



Dear Toastmasters!

Our last meeting was yet another experiment. **Igor Vinogradov** took the role of the **Toastmaster** for the first time and tried to implement some ideas that he borrowed from an American club, that he recently visited. This



meeting was a themed one and the topic was **“International Speech Contest Recap”**. Every activity on the meeting reinforced the subject and added another facet to it. Follow the newsletter for more details! Instead of formally introducing the speakers, Igor interweaved these introductions with the gists of the International Speech contestants’ speeches, making the meeting one continuous narration.

1. **Ekaterina Sidorenko** presented the **Invocation**, challenging us to improve our language skills every day, possibly, not only for the English! **Lilia Nurutdinova** presented the **Joke of the Day** in a very lively manner. The “Family competition” met appreciating laughs from the audience, so, if you missed it, don’t forget to check it at the end of this newsletter.

2. **Alexei Eraskin** reminded us that in every competition, there always are ‘rivals’ and made it the Word of the Day. There was a fierce rivalry at the tea-break for the subject of our first speaker’s speech.

*Quote of this issue:*

**“Whether you think you can, or think you can’t. You are right!”**

*Henry Ford*

3. **Valentin Novikov** presented his **3rd project** called **“Dubbel, Tripel, Kriek!”** about a little known topic -- Belgium beer. His speech was very vivid, more of a show, than a speech!



Valentin’s “support material” provoked cheers of appreciation and the speech itself was such a graphic picture of taste, smell, traditions of drinking different sorts of this beverage that public couldn’t help from trying beer during the tea-break. That was the rivalry time!

4. Our second speaker, **Nina Tsygankova**, **CTM** was delivering her **5th project** **“Speaking After Dinner”** from the advanced manual “The Entertaining Speaker”. Can you imagine someone giving an after dinner talk just



before the dinner? Well, those who were at the meeting saw that is possible. Moreover, Nina picked such an unusual topic and made her speech so masterfully, that one could have had it instead of a dinner!

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Although it was mostly a kind of entertaining talk, she managed to combine witty remarks, while addressing the global problem of the lack of food for population of the Earth.

5. Since Igor had monopolized the host's seat for the whole evening, our **General Evaluator** for this meeting, **Valeria Kulnevskaya**, had only a couple of minutes of stage time at the end of the meeting. It played a mean trick on her, because too few people gave her the evaluation. Igor continued narrating his International Speech Contest experiences, when he was introducing the evaluators.

### *Evaluations:*

6. **Mikhail Piskunov**, the Personal Evaluator for Valentin Novikov, pointed out the following:

- + *Enthusiastic delivery*
- + *Usage of supportive materials without using notes*
- + *Grabbing attention by rich body language and rhetorical questions*
- *Observed nervousness*

7. **Elena Filya**, the Personal Evaluator for Nina Tsygankova, picked out the following:

- + *Usage of images to help the audience follow the speech*
- + *Good structure*
- *Lack of confidence, when the right word didn't jump into the mind*
- *Noticeable pauses between the stories*

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9. **Table Topic** Discussion led by **Valeria Kholodkova, CC**, brought us back to an original tradition of debates. The participants were assigned the roles of a supporter or an opponent of an idea and had to defend their stand in a short



but convincing one-minute speech. The topic discussed were such up-to-date problems like hypnotism or cloning as well as humorous ones like pros and cons of the Martians landing on the Earth.

Again, this was a contest (very much in line with the topic of the meeting!), when the audience was divided into competing teams. The audience was very excited, you could almost sense the rivalry between the teams! **Ilya Volin** won this unusual Table Topic with an energetic protest against hypnotism!

**Our next meeting is on  
October, 1<sup>st</sup> !**

Next time we will hear three projects: two Ice Breakers by Evgenia Ganina and Irina Panteleeva and the second project by Natalia Narinyan.

It will be the girls' big day! ))

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## Points:

<b>Igor Vinogradov</b> (Toastmaster)	9.6
<b>Valentin Novikov</b> (Speaker 1)	9.4
<b>Nina Tsygankova, CTM</b> (Speaker 2)	9.5
<b>Mikhail Piskunov</b> (Personal Evaluator 1)	7.9
<b>Elena Filya</b> (Personal Evaluator 2)	9.4
<b>Valeria Kulnevskaya</b> (General Evaluator)	9.4
<b>Valeria Kholodkova, CC</b> (Table Topic Master)	9.5

## Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>!

Dear fellow Toastmasters and Guests!

What do you think about having an **additional meeting** on October 29<sup>th</sup>? Same place. Same time.

**New themes! More speaking opportunities!**



**1. Word of the Day**

To fill in a role, please, email [toastmasters\\_ru@yahoo.com](mailto:toastmasters_ru@yahoo.com)

## Educational News!

The main topic of the meeting will be **"The Leadership Track"**, with an opening speech by our VP Education - Valentin Novikov!

Those of you who would like to choose the Leadership Track or take it together with the Communication Track, **prepare your questions** to Valentin!

Those of you who do not have **Competent Leadership Manuals**, please, let the Executive Committee know! We have ordered a pack of 4 manuals from the TI Headquarters and you can get these books as soon as you need them!

## Joke of the meeting

Lying on his deathbed, the rich, miserly old man calls to his long-suffering wife. "I want to take all my money with me," he tells her. "So promise me you'll put it in the casket."

After the man dies, at the funeral his widow places a small metal box inside the coffin. Her best friend looks at her in horror. "Tell me you didn't put all your money in there," she says.

"I did promise him I would," the widow answers. "So I got it all together, deposited every penny in my account, and wrote him a check. If he can cash it, he can spend it."

By Lilia Nurutdinova