will be able to apply for charter and then enjoy a well deserved vacation!

And remember: each new club may have three dual members. So, if you are a member of a

seasoned club, you can become a mentor in a new club: join the club and attend its meeting. By doing this, you will not only give them an additional and needed member, you will also help them by sharing your experience, coaching the brand-new officers, being a role model.

There is a little more than five weeks before June 30 for you to make your dream come true: ample time to succeed, fellow Toastmasters! Go for it, it is still time!

Odile Petitot, DTM

District 59 LGM

"I enjoyed meeting different people from other clubs and countries, being inspired by excellent speeches, and being inspired by other toastmasters.

My proposals for improvement are:

- a) A personal introduction of all clubs who attend the conference. We want to know each other better. All clubs should appear on stage and introduce themselves.*
- b) Workshops should be prepared better. The organizers should give some written information about the content before the conference.*
- c) I have seen lots of slides and flipchart text this time. The problem was: The text was too small. It could not be seen at the middle or back of the room.*
- d) District Conferences should be used as platform to meet the media as well. Public Relations should be a more important point for us.*

I was always aware that our hosts did a great job by organizing the event. Thank you. You made it happen! I felt very comfortable the whole time."

Martin Schmädeke from Berlin

2004 Spring Conference in Munich: What did you think?

New member and first timer Ulf Jacobsson from Borås, Sweden

"I am always looking forward to the district conferences. That is why I always attend. I enjoy meeting people I meet every time and of course even first time Toastmasters. I really feel like being in a huge, kind and well-meaning family. The highlights usually are the contests, and I am a little disappointed that right now we have no more than 5 contestants per contest. But I know that will change as soon as we have more divisions.

I was very happy that many, many Toastmasters attended the German contests. The contestants had a big audience.

For a Toastmaster who has attended many times, educational sessions about "how to be a good Toastmaster" become a bit boring. Perhaps the "newcomers" may need them. I would like to see more educational sessions about: evaluations, body language, Table Topics, etc. That's why I enjoyed so much the educational about "Charisma". Because it was something new, something that had never before been talked about.

We have to become better with the timing at the District conferences. Even the most experienced Toastmasters are not able to stay on time. Isn't holding the time a goal of Toastmastering?"

Christiane Bischoff from Buxtehude

"Both the Speech and Evaluation Contests were of a high standard - bravo to all participants for their efforts and for being so interestingly different in their personality.

Maybe the Educational Sessions ought to be targeted towards the discerning public that normally attends them. During most, one got this "déjà vu" sensation deep down.

The Marriott Freising hotel needs to learn something about service. The service they gave us was far too slow considering the prices we were paying. The organizers all in all did a fantastic job.

The atmosphere was great throughout, with particular mention to "After Hours". It exceeded all expectations.

And last but not least- and I am being perfectly honest and outspoken as usual, I told my friends and fellow TMs, when I returned: What a bunch of amusing Scandinavians I met at the District Conference. They were a scream."

Edith Finkbeiner-Mulligan from Barcelona

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