



Dear Toastmasters!

As you know, this meeting was the last one before February, 23rd, and as our **Toastmaster Henry Norman, AC-S**, noticed, there was no topic assigned concerning it in the agenda list. It's rather unusual situation; however, as someone said, different generations have different habits. Henry Norman explained to us that nowadays it's the men's day mostly. He performed his part professionally and introduced a



rather unusual technique to invite the speakers on the stage just before it is their turn to speak and to clarify the objectives of their projects as well.

2. Once again at our meeting we have an example of the disrespectful performance and irresponsible attitude to the members of the club! This time it was the Invocation master, who did not show up at the meeting.

Quote of this issue:

"They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

Carl W. Buechner

Dear Toastmaster fellows! Each person who takes a role contributes to the overall quality of our meetings; so to prevent this happening again, please, pay attention to the organizational rules of the club described at the end of this newsletter.

3. Being a **Word Master** for the first time, **Leyla Byasharova** inspired us to use the word of the day, which was "wrap up". She wrapped up four most common cases of its use; fortunately, we could not really estimate it and used it only few times during the meeting. According to our heart-warming tradition, one person who used it was Henry Norman.

4. We were lucky to have **Anton Zaytsev** as the **Joke Master** of the meeting. With his joke, he created a lovely and amicable atmosphere at the meeting. You may get acquainted with the joke at the end of this newsletter. During his presentation, Anton also mentioned a very wise proverb, which might be regarded something we should adhere to.



5. **Maxim Tsvetov's** 2nd project "Can We Learn From Children?" was devoted to a very specific issue. Being adults, we have almost forgotten to be sincere and



express our true emotions. Maxim proposed that sometimes we just need to be frank and express our real feelings by a baby's smile. Maxim's emotional and enthusiastic manner of delivering the speech

helped the entire audience to dive into this topic.

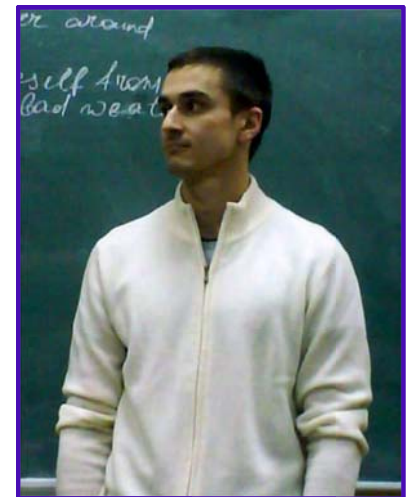
6. The most interesting thing in public speaking is to search for the best possible way to deliver a speech, and **Alexey Kravtsun** did this greatly in his 5th project "Alternative History". The topic itself and the way it was



delivered raised many disputes among the audience, and this is an absolute proof that Alexey has touched our hearts. Alexey put a seed of doubt in our minds in terms of what we really know about the history.

7. Comprehensive analysis and mathematical justification as well as philosophical interconnection of all the sides of our life were core points of the **Denis Shevchuk's** 8th project titled "A Puzzle, Lake Of Sand And Your Life". Denis told us many impressive facts about the history of Rubik's Cube and showed us several astonishing examples of numerous ways to solve it. But

this project was not just a kind of mathematical task. Denis brilliantly implemented the "Rubik's Cube" example onto our real life: he taught us about the problem solving skills and showed



how one side of our life influences another.

Evaluations:

8. **Valentin Novikov**, the General Evaluator of the meeting, was in chief during its second part. He started with some remarks concerning the first part of the meeting, for he worried about the absence of some participants. He also asked to turn off the cell phones during the meeting to prevent the speakers to be drawn away.



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9. **Valeria Kulnevskaya** was the personal evaluator of Maxim Tsvetov. Valeria noted:

- + an interesting idea of the speech;
- + great analytical skills and the way Maxim covered the topic.

Valeria suggested one thing to be improved - the conclusion should be much shorter.

10. **Valeria Kholodkova, CC, AL-B**, evaluated the Alexey Kravtsov's speech. Among its strong points she noted:

- + way the speech was delivered allowing to image everything that was said;
- + great idea to do analogies from the personal life;
- + appropriate gestures and a lot of eye contact with the audience.

Valeria suggested Alexey to be calmer during the presentation and to be careful with grammar. Valeria also praised the prepared appearance of Alexey, because this fact proved how good he was prepared for the speech.

11. **Ekaterina Sidorenko** was the personal evaluator of Denis Shevchuk. She and other evaluators pointed out:

- + good preparation,
- + philosophic remarks,
- + nice visual aids, which helped to follow the ideas of the speech;
- the goal of the speech was not clear.

12. Our **Table Topic Master Olga Filimonova** proposed the audience to move to the imagined future, where the scientists found the new planet with the conditions similar to the Earth's,

but with no life on it. They decided to build a spaceship and to send different kinds of animals by couples to that planet. Every animal wanted to start a new life, so the majority of them were



chosen, but one place was left for just a one couple. Who it should be? Olga asked everybody to make the choice and to prove to the committee that this is an animal deserving to take the last seat. The winners of the Table Topic were one of our newcomers with a penguin and Maxim Tsvetov with a dog.

Organizational rules:

Please, address the Vice President Education Margarita Ryndina, AC-S, in case you want to become a Personal Evaluator, General Evaluator, Speaker or a Toastmaster. If you want to take on any role except the four above mentioned, address the Secretary Ekaterina Sidorenko (their e-mails are available at <http://moscowfreespeakers.ru/execom>).

Dear members and newcomers who take on roles! Please, warn **beforehand** the Vice President Education Margarita Ryndina, AC-S, or the Secretary Ekaterina Sidorenko (according to the role taken) if you think you won't be able to attend the meeting.



It's Money Time!

Let us remind you that March has just come, which means that all the current members shall renew their membership within Moscow Free Speakers till the end of this month! This time it's **630 rubles**. Please make sure that you pay in the nearest two meetings before March is over.

Our next meeting is on March, 3rd!

We will listen to the two projects from advanced manuals from **Valeria Kholodkova, CC, AL-B**, and **Margarita Ryndina, AC-S**. You cannot miss it!

See you soon!

Joke of the Day:

A boy had a problem of getting up in time and was always late for work. His boss was mad at him and threatened to fire him if he did not do something about it. So the boy went to his doctor who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. The boy slept well and in fact beat the alarm in the morning by almost two hours. He had a leisurely breakfast and drove cheerfully to work.

"Boss", he said, "The pill actually worked!"

"That is all fine", said the boss, "But where were you yesterday?"

By Anton Zayzev

Our Birthdays!

**OUR WARMEST
CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR DEAR FELLOWS**



Ryndina Margarita, AC-B (January, 31st)
Filimonova Olga (February, 2nd)
Victor Babichev (February, 16th)

Points:

Please note that we have changed the system of grades. Now the maximum is 5 points only, and it is really hard to get 5 out of 5. Please, let us know what you think of this innovation.

Henry Norman, AC-S (Toastmaster)	3.5
Leyla Byasharova (Word Master)	3.1
Anton Zaytsev (Joke Master)	4.3
Maxim Tsvetov (Speaker 1)	3.9
Alexey Kravtsun (Speaker 2)	3.9
Denis Shevchuk (Speaker 3)	4.1
Valentin Novikov (General Evaluator)	4.3
Valeria Kulnevskaya (Personal Evaluator 1)	3.5
Valeria Kholodkova, CC, AL-B (Personal Evaluator 2)	4.4
Ekaterina Sidorenko (Personal Evaluator 2)	3.7
Olga Filimonova (Table Topics Master)	3.6
Meeting as a whole	3.8