



Moscow Free Speakers Club

518th meeting, August 18th, 2011

Dear Toastmasters!

Our club is a definite success! Why? Some of the members and even recent guests invite their friends and relatives to our meetings! And the reason for it is wonderful people who prepare the meetings, perform roles during them and actively participate in Table Topics and evaluations! The 518th meeting on August, 18 was a fine example of just such a meeting: interesting speeches, merry Table Topics and a lot of familiar and new faces!

Want to learn the details; find out who won the Table Topics this time, what were the points of the meeting and watch the videos of some moments? Read on!

By the way, we have some news from Toastmaster International! On the 17th of August 2011, a day before our 518th meeting, Toastmasters International officially launched its refreshed brand. The official logo of the organization and tagline were changed. You can look at the changes on Toastmasters International [site](#). What does it mean to us? You've probably already noticed changes in our Newsletter and form of our meetings agenda. If you have any suggestions or feedback on the changes, please, write to our VPPR, [Evgenia Maseeva](#) or the President, [Denis Shevchuk](#), CC.

President Denis Shevchuk, CC

Quote of this issue

I believe in being an innovator.

- Walt Disney

Word of the day – Troglodyte

1. Someone who is brutish, rude, harsh, or primitive.
2. A cave dweller.
3. An animal that lives underground.

In Russian the word is used sometimes to describe a person who likes to eat a lot.

By Andrey Kosilov

Joke of the day

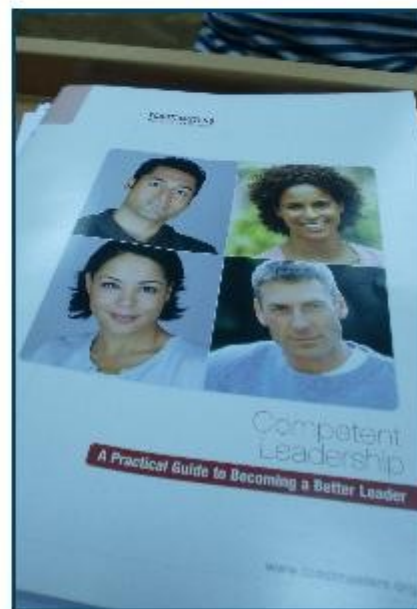
Old Mrs Gibson went to the airport to take a plane. She had a flight bag and a pet basket with her little pet dog called 'Spotty' inside. A flight attendant asked to take her dog and put it at the back of the plane for the journey. After an hour in the air, the flight attendant checked on the little dog and it was dead! The airplane crew decided to buy a different dog to replace the dead one. When Mrs Gibson got her basket, she looked very quickly into it and said, 'That's not my dog. Where's my dog?' The flight attendant told her, 'Yes, of course it's your dog. It has the same spots, the same size - it's the same dog.' 'No,' said Mrs Gibson, ' I know it isn't. Because my dog was dead when I put him in the basket!'

By Alexey Eraskin



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BEST MOMENTS





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BEST OF ...

Project #5 "An easy sail with an easy e-mail"
by Valeria Kulnevskaya

I'm sure that like me, you've also come across some buzzworded e-mail addresses. Among other invitation requests I've got one from a person or who-it-could-be with an e-

"Usually Toastmasters presenting their 5th projects choose topics which really have something to do about body language – dancing, corrida, habits of a troglodyte... Other people, like Valeria, prove by their speeches that every topic can be performed with good body language".

Watch the [video](#) of the evaluation.

*Personal Evaluator
Valentin Novikov, CC, CL*

mail address "BraTan1991". I had no doubts: the name spoke for itself. He must have been a gangster from the past, in a raspberry pink coat, carrying a big gun in his pocket. That's what I saw, when getting a message from "BraTan1991". Exactly as they show in the movies. I decided

not to invite him at our meetings. Just not to tempt the fate. One day I've got a message from "guess who?" "Guess who", I mean, was the name. I personally do not like such games, so I advised the author to play with Federal Security Service.

Project #4 from Advanced Communication Series
"Speaking to Inform"
"What is Valaam?" by Alla Oganova, CC

For several centuries Valaam was a religious and cultural center of Russia supported by the Russian Tsars starting with Peter the Great and the Russian Orthodox Church. The Monastery was completely self-sufficient and monks produced not only necessary products but grew up even water melons and melons (unusual for this place in the North). You

"When I asked my 42 years old son "Do you know what is Vallam?" He looked at me in a strange way and said "This is a river in the south of Congo!". Alla, your project was very interesting, informative and well-prepared. Thank you very much!

*Personal Evaluator
Nick Sapozhnikov, AC-B*

can completely understand the significance of this fact if you take into account that the natural soil on the island is absolutely inappropriate for agriculture. The monks composed specially the soil for their agricultural works, putting new soil upon the rocks.

Interested in Alla's speech? Alla has kindly agreed to share the video of her speech so you can watch it, using the [link](#).



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Table Topic Discussion

'Questions to gurus' topic was suggested

by Alexey Kravtsun

When you are facing a dilemma you probably want to discuss it with a person who is an expert in this area. Having a second opinion is also a good idea when you make decisions. How about a brain storm? We were able to use all these methods in order to answer tricky questions, which Alexey Kravtsun, the Table Topic master, had prepared for enthusiastic gurus. How to build a house of your dream? How to raise six daughters? How to immigrate to the USA? How to become the President of a Toastmasters club? How to feed starving kids in Africa? How to become the best driver in Moscow? We had a great time and found solutions to all these problems during that interactive and dynamic Table Topic discussion. Thank you Alexey and



Congratulations to Rex Van Almsick who won this guru's competition!

You won't believe it, but this time you have the opportunity to actually watch the [video](#) of the Table Topics!

Points:

Ekaterina Sidorenko Toastmaster	3.3
Albina Balashova Invocation Master	3.0
Andrey Kosilov Word Master	3.9
Alexey Eraskin Joke Master	3.7
Valeria Kulnevskaya Speaker 1	3.9
Alla Oganova, CC Speaker 2	4.3
Valentin Novikov, CC, CL Personal Evaluator 1	4.5
Nick Sapozhnikov, AC-B Personal Evaluator 2	3.9
Maxim Tsvetov General Evaluator	4.2
Alexey Kravtsun Table Topics Master	4.6
Meeting as a whole	4.3

Our Birthdays!

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR DEAR FELLOWS

Gladychева Tatyana
August, 19th

Sidorenko Ekaterina
August, 30th

Benevolenskaya Ludmila
August, 31st





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Our next meeting is on September, 1st!

We will hear Ice-breaking speech by Yanis Paus, the 3rd speech by Oleg Petrov and the 4th speech by Maxim Tsvetov!

See you soon!