



Moscow Free Speakers Club

520th meeting, September 15th 2011

Dear Toastmasters!

September 15 is a day in Moscow when the air can become cool enough so that in the morning some puddles may be covered with thin crust of ice. The crust is very fragile, can be easily broken and melts rather early in the afternoon. Judging by the ease with which our fresh member Andrey Kosilov delivered his first speech at the 520th meeting, he found the “ice” he had to break as fragile as the ice outdoors. Not wasting any time, Andrey signed up for a speech contest we’re going to have on the October 20. Interested in the contest? Read the news on our site (use [the link](#)).

Dear fellows, remember to pay your semiannual membership dues! Due to variations of the exchange rate, the sum grew from 810 to 891 rubles. Pay as soon as you can lest the price in rubles grows more still! The person who collects the money is our VPM, Alexey Kravtsun. Please, give your money to Alexey at a meeting or contact him by [e-mail](#). If you aren’t able to pass your dues to Alexey, contact our Secretary and Treasurer, Mary Beketova ([her e-mail](#)) or the President, Denis Shevchuk ([the e-mail](#)). Please, pay as soon as possible as we have to transfer the money to Toastmasters International by October 1.

President Denis Shevchuk, CC

Quote of this issue

The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

- Donald Kendall (a former CEO of PepsiCo)

Word of the day – Flabbergasted

Adjective – informal overcome with astonishment; amazed; astounded.

By Elena Jakobi

Joke of the day

My story is about one episode from the life of a famous writer Robert Kiyosaki, who also often arranged personal finances seminars. After one of his events a young man came up to him and said: 'All your recommendations require too much time. And I need to get a 1000\$ dollars very fast'.

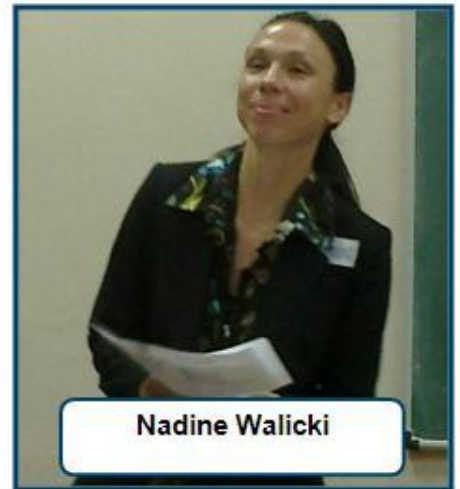
Robert hesitated for a moment and said, 'Ok, specially for you and for people like you I will arrange a seminar addressing this problem. But it's very useful knowledge and a ticket to the meeting would cost 50\$ dollars'. The young man accepted the conditions of the price and told all his friends about the meeting as well. At the appointed time the meeting had started and Robert Kiyosaki entered the room. [after it the speaker writes the title of the meeting on the board, counts the present (e.g. 31), and says, "Yeah, there are 31. I go home', and leaves the room.]

By Igor Kasyanov



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BEST MOMENTS





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BEST OF ...

Project #1 “To the ends of the Earth” by Andrey Kosilov

“My mind has been blowing recent days about the topic for the ice breaker. So much I would love to share with you about... Initially I wanted to talk on Personal Power and its elements such as Challenging Fear. Then, reading over and over again the TM Ice Breaker Manual I understood that there must be no caveat to the rule, and finally, I decided to amuse you a little

and reveal a story about myself, and my Trip to the Ends of the Earth.

This will be not a whole story, as I am very much limited in time, but a short preface, which will

throw little bit more light on my personality, apart from what I have already mentioned at my introductory speech when I entered the doors of the club for the first time on 4 August 2011...”

Do you want to know more about the trip to the ends of the Earth? Watch the [video](#).

“Today we expected Andrey to break the ice but actually he melted the ice. I was really surprised that it was his first speech because Andrey already has strong confidence and communicational skills”.

*Personal Evaluator
Hanok Moon*

Project #4 “The demise of the language?” by Oleg Petrov

“Is it electronic writing that destroys the literacy or the roots lay deeper?

Let us analyze the possible reasons.

First of all, we live in the era of globalization. It

definitely affects communications no less than politics or economy. As the global businesses

evolve, people have to speak foreign languages more frequently. And here lies the rub: intended at being understood, they have little incentive to learn language any deeper. As a result, many obtain sparse knowledge and the literacy degrades.

Another trend derived from the previous one is unification. It is common to create documents and templates centrally in the headquarters, so that they may not respect local rules of culture and language. For instance, proper names, dates and postal addresses differ in Russian and English, so that blind copy would be incorrect...”

More about demise of the language in the [video](#) of Oleg’s project.

Positive moments:
+ topic focused on self-development;
+ good structure;
+ confident delivery;
+ no notes

Oleg should pay more attention to his body-language

*Personal Evaluator
Maxim Tsvetov*



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Project #2 from Advanced Manual

“Diamond necklace”

by Nina Tsygankova, AC-B

“For all my life I’ve sold the only thing. It was an

The good humor sold the audience the project. Objectives of the project weren’t properly met though.

*Personal Evaluator
Valeria Kholodkova, CC, AL-B*

inexpensive dog deterrent. I sold it at my previous project. Now being more experienced I am ready to sell

expensive products. I am very happy about it because selling expensive products is not only an excitable but as well creative process. The sellers must have quick wits to persuade people to buy expensive things. Try for example to sell this beautiful diamond necklace for 400 000 rubles. Will you buy it? Will you? Why? Only 400 000 rubles! Will you? You see people part reluctantly with large amounts of cash and the sellers need to use a right method of approach to succeed in selling. “Cold Call” – is such a method...”

Found out how to sell a diamond necklace in the [video](#) of Nina’s project.

Table Topic Discussion

Table topic was led

by *Mary Beketova*

Do you like quiz games? The games in which the participants are given different topics, and when they choose a topic, they have to answer a question related to it. If you like this kind of games, you’d have liked the way Mary Beketova led her Table Topics. She divided the present into 3 groups and gave us a number of topics to choose from. We listened to improvised answers from both experienced members and active guests: Elena Jakobi – a mother of two sons – was lucky pulling a card with the assignment to persuade her 8 year old son to stop playing computer games and start doing his homework ([watch the video](#)); Maria Mokrushina told us how she would convince “her husband” that she hadn’t cheated on him when caught lying about spending her evening at work ([watch the video](#)); Yana Gorfam tried to induce “her boyfriend” to prefer relaxation on beach in Spain to driving around the country ([watch the video](#)), etc.

It was one of our enthusiastic guests – Alexander Shlegel – who won the Table Topics and helped bringing his team to a sweet victory (the members of the winning team were given a pack of candies each). You can [watch the video](#) of Alexander’s attempt to bring “his father” to let him attend volleyball classes rather than swimming.



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Points:

Denis Shevchuk, CC Toastmaster	3.8
Alexey Kravtsun Invocation Master	3.5
Elena Jakobi Word Master	4.1
Igor Kasyanov Joke Master	4.3
Andrey Kosilov Speaker 1	4.9
Oleg Petrov Speaker 2	3.7
Nina Tsygankova, AC-B Speaker 3	4.3
Hanok Moon Personal Evaluator 1	3.6
Maxim Tsvetov Personal Evaluator 2	4.1
Valeria Kholodkova, CC, AL-B Personal Evaluator 3	4.6
Nadine Walicki General Evaluator	4.5
Mary Beketova Table Topics Master	4.2
Meeting as a whole	4.1

Videos:

Andrey Kosilov Speaker 1	The link
Oleg Petrov Speaker 2	The link
Nina Tsygankova, AC-B Speaker 3	The link
Yana Gorfan Table Topics speaker	The link
Maxim Tsvetov Table Topics speaker	The link
Maria Mokrushina Table Topics speaker	The link
Elena Jakobi Table Topics speaker	The link
Denis Shevchuk, CC Table Topics speaker	The link
Alexey Kravtsun Table Topics speaker	The link
Alexander Shlegel The winner of Table Topics	The link

Our Birthdays!

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR DEAR FELLOW

Chendev Vladislav
September, 26th



Our next meeting is on September, 29th!

We will hear speech #6 by Viktor Babichev and the 2nd speeches by Dmitry Trapeznikov and Ludmila Benevolenskaya!

See you soon!