



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

District News and Events



Welcome to the District 59 April-May-June 2021

## You, ACTORS of our District!

Thank you for making **HISTORY**



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## **Welcome to this third and last issue of District 59 Newsletters for 2020-2021.**

Not only this represents three months  
of our District's life...  
It is the last issue for this term, and we sincerely hope you  
enjoyed the trip!

After the Conference and receiving our special email about  
it, here are a few fresh news...  
Handovers are finishing or finished at every level all around  
the District, and we know you might be very busy with  
special last moments of 2020-2021.

Remember... **this newsletter is still yours.**

**Next year's PR Manager Pascal Vilarem  
will be your precious resource person.  
Feel free to get in touch with him:  
[prm@district59.org](mailto:prm@district59.org)**

This newsletter has come to fruition  
thanks to **kind contributors**.  
Special thanks to: Mansur, Arnout, and Pascal  
from the Core Team; David, Kiemthin, Ilona  
and the Club Presidents who helped them enrich  
their article (p. 8) and this issue,  
Anneke, Valentina and Oben.

Special Thanks to our outgoing District Director Robert,  
congratulations and best wishes to you and your beloved ones.



## **Read. Share . Enjoy!**

*They made History this year, just as you! and lent their image to the cover of this 2020-2021's last issue:  
thank you Sabrina, Tim, Alix, Mansur, Françoise, Kiemthin, Catherine, Eric, Emmanuelle, Jean-Marie, Szilvia, Sami & Sudhanya.*

# PQD Talks'

*Dear Members of our District,*

Have you thought about the quality of your club meetings recently? Made an effort to improve?

We live in trying times, with many clubs still affected by the Covid-19 countermeasures, meeting online or having to deal with physical distancing and a lower capacity limit to our meeting rooms.

But these challenges also provide us with opportunities. **Opportunities to grow as leaders**, opportunities to come together as a club, to emerge from this pandemic stronger than before.

It is in the darkest times that our lights shine the brightest. So **keep an open mind, explore new possibilities** to improve your club meetings and interact with your fellow club members. Take a step forward and improve yourself as well as your club.

And remember: if ever you get stuck, or are worried about the quality of your club members, the District team is here to help you. Together, I'm confident we can overcome any challenge!

Contact the PQD!  
[pqd@district59.org](mailto:pqd@district59.org)

A discussion  
with **Arnout  
NEDERPELT**,  
D59 **Program  
Quality Director**  
2020-2021.



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an article by  
**David Martin**

Public Speaking & Communications  
Coach · International Speaker

# Toastmasters “doing stuff”

*As Divisions, Areas, Clubs, Teams and Members, **you are are contributing - creating! - to the District's health**, and we the District Team are very grateful of this inner wealth. Our purpose: make you shine!*

*Our opportunities for speaking have exploded during the pandemic. Tools like Zoom, Whova, Facebook, and Clubhouse connect us instantly with people around the globe and offer platforms for sharing our ideas, inspiration, and passion for public speaking. Embracing these tools can be a game changer for you. Yet, these tools don't fundamentally change the seven elements which make our communication impactful and connect colorfully with others: emotions, energy, joy, hope, vision, depth, and soul.*

These are the seven elements that I have identified as the keys of an effective speech during my twelve-year journey as a

Toastmaster. I have seen them at work helping people win club, area, division, district, and world championship trophies.

Attending the 2017 Championships in Vancouver, I noticed first-hand these keys in action in the Semi-finals and Finals just as I did on May 22<sup>nd</sup> this year watching the 2021 Finals of District 71 live on YouTube.



# Color Your Speeches

**Today, I share my seven keys in public speaking workshops and coaching.** I have shared them in Fortune 500 companies and had the pleasure of sharing them at the District 59/95 joint conference in Athens, at TEDxGEM, the Women's Economic Forum, and other Toastmaster events. Currently, I am coaching a young woman from Haiti who is working for the World Food Programme in Senegal. Helping her improve her public speaking skills may save lives down the road and this is perhaps my greatest pride, my greatest success. **The rainbow has been a powerful tool for me and can be a powerful tool for you.** Yet, like many tools, it was born out of defeat, questions, experimentation, and the need to reevaluate my strengths and weaknesses.

In fact, the seed of my method started growing after competing at the Table Topics Contest in District 59 in Lyon in 2014. It was an honor to compete in such a stellar field of speakers and that peak experience highlighted my own errors as a speaker. During the post-contest evening cocktail, kind people came forward with positive feedback and congratulations. I remember District 59 serial

champion John Zimmer telling me he enjoyed my "energy" on stage. That surprised me because I thought I had packed raw emotions in my two-minute Table Topic. I had exposed a dark side of my life and personality, and I thought that was what was memorable. I thought that was enough to win.



Win I did not. I was not even close. In the days and weeks after the conference, John's comment got me curious about what others had seen and heard. When I received the video of my talk, I cringed. I understood that my over-the-top "energy" had overshadowed the other elements like hope, emotion, depth, and soul in my talk. John was right – my energy was good, but it was not enough to win and it had overpowered the other "key" points I was trying to make. Toning down my naturally high energy approach was a first

step to making better connections, better speeches. This knowledge became an initial catalyst for my "Speak-the-Rainbow" method.

**The second catalyst came while attending FunnyBiz,** an amazing conference about using humor in business put on in San Francisco by writer, comedian, speaker/trainer and all-round great guy David Nihill in 2016. While I was there, I did a workshop on comedy writing led by a highly paid speaker with a huge reputation. The workshop was three hours of excruciatingly dull mumbling. I wondered how communication could be so bad. I wondered why nobody had invented a simple method to prevent this sort of speaking disaster.

When I came back to Paris, I drew an image of a rainbow between myself and my audience. I guess San Francisco's "rainbow" culture had entered my unconscious, but, unlike the Pride rainbow, which has eight colors, my rainbow had the standard seven colors. Each of the seven colors symbolized what I wanted my speaking to have, what I thought all speakers should use to connect.

**Once I saw a speech as a rainbow bridging the space between us and our audience, I began to observe speeches differently.** I noticed the speeches we love and remember blend five, six or all seven of these rainbow colors in a subtle way: The overall effect being greater than the sum of its parts. We might not even see the colors affecting us, but we recognize the speaker

## So what are the keys? Here is a simple quick list:

**Red Emotions:** the past, stories of pain and pleasure, fears, secrets, challenges, failures, success.

**Orange Energy:** body language and vocal variety, stage presence

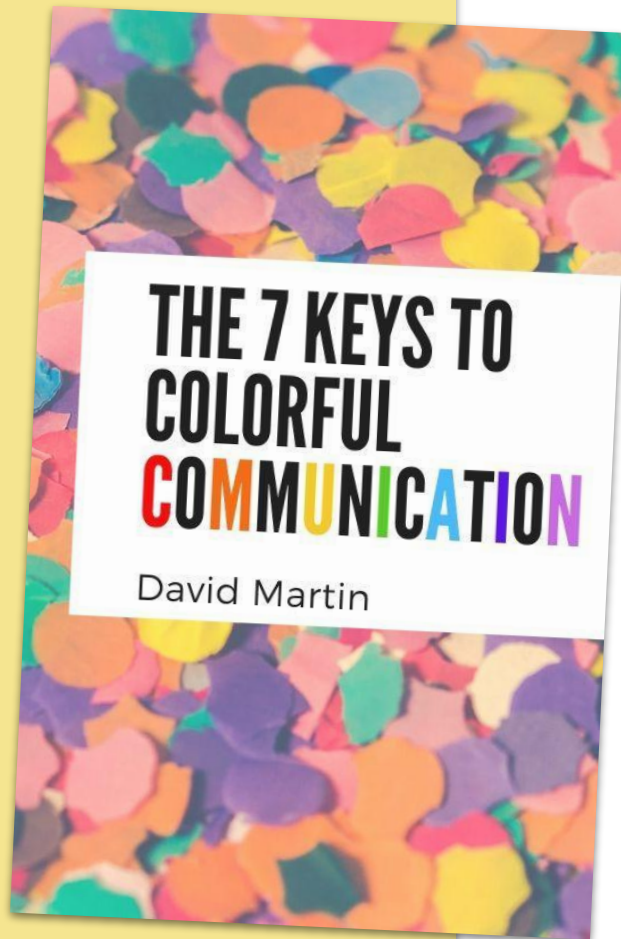
**Yellow Joy:** a warm sunny smile, confidence, and optimism, humour, laughter

**Green Hope:** outlining future benefits for your audience, using will, you, we, can, going to

**Blue Vision:** giving your unique perspective using "I", exposing your point of view, showing others the world through your eyes.

**Indigo Depth:** structure, organisation, knowledge, data, rhetorical devices

**Purple Soul:** imagination, improvisation, silence, pauses, being in the moment and in flow



**These seven keys will improve all aspects of your communication and make your message connect.** (Notice this sentence offers Green Hope, so these keys work in written communication too!). They worked for President Obama who transformed himself from an erudite and rather obtuse speaker into a master of connecting with depth, joy, vision, and soul and the audacity of Green Hope. They will work for you. Yes they can! As you embrace the enormous opportunities available for speaking in 2021 and beyond, **try to create rainbows of magic for your audience** by offering them your colorful palette of emotion, energy, joy, hope, vision, depth,

and soul. Go share your rainbow on the stages you deserve around the world.

PS. I believe so much in the transformational power of these Seven Keys that during the confinement in Paris last year, I created a Transformational Oracle for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century of 46 cards called Life is the Rainbow. Please contact me if you are curious to learn more about my Facebook group Life is a Rainbow or to receive the short version of my ebook: The Seven Keys to Colorful Communications.

Find David's work and method on the following website:  
<https://speaktherainbow.com>

+ Connect with him on LinkedIn:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/david-martin-bba6b35a/>

# They Beat The Clock in 2020! - will you do the same in 2021?

Between May 1st and June 30th is the time for the *Beat The Clock* membership building program for Clubs. **Clubs adding five new, dual or reinstated members** with a join date in this period receive a *Beat the Clock ribbon* for their Club's banner.



Qualifying Clubs also earn a special discount code for 10% off their next Club order. (The discount code expires six months from the date of issue and is not valid with any other offer.)

**Congrats to 2 Clubs earned this award in 2020, and they both are located in Belgium:**

### **Toastmasters Antwerpen**

Division B, Area B4

### **Claddagh Toastmasters**

Division B, Area B2

**For more information about the Membership Building programs, contact the team: [cgd@district59.org](mailto:cgd@district59.org)**

**From Aug.  
23rd to 28th**

**Learn.**

**Engage.**

**Lead.**

*The International Convention  
is coming online - Learn more p.15.*



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**Lately,  
on  
[www.district59.org](http://www.district59.org)**

**. Are you curious?**  
Visit the website to find out: new Menu, new articles... and the handover between outgoing and incoming PRMs is in progress.

**. The District's blog is changing. This year has seen more articles published than any other in our District's whole History!**

And as promised the articles from the 2020-2021 3 newsletters will be available also online. Thanks for your patience!

**. The content has also been almost completely updated. It has been a hard work** that will continue (there is always something to clean or to do on a website). Again, thanks in advance for your kindness towards officers working on this tough mission!

***Make the website yours.  
That will be our reward.***



# Their CLUBS Grew!

Find out how they made **HISTORY**

by Ilona Ruitenber  
& Kiemthin Tjong Tjin Joe

*The Lockdown due to the Covid pandemic forced Toastmasters (TM) Clubs to hold their meetings online. Because of this on average the Clubs lost 10-20% of their Members between October 2020 and April 2021. Yet, some Clubs gained members in this unusual period. How did the biggest Clubs in our District manage during this worldwide crisis? Read and find out.*

*We have displayed the number of Members as recorded in toastmasters.org in early April. By the time you read this article, these numbers may have changed.*

**Alix PERRIER, CC CL • President L'Etincelle (Paris, France) • incoming Area A2 Director • joined Toastmasters in 2017.**



**L'Etincelle grew from 24 to 33 members (April 2021).**

**Can you tell something about the Club?**

Our average meeting contains 6-7 guests, 15-20 members and 5 members of our sister TM club Scintille! Before the lockdown more people visited. During the break (10-15 minutes) all guests are put in a breakout room with a DTM (Distinguished Toastmaster), the VPM (Vice President Membership) and the VPPR (Vice President Public Relations). The hurdle to speak is lower then so they can ask anything. The Club has 2 very experienced DTMs.

Board members attend meetings regularly. Our Club Members are aware TM skills add to professional skills.

**What are the 3 biggest success factors of your Club?**

**Atmosphere:** Guests find it inspiring, rich and benevolent. Meetings are extremely well prepared but relaxed. Every new member gets a mentor who teaches about Easyspeak, Pathways and evaluation forms. (...)

**Guest bonus:** Members can visit sister Club Scintille! and vice versa online as well.

**SEO+Google:** Due to profound Search Engine Optimisation the Club is easily found in Google (...).

**What is your outlook?** We look forward to physical meetings, outside if the weather allows it. We can have more meetings because online is also possible. (...)

**Jean-Marie Fayette, ACC ALB • President The Europeans (Paris, France), Incoming Secretary • Joined Toastmasters in 2013.**

**The Europeans grew from 31 to 36 members (april 2021). Can you tell something about the Club?** Our average meeting contains 20 members and 5 guests. Before the lockdown 30-35 members attended. As the meeting room could only contain 40 people, we had a waiting list for guests. The Club is 25 years old and has high quality meetings.

**What are the 3 biggest success factors of your Club?**

**Uniqueness:** The Europeans is the first bilingual (French/English) in Paris and is easily found on Google. It makes sure new members are fluent in both languages before admitting them.

**Good location:** In physical meetings the Club meets in a (...) central location(...).

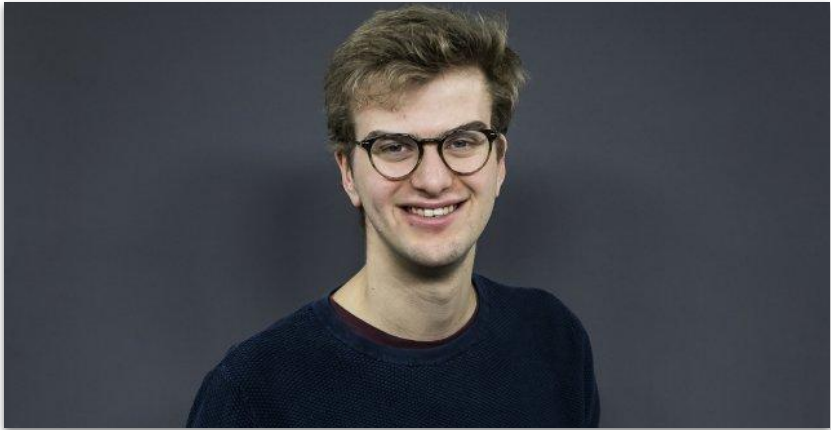
**Experienced and engaged members:** The Club has 4 DTMs. Board members show up regularly during club meetings. Around 8-10 members have taken roles like Division Director or President/VPE (Vice President Education) in the past (...).

**What is your outlook?**

We look forward to continue the tradition of excellence with fun and variety. The Club cherishes active and critical members. We have two messages for other Toastmasters: Challenge your board and update your website.







**Pieter Haeck, PM2** • President Toastmasters Antwerpen (Antwerpen, Belgium) • Joined Toastmasters in 2018.

**Toastmasters Antwerpen grew from 31 to 39 members (april 2021). Can you tell something about the Club?**  
Our average meeting contains 20-25 members and a maximum of 5 guests. Antwerpen Toastmasters was founded in 2008. Characteristics are a bilingual club (Dutch/English), engaging online meetings with active themes of the evening and an excellent zoom master, supportive atmosphere to enter contests and TM-conferences. We never thought that everything would be alright after the pandemic (...).

- What are the 3 biggest success factors of your Club?**
- Pre-meetings:** The VPM organises pre-meetings online for the guests so that they are not overwhelmed in the meeting.
  - Zoom master:** The club invested in a good Zoom master (Sergeant At Arms) and uses all the Zoom features like breakout rooms. Breakout rooms are used for answering questions, table topics and pre-meetings.
  - Learning from other clubs:** The club visited many clubs online during the Lockdown and implemented the best tips. For example the use of Breakout rooms was noticed at Fonske Leuven.

**What is your outlook?**  
We will target members that left the club due to the Lockdown actively when the club goes live again. We appreciate online meetings: welcoming international guests, learn how to do presentations online and serving a new type of member that wants to speak in a virtual environment. We will alternate live meetings with online meetings.

**Szilvia van Oijen, ACS ALB DL3** • President Amsterdam Toastmasters Club (Amsterdam, Netherlands) • Incoming Division G Director • Joined Toastmasters in 2012.



**Amsterdam Toastmasters Club: grew from 45 to 48 members (april 2021). Can you tell something about the Club?**  
Our average meeting contains 20-30 members and more than 10 guests, the same as before the lockdown. The board stays after the meeting ends to answer questions from guests. Before the lockdown we met in an attractive hotel with a bar. Amsterdam TMC was founded in 2002 and was the first Club in the Netherlands. Our characteristics are a strive for excellence, foster safety for diversity and unlock potential of members. Our members want to belong to a successful Club.

- What are the 3 biggest success factors of your Club?**
- Listening to Club Members:** A club survey pointed out that 75% of the members wanted to meet physical and 25% online. Physical meetings were held when it was allowed. The club also has held hybrid meetings and holds extra meetings.
  - Communication:** A Corona-committee of 5 non-board Senior and founding members communicated the corona measures and club implications of the governmental press conferences via mail and Whatsapp.
  - Very strong member base:** Strong community, 24 nationalities, two founding members are still members, there are 5 DTM's. Senior members are actively involved.

**What is your outlook?**  
We want to navigate back from the crisis, expect physical meetings to resume in October. We hope members (who did not like online meetings) will return and will maintain strong leadership (...).



**Kiemthin Tjong Tjin Joe, DTM** (Sprekershaven Toastmasters Rotterdam, Rotterdam Toastmasters, Netherlands), 2019-2020 Area E3 Director.



**Ilona Ruitenbergh, EC3** (Toastmasters Maastricht, Netherlands) 2020-2021 Area E4 Director and incoming Division E Director.

**Dimitri Biniaris, CC CL TC3 • Secretary and former President Sprekershaven Toastmasters Rotterdam (Rotterdam, Netherlands) • Joined Toastmasters in 2017.**

**Sprekershaven Toastmasters Rotterdam: grew from 29 to 34 members (April 2021). Can you tell something about the Club?**

Our average meeting contains 16 members and about 2 guests. Sprekershaven Toastmasters Rotterdam was founded in 2011. Characteristics are Dutch speaking club with a strong identity. We are well known for our excellent speakers.



**What are the 3 biggest success factors of your Club?**

**A well thought-out PR plan:** The VPPR regularly posts on social media (LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook). Exposure especially increases when club members with a large network share their Toastmasters experience. Also the club website contains attractive videos and pictures about club meetings.

**Personal attention to guests:** Before, during and after the meeting guests are welcomed in the club and invited on a (virtual) drink with the other members. There is a solid follow-up.

**Interesting club meetings:** Every meeting has inexperienced and experienced speakers. Most club officers are present and lead by example by picking up roles. The VPE organizes extra special meetings such as workshops and speaking events almost monthly.

**What is your outlook?**

Many members cannot wait to go back live again. Physical meetings are just the best. However, every now and then we might be holding an online meeting even after the lockdown.

**Tim ‘T Joncke, CC CL PM2 • President Toastmasters Fonske Leuven (Leuven, Belgium) • Incoming Area Director B3 • Joined Toastmasters in 2017.**

**Toastmasters Fonske Leuven: grew from 32 to 36 members (april 2021). Can you tell something about the Club?**

Our average meeting contains 15 members and about 2 guests. Fonske Leuven was founded in 2010. Characteristics are a bilingual club (Dutch/English), innovative and creative meetings and cultural status in the city. We are involved in TedX Leuven and give trainings to students. Besides the regular TM meetings we organise a lot of social events.



**What are the 3 biggest success factors of your Club?**

**Focus on members:** The club holds polls and brainstorm meetings to ask what members need. Once a year there is a meeting especially for the experienced members to see what they need.

**Positive energy** The board keeps the energy and passion of their 11 years of existence going. The experience is that the energy will flow into the club and to its members.

**Role one-pager:** The club has for every Toastmaster role a “one-pager” (information written on one page) so that members know what to do when picking up a role and don’t have to search in the overload of information on Toastmasters International.

**What is your outlook?**

We will pick it up where we left before the Lockdown. We recently had our first COVID-proof, physical meeting after months of seeing each other only online. Maybe we will also hold a live meeting once a year with another international club.

**CONCLUSION**

Successful clubs have highly professional meetings, intense communication with Members, a strong community sense and sheer dedication and experience.

**We hope you had fun reading and gained inspiration** to use these factors in your own Toastmaster Club as well!



Kiemthin Tjong Tjin Joe, DTM



Ilona Ruitenberg



# Dutch...

# GONE WORLDWI(L)DE!

article by **Anneke Tijmensen**

## **Hello everyone,**

Sabrina asked me to write an update on the Dutch translation. Off course I am happy to oblige.

First I would like to introduce myself. My name is Anneke Tijmensen. I am a Member of Apeldoorn Toastmasters in The Netherlands since april 2018. I have been deputy VPE and VPE. In daily life, during non-Toastmaster hours, I have a job and try to keep everything in order in my house.



**About a year ago I was asked to collaborate with the translation of Easyspeak in Dutch.** I volunteered to take on a coordinating role.

Since I did this, **I was asked last September to also coordinate the translation of Pathways.** Two big projects, a lot of work. As you maybe notice, I am very enthusiastic about Toastmasters, sometimes a bit too enthusiastic.

Of course we first had to find team members who were willing to help with the translation. I already had some people who volunteered for the Easyspeak project. I asked them if they were willing to also help with the translation of Pathways. Some of them were, some of them were not. Also, I tried to get extra hands by posting on Facebook and 'visiting' other clubs and ask 'person-to-person' (online, this is a lot easier). Robert van der Meer also gave me some names.

**We decided to start with the projects in level 1 and 2.** A lot of information was sent to me, including some things I had to sign.

Due to all kind of circumstances, **the translation project is not that far yet.** Everyone is very busy, including me, and **we are all volunteers**, so... At the moment we have the first language files for translation. Just this week (19-2021) I sent them to all participants in the translation project. I made a map in Google Drive, in which everyone can find the necessary information and can translate directly in the document.

We have a very small group of volunteers, and are still looking for extra hands.

**Hopefully, now that we can finally start translating for real, we will get these extra volunteers.**

Kind regards,

**Anneke.**

## **UPDATE**

We are almost finished with the language file. After this has been checked, we can start with the translation of the projects.

**We are still looking for people for diverse tasks: translation, proof-reading, coordination, etc.**

**THANK YOU, ANNEKE! and all your Team!** As a lot of our Members all around the District, you are making History, by helping us progress.

As the District, we know to which extent translations in general are important: they help all our Members feel included in the organization. This is as true for Dutch as for French-speaking Members and Clubs in District 59.

If you want to give a hand, go to [district59.org/contact-us](https://district59.org/contact-us) and let us know :)

D59 Officers

# The District Officers At Your Service From 2020

**Meet your fellow Toastmaster members!** For this last issue, we chose to ask the District Leaders to write a little something to share with you. A few of them could answer, and here are their thoughts.

## A Few Lines About Division B

- Valentina CAIMI

Notwithstanding Division B had a drop of around 200 members with the renewals in October, at the end of the year Division B became Select Distinguished, thanks to the energy and commitment of Division and Club Officers. We organised a successful Division Conference which saw the participation of 242 participants on the first day and 228 on the second day. 85 Toastmasters have been involved in its preparation, including from other Divisions. Finally we also organised 5 sessions of Club Officers Training / Toastmasters Leadership Institute and two webinars for Division Members.



From the District's website: Help needed :)

## NEW FRIENDS EVERYWHERE 🤝

Your First Name: **Oben** | Your Last Name: **Iyialkan** | Your Email: **iyialkan@hotmail.com** |

General topic of your message: **Education & Training**.

*Hello, I hope this message finds you well.*

*My name is Oben and I am writing you from Istanbul, Turkey.*

*When I was a grad student, I went to Lille as an Erasmus Exchange and I started learning French. (That was in 2010=) After Pandemic, I started practicing French on Duolingo but I believe, I need someone to speak with to acquire a new language effectively. While I was checking on Toastmaster's website, I came across the article below and decided to write to you.*

*(<https://www.toastmasters.org/magazine/magazine-issues/2020/feb/brush-up-your-french>)*

*Briefly, what I would like to ask is: Would it be possible for you to know (direct me to) someone who would like to make a language exchange? Or suggest to me a Club to attend.*

*I am a member of the Bosphorus Toastmasters Club and we gather 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month at 19.30 GMT+3.*

*You are welcome to join our meetings.*

*Yours gratefully,*

*Ps. I couldn't send a message to Division A on their website. That is why I am sending it to District 59.*

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- Pascal VILAREM

## From IT ...To PR!

# To 2021

On 2021-2022, I will take over from Sabrina Kecheroud for public communication in the District.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your vote of confidence during the DCM. I hope I will prove myself worthy of it.

My goal will be to further improve the visibility of Toastmasters in our four countries. And especially that of our Clubs.

In this purpose, the District's mantra will be: **"We are all PRMs"**

Dear new VPPRs of Clubs, Dear District Officers, after this Covid period we have the big challenge to take up all together.

Dear former VPPRs, I would love to hear from you and know what your Clubs need the most. Your feedback will be invaluable.

Dear Toastmasters, if you have the passion for communication and the desire to contribute, **contact me and come aboard the Public Relations team!** One address to contact me: [prm@district59.org](mailto:prm@district59.org).

**Let's all be fantastic this year :)**



Soon  
on  
YouTube



### THE VIDEO CORNER

**Don't miss SOON** the release of the **professional videos** **shot this ending year!** #MyWhy, interview and a sum-up of our conference.

**Stay tuned!**

**Subscribe to remain up-to-date!**

To be released: 6 professional #MyWhy videos  
+ 1 itw (EN & FR) of an outstanding TM!

## NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS

*Find below the elected roles as the District Council's vote decided.  
The appointed roles will be nominated at the first DCM of next term.*

### 2021-2022 Core Team elected

District Director: Colleen SHAUGHNESSY-LARSSON

Club Growth Director (CGD): Virginia ANDERSON

Public Relations Manager (PRM): Pascal VILAREM

### Division Directors

Division A Director: Omar FARISS | Division B Director: Em AJOGBE | Division C  
Director: Conny ORABY | Division D Director: John CHALMERS | Division E  
Director: Ilona RUITENBERG | Division F Director: Jean-Valéry GNAYORO |  
Division G Director: Szilvia VAN OIJEN

*more information [on D59's blog](#).*

## THE CONFERENCE'S CONTEST RESULTS

### English Contests

**International Speech: 1st Jaâfar TABI** · 2nd Anand ASHOK · 3rd  
Sabyasachi 'Saby' SENGUPTA | **English Evaluation: 1st Sabyasachi**  
**'Saby' SENGUPTA** · 2nd Marzena GAWENDA · 3rd Silvia CASSINI

### Dutch Contests

**Dutch Speech: 1st Sandra DIERX** · 2nd Guy DE COCK · 3rd Inès NIJMAN  
| **Dutch Evaluation: 1st Erik LUIJTS** · 2nd Peter MESTRUM

### French Contests

**French Speech: 1st Salim AISSAOUI** · 2nd Dorvale NANA · 3rd Ismaïl  
LOKHAT | **French Evaluation: 1st Catherine ABECASSIS** · 2nd Peter  
BARRETT · 3rd Valérie DE COSTER

*more information [on D59's blog](#).*



# Next 2come

[www.district59.org/events](http://www.district59.org/events)



**2021 International Convention** will take place online on **August 23th-28th**  
More information on our website: [2021 Virtual International Convention, Jump In!](#)

# Save the Dates

## July 4th 1st DECM of 2021-2022

The new Officers of the District met on Saturday, July 4th.

**All the best for this new leadership year, new District officers!**

Your next steps and meeting dates will be soon available and shared by 2021-2022 team - **STAY TUNED!**

## July 17th Spice Up Your Workshops w/ Serious Games



A workshop by **Helen Ermens, DTM** w/ the **European Trainers' Network**  
Your link to participate (free): [www.cutt.ly/ETN17JUL2021](http://www.cutt.ly/ETN17JUL2021)

Remember you can share your events with a District dimension to [prm@district.org](mailto:prm@district.org) - we will share them on the District's website if they appear to be relevant to the whole District Members.

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# Stay Tuned

So... Have we rocked this year?  
Hope you enjoyed the content  
shared along this ending term!

## Now to come

> New PR Manager Pascal Vilarem's newsletters  
Thanks for your kindness, with me and my successor :)

## Still true...

This Newsletter is also yours. Remember we would be glad to  
share your articles fitting our editorial slant and on our website,  
and/or maybe here. > [prm@district59.org](mailto:prm@district59.org)

## Follow District 59



## Welcome to the District 59

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