



Moscow Free Speakers Club

524 meeting, November 3rd 2011

Dear Toastmasters!

You never know what you can miss if you're not at our meeting! As we're lucky to be a part of a large international family, there are meetings when our fellow Toastmasters from other clubs visit us and show us different ways of doing familiar Toastmasters routines. This time our Indian fellow Prem Prakash Dayal, CC served as the General Evaluator, and he did it in an unusual way that impressed our members, indeed. Just watch the points at the last page☺. Prem with his impressive performance wasn't the only discovery though, as Maria Mokrushina, a very active and initiative guest, delivered her quality ice-breaker and joined us officially! Congratulations, Maria, you are very welcome!

Thanks to Maria and the fact that I received my Competent Leader title, we have come a step closer to President Distinguished Club award. Five more goals to go, let's keep up the pace!

And the last but by no means least news – our member Natalia Narinyan had a very special day not that long time ago. Watch the last page to learn what was special in Natalia's life; you might want to write her a letter with congratulations☺.

President Denis Shevchuk, CC, CL

Quote of this issue

My method is to take the utmost trouble to find the right thing to say, and then to say it with the utmost levity.

- George Bernard Shaw

Word of the day – to Buckle Down

Set to work, apply oneself with determination.

By Elena Jakobi

Joke of the day

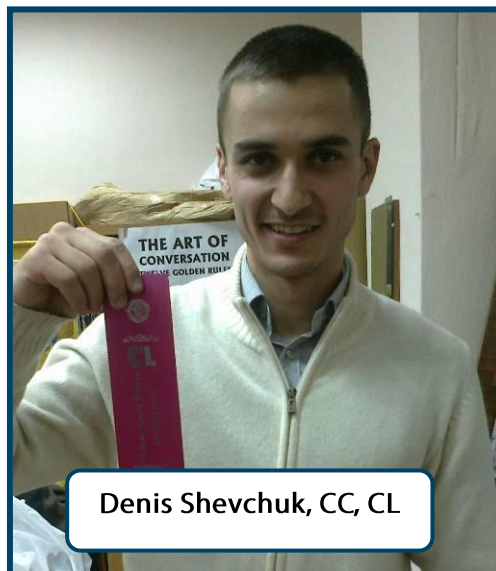
A guy has a talking dog. He brings it to a talent scout. "This dog can speak English," he claims to the unimpressed agent. "Okay, Sport," the guy says to the dog, "what's on the top of a house?" "Roof!" the dog replies. "Oh, come on..." the talent agent responds. "All dogs go 'roof'!" "No, wait," the guy says. He asks the dog "what does sandpaper feel like?" "Rough!" the dog answers. The talent agent gives a condescending blank stare. He is losing his patience. "No, hang on," the guy says. "This one will amaze you." He turns and asks the dog: "Who, in your opinion, was the greatest baseball player of all time?" "Ruth!" goes the dog. And the talent scout, having seen enough, boots them out of his office onto the street. And the dog turns to the guy and says "Maybe I should have said DiMaggio?"

By Elena Yarmanova



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BEST MOMENTS





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BEST OF ...

Project #1 "Fake it till you make it"

by Maria Mokrushina

"...Since childhood we have been posing these questions to ourselves: how do I become someone I

"...The project was excellent especially for an ice-breaker. Confidence, gestures, moving on the stage. What impressed me a lot was that you didn't use any notes and you didn't stop to recollect words..."

*Personal Evaluator
Denis Shevchuk, CC, CL
Watch the [video](#)*

want to become? A successful businessman? An actress? A rock star? An artist? A good mother? We assume there is always a path, a roadmap, some kind of validation at the end, and -

congratulations - you are a successful something.

Well, it's not always the case. Sometimes all you have to do is to start ACTING like this person you aspire to be. Seeing the world through this person's eyes. Pretend, that you already ARE this person.

Of course, if you want to be a surgeon, you don't just go out and start cutting people open! I'm not saying it doesn't take hard work to succeed. What I mean by this is it takes a switch of attitude..."

Watch the story by Maria Mokrushina about how helpful adapting a different attitude can be in the [video](#).

Project #7 "Dolphins"

by Elena Filya

"...In ancient times they were living on land, they have long bones in their flippers, similar to our fingers. Brain

of the adult bottlenose dolphin is about 25% heavier than the average adult human brain. Do you think they would have become our competitors

if they would stay on land? Or our ancestors? But they went back under water and now they are adapted better to live in the Ocean than we are to live on the land.

People naturally are not so well adapted to their habitat and had to invent plenty of devices – cars, TVs, guns, and computers. Dolphins don't need all these devices to feel well in the Ocean. At the same time, they have a very complex communication system, they have developed their communication skills to the extent Toastmasters could only dream about!..."

"...What I especially liked about Elena's project was how she started the speech, and how you looked at the picture. I fell in love with it at first sight. It set a specific mood for us, which continued throughout your whole speech..."

*Personal Evaluator
Mary Beketova
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Project #1 from the advanced manual "My toast"

by Natalya Sherstneva, AC-B

"...Dear nephew, my congratulations to you! Now we have one more scientist in our family. First of all, I wish you to invent such a printing machine, such printing

"...What makes a good toast? Firstly, it's sincerity. The second thing is choosing right words. I think you were very sincere when you were telling us about the achievements of your nephew. Your words were very personal, you used private stories..."

*Personal Evaluator
Maxim Tsvetov
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tools that will print a

text without mistakes and without foolish words and expressions.

I wish you to translate a lot of English and German books for your students.

Maybe, very soon you will be a senior teacher at the

university.

I know you are a poet and I hope that your next poem will be devoted to me.

Everybody knows that you play piano, but I heard you playing only once when you did it at the stage at the university. I hope that one day I will see you playing in a big hall.

You are a football fan and I wish your team to be at the first place in the first division..."

Table Topic Discussion

Table topic was performed

by Ekaterina Sidorenko

Imagine what it would be like if everyone could fly. Valentina Bereza did, and she told us that the life would be become much better and interesting for people (watch the [video](#)). And what about your dreams? What are your dreams? Egor Litvinov's dream is to live in England (watch the [video](#)). What was your impression of schools back in 2000? Elena Yakobi thinks the time was a difficult one with people in transition from Soviet past



to modern world present (watch the [video](#)). Did you play this kind of game when you were a child? Asking your friends and generally anyone around all types of speculative questions to stimulate your

imagination. Ekaterina managed to bring the air of this kind of playfulness to us that evening! But it wasn't the funniest answer that won. Nina Tsygankova, AC-B shared with us the first memories of her life. She told us that her first memories are about the War. The hardships and hunger and yet... her mother and children to play with being around made the time not that bad after all.

[Watch the video](#) of Nina's winning speech.



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Alexandra Borissova Toastmaster	3.6
Victoria Cherunova Invocation Master	4.5
Elena Jakobi Word Master	3.8
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Denis Shevchuk, CC, CL Personal Evaluator 1	4.0
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Egor Litvinov Table Topics Speaker	The link
Nina Tsygankova, AC-B The winner of Table Topics	The link
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Our Birthdays!

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR DEAR FELLOWS

Trapeznikov Dmitry
November, 8th

Serge Kuzin, AC-B
November, 17th

Narinyan Natalia's
daughter!
November, 8th



Our next meeting is on November, 17th!

We will hear a speech #3 by Simon Scotting and speeches #5 by Tatyana Gladysheva and #8 by Evgenia Maseeva, CL.

See you soon!