

Division E Newsletter

Greetings from your division governor

Dear Toastmasters committee member,
Liebes Mitglied des Vorstands,
Cher member du directoire,

Winter seems to be over, but that is not true for our Toastmasters year and our role as committee members. Take the opportunity and continue making a difference to you and your members.

I wish you all the strength and success that you need to achieve your and your club's goals.

Thomas Skipwith
Division E Governor 2007 / 2008



Successes



Club goals (Distinguished Club Program DCP)

Which are the top three clubs with the most points in the Distinguished Club Program as of Feb. 24, 2008?

1. Rhetorik Club Zürich with 5 points
2. Zurich Toastmasters Club with 4 points
Zuriberg Toastmasters Club with 4 points

Try it as well. Aim high. Last year the Mosquito Hill TM Club achieved 10 out of 10 goals. Which club will meet this

goal this year?

The Distinguished Club Program is updated regularly on the members.toastmasters.org website. Check it out [here](#). There you can see how your club is doing.

New corporate club

More and more people are excited about Toastmasters. Last June I presented Toastmasters to a group at DOW in Horgen. They were impressed to the point where they came to visit Toastmasters' clubs in Zurich. Lesley Stephenson and her team from the Zuriberg Toastmasters Club helped them over several months to now be ready to charter. Congratulations!



New record: 16 guests at one meeting!

The Zuriberg TM Club is attracting 15 guests on average since last December. They recently had a new record of 16 guests! That is a new record. I asked their president, Lesley Stephenson, what the 3 keys to their success of having so many guests were. She replied:

1. Good, well run meetings with good evaluations
2. Friendly welcomes (great Sergeant at Arms team), follow ups and invitations by VP membership and president.

3. Website/brochure is also a great help, but not all guests come from there. They are coming due to word of mouth from other guests or members.

I want to mention that this is an even more commendable feat, because the Zuriberg TM Club was itself only chartered last year (2007).

Another congratulations!

Announcements

Contests / conferences

The contest season has started once again. It's about the "claim for fame". Take the opportunity and push yourself to new levels of public speaking and evaluation.

The sequence of the contests is club, area, division, district, regional (for the international speech only), and world championship (for the international speech only).

Make sure you mark your calendar:

1. Club contest (check with your president)
2. Area contest (Area E1: March 17, 2008 in Zug; area E2: March 18 in Zurich, 2008; area E3: March 29, 2008 in Lausanne; area E4: April 15, 2008 in Zurich)
3. Division contest on April 19, 2008 in Berne
4. District contest on May 16 – 18, 2008 in Prague



Division conference in Berne

Make sure you and your club members come to the division conference in Berne on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Marianne Junger and her team are putting together a wonderful program. A part of it is that our District Governor, Zuzana Grofova, has said she would give an address. Check the Berne TM Club's website via www.toastmasters.ch for details and registration.



District 59 conference in Prague

The district 59 conference in Prague will be a great opportunity to learn, practice and network.

Check it out on May 16-18, 2008 in Prague [here](#).

Toastmasters of Basel: One-day workshop

Toastmasters of Basel are organizing a one-day workshop on March 15, 2008. The workshop is open to all Toastmasters. It will be lead by a professional trainer from Vienna. Check out [the program and registration](#) here.

Club management

Club officer elections

You and your fellow officers make it possible for you and your club members to practice your public speaking and leadership skills. Keep it up. Motivate yourself and your fellow members to be on the next committee for 2008 / 2009.

In addition, being a club officer is a pre-requisite to achieve the AL-Bronze award. Next year's term officially starts on July 1, 2008. Nevertheless, it is recommended that the elections take place early May. That gives you and your club members enough time to have a good succession planning. In addition the current and incoming area governor will organize a club officer training session for you.

Talk to your fellow members about what being on the committee means. In short in my humble opinion: "It is work. And it is a great opportunity to learn." Take it.

District officer elections

Not only the club officers, but also the district officers have a one year term. We are looking for volunteers who want to be:

Area governors (E1 - 4): Contact your current area governor or me for this great opportunity.

Division governor (Switzerland): Contact your current area governor or me for this great opportunity.

Remember, being a district officer is a pre-requisite to achieve the AL-Silver award.

EasySpeak: Tip

As more and more clubs are using EasySpeak, we will learn more and more about it.

The latest tip is the following:

There is an e-mail feature in the software that has 5 steps. Either the VP education or the TME should send out the first e-mail.

It sends two links to the members: (1) one to register for the meeting, (2) one to say that the member can't come.

This is great, because this way the VPE and the TME know who they can count on being there. They can also see those members that haven't been to a meeting for several meetings in a row. That way they can contact them and find out why. For the members attending, the VPE can suggest roles and therefore ensure the growth of the members.

Check it out at: www.district59.eu

Finances

Every club is entitled to EUR 80.- support from the district. Claim it for your club with the "District 59 2007-2008 reimbursement voucher" at

www.district59.org/division_board_reports.htm

Famous last words

Let me leave you with a famous proverb:
"Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today."

Good luck.

Viel Erfolg.

Bon courage!

Thomas Skipwith

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