



Moscow Free Speakers Club

528 meeting, December 29th 2011

Dear Toastmasters!

Congratulations on entering the year 2012!

Last year was a good one: most of us did well in the club, and some really stood out. Want to learn who were those? You can watch the list of our best in 2011 on our site. Stay with us, keep working, and you may find yourself among the best in 2012! By the way, remember that thanks to the hard work put in by Mary Beketova, Valeria Kholodkova, Maria Mokrushina, and Valentin Novikov, soon enough you may be able to participate in twice as many meetings and develop twice as fast! Stay tuned for the news.

And the last thing for you to keep in mind coming into this year is the entrance fee raise. From now on, the fee is 100 rubles per meeting.

President Denis Shevchuk, CC, CL

Quote of this issue

A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.

- Charles Darwin

Word of the day – incumbent

adjective

1. holding an indicated position, role, office, etc., currently: *the incumbent officers of the club.*
2. obligatory (often followed by *on* or *upon*): *a duty incumbent upon me.*
3. *Archaic.* resting, lying, leaning, or pressing on something: *incumbent upon the cool grass.*
4. **noun** - the holder of an office: *The incumbent was challenged by a fusion candidate.*

By Matt Lewis

Joke of the day

The problem with English language, just as with many others, is that it's not phonetic. Meaning that you can't look at a written word and know how to pronounce it. Neither can you hear a word and know how to spell it. An interesting example is the "word" "ghoti" which, according to some sources, George Bernard Shaw noted one can read as... "fish". How is that?

You can read "gh" as "f" in, for example, "cough".

You can read "o" as "i" in "women".

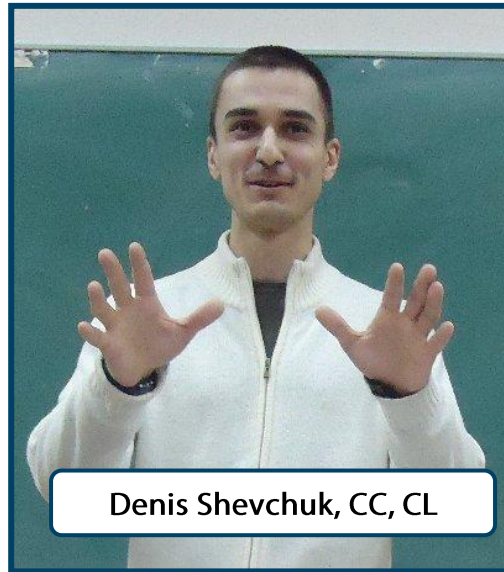
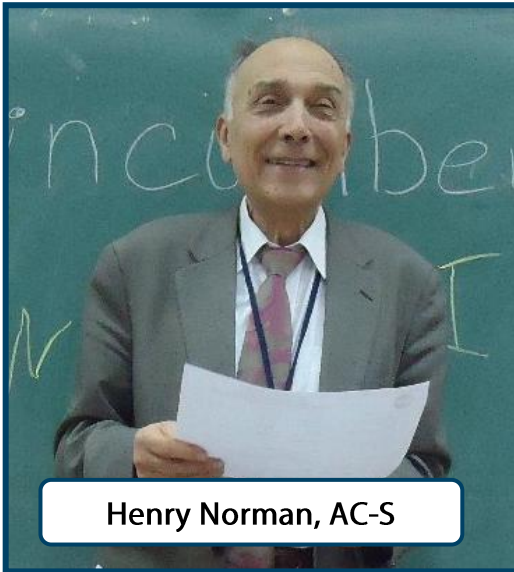
You can read "ti" as "sh" in, for example, "nation".

By Denis Shevchuk, CC, CL



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BEST MOMENTS





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BEST OF ...

Project #4 "The New Year – Make you wish!"

by Dmitry Trapeznikov

"We are all humans, beautiful creatures. Unfortunately, I, and I'm sure many of you, get disappointed with the humanity. And it is not only because of millions of examples that we have in our history, but also because

"...Your project was easy to listen to. And it was easy to follow your ideas... Another good thing was that you didn't use any notes. But I think you could have used more comparisons and metaphors..."

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

of attitude and behavior of the people around you.

Today I would like to tell you about one human negative feature, feature that sometimes annoys me, feature that can

change my attitude to certain people. This negative side of humanity can be described by a range of synonyms – haughtiness, ignorance, or arrogance. For me these words even sound repelling.

Once, I noticed myself being arrogant..."

Watch the [video](#) of Dmitry's project.

Project #9 "Immigrants. Should I like them?"

by Alexey Kravtsun

"When USSR fell apart in August 1991, a lot of citizens became foreigners to each other. And some of them

became foreigners in their own small countries, ex USSR republics. It could be Russians living in Tadjikistan or Uzbek family living in Kazakhstan.

Hundreds of thousands of people started moving from one country to another.

Last year the situation changed, relocation became less permanent, and family migration turned into work migration. There is no official migration web site with such data. I've learned from different sources that the number is between 15-40% of immigrants in Moscow family migration cases are in minority. Most of the migrants are males who came to the country to earn money for themselves and their families..."

"...The topic of your project is appealing to the audience because it's connected with our everyday life. But on the other hand, the topic is questionable and you had to define from the beginning what your goal was because it was not clear..."

*Personal Evaluator
Valentin Novikov, CC, CL
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The whole version of Alexey's project is in the [video](#).



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Project #1 from adv manual "Storytelling"

"Stone flower" by Nick Sapozhnikov, AC-B

"This story happened long ago in the Ural Mountains. The Ural Mountains are on the border between Europe

"...I would like to thank Nick for choosing this fairytale as the topic of his speech. One of the objectives of your project was to entertain the audience. While you were delivering your speech, I looked at the people and I saw that everybody was inspired...".

*Personal Evaluator
Natalya Sherstneva, AC-B*

and Asia. And, as it is known, miracles most often take place on borders and edges. So there was small village near a copper mine. Miners and stonecutters lived there. Though a stonecutter named Danila was the best among others, he wasn't satisfied with his skill. He was sure both he and others hadn't yet shown all the beauty of stone in their works. Once, a very old stonecutter, who was a teacher for many other stonecutters and who was so old that everybody called "granddaddy", said:

"Only that would be able to show the real beauty of stone who would manage to see the stone flower in Copper Hill Hostess's garden. But he who is able see it, will never come back...."

Table Topic Discussion

Table topic was performed
by Maxim Tsvetov

Different people have different personal New Year traditions and rituals. Maxim Tsvetov, for one, summarizes his impressions and achievements in the passing year and makes plans for the upcoming year. He shared with us that in 2011 his confidence on stage improved, and he entered a driving school. Following Maxim's lead and invitation, a brave newcomer Anna Shunkova told us she wanted to learn to plan her free time and visit her friends in the USA (watch the [video](#)); another initiative newcomer Dmitry Grafov revealed that he was proud of the company he started and of signing up for two Toastmasters clubs in Canada,



understandably, his plans are to earn much money and develop as a public speaker (watch the [video](#))... Speaking of our members, Nina Tsygankova, AC-B, shared with us that she was very pleased with her nomination in the Internet for a literature award and with herself doing morning exercises for half a year (watch the [video](#)). Impressed? The majority of the present were, and Nina was awarded the "Best table topics" of the meeting. Congratulations, Nina!



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Points:

Henry Norman, AC-S Toastmaster	3.8
Olga Dubovitskaya Invocation Master	3.2
Matt Lewis Word Master	3.7
Denis Shevchuk, CC, CL Joke Master	4.0
Dmitry Trapeznikov Speaker 1	4.0
Alexey Kravtsun Speaker 2	4.1
Nick Sapozhnikov, AC-B Speaker 3	4.0
Denis Shevchuk, CC, CL Personal Evaluator 1	4.0
Valentin Novikov, CC, CL Personal Evaluator 2	4.6
Natalya Sherstneva, AC-B Personal Evaluator 3	3.5
Alexander Shlegel General Evaluator	4.6
Maxim Tsvetov Table Topics Master	4.4
Meeting as a whole	4.1

Videos:

Dmitry Trapeznikov Speaker 1	The link
Alexey Kravtsun Speaker 2	The link
Denis Shevchuk, CC, CL Personal Evaluator 1	The link
Valentin Novikov, CC, CL Personal Evaluator 2	The link
Dmitry Trapeznikov Table Topics Speaker	The link
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Denis Shevchuk, CC, CL Table Topics Speaker	The link
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Alexey Kravtsun Table Topics Speaker	The link
Olga Dubovitskaya Table Topics Speaker	The link
Nina Tsygankova, AC-B The winner of Table Topics	The link

Our Birthdays!

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR DEAR FELLOW

Irina Chernyaga
December, 30th

Nick Sapozhnikov
January, 2nd

Alexey Eraskin
January, 3rd

Yanis Paus
January, 15th



Our next meeting is on January, 19th!

We will hear the project #1 by Elena Jakobi, project #3 from the adv. manual "Persuasive Speaking" by Nina Tsygankova, AC-B and an Educational Project by Margarita Ryndina, AC-S, CL.

See you soon!