



Dear Toastmasters!

This meeting was as warm as a surprisingly warm Thursday in cold October. It was opened by the President of the club Valeria Kholodkova, CC, who told us about our achievements in fulfilling the **Distinguished Club Program**. We have already met THREE goals and have 5 more goals to fulfill to get the status of the **President Distinguished Club!** Let's go for it on our 20th year!

Valeria also mentioned the **Smedley Award** that our club got for adding the 5 new members in August and September! You can read about it in more detail on our official website – www.moscowfreespeaker.ru.

Every newcomer got the description of the roles to understand the whole process and the meeting started...

1. Inspirational **invocation** about personal development was delivered by **Denis Shevchuk**. He behaved as if he was very familiar with the performance in front of the audience. Good job, Denis, and we hope to hear your first project already on our next meeting!
2. The **Joke** was presented by another Denis – **Denis Timko**. A little bit more confidence and everything will be fine. Going through the manual you will learn all the techniques so we are waiting for your Ice Breaker too.

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Quote of this issue:

"The most precious things in speech are the pauses."

— *Sir Ralph Richardson*

3. **Victor Babichev** had agreed to take the role of the **Word Master** 2 hours before the meeting started. And he wrote the word 'LEAD' on the blackboard and all the idioms in order to let the audience to enrich their vocabulary.

4. The leader of the first part of the meeting was



Valeria Kulnevskaya.

It was her first role as a **Toastmaster**, and she handled it great. We saw a very careful preparation. Valeria suggested the theme of the first part which

was "Fashion" and it went very clearly and smoothly through the whole first part. Valeria introduced the participants in a thoughtful and interesting manner. For example she presented the grammarian, mentioning that the vocabulary of Ellochka Ljudoedka was very limited and it was enough for her, but not for us, so the grammarian of the meeting shall be carefully noticing our mistakes. Good job!

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5. The first speaker was

Lilia Nurutdinova with

the first project **“Ice**

Breaker”. Lilia told us

about herself, and we

found out a lot about

her character and

understood why she is

always smiling. She was confident and fluent.

Go ahead, Lilia!



7. The **General Evaluator**

of the meeting – **Olga**

Filimonova – handled her

job well, although she

picked up this role the

day before. Olga was very

attentive to all the

participants and gave

them positive and supportive evaluations



6. **Natalia Radaykina**

finally delivered her

second project

“Organize your

speech” and told us

about some events

from her life – visiting

live reconstruction of

the battle of “Borodino”, trip to Florida and the

recent football game between Russia and

Germany. And with all her enthusiasm she

managed to keep the audience listening carefully

till the very end. We are looking forward to

hearing your new projects!

Since there were only two speakers, there should

have been some extra time before the tea-break,

but Valeria managed to fill in all the time gaps.

Well done!

Evaluations:

8. **Alla Oganova, CC**, the Personal Evaluator for Lilia Nurutdinova, has given her appreciation without any acquaintance with a project in advance. This fact didn't prevent her from giving as great evaluation as great was Lilia's Ice Breaker:

+ *Lack of shyness;*

+ *Developing the idea of the speech (self-improvement) through a personal experience;*

+ *Good structure;*

+ *Use of the body language;*

+ *Goals are achieved;*

– *Introduction too long*

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9. **Mikhail Piskunov**, the Personal Evaluator for Natalia Radaykina, pointed out the following:

- + *Good structure;*
- + *Grabbing the audience's attention by rhetorical questions;*
- + *Using own experience to help audience to share the statements;*
- + *Strong conclusion;*
- *Use of accents and voice to be better.*

10. A Master of **Table Topic Discussion**, **Natalia**



Sherstneva, CC, led it in a classical way. She chose a topic, that was rather a plain at first blush, but still broad and full of aspects - 'Music'.

Many members took part and shared their opinions and feeling about music. We have heard about impressions of concerts, artists, about music as a resource for getting energy or relaxation. Music exists in everyone's life, so this discussion was quite a personal one and helped us to know each other better.

It was definitely her day! **Natalia Radaykina** won this Table Topic with the story about her likes for various types of music and one more interesting story from her personal experience!

Our next meeting is on October 29th!

The theme of the meeting is **85th Anniversary** of **Toastmasters International!**

We'll meet a guest from the USA – a Toastmasters Founder's District Area B4 Governor, and will hear two Ice-Breaking speeches by Ekaterina Sidorenko and Denis Shevchuk and the 11th advanced project from Serge Kuzin, AC-B!

Don't miss it!

Points:

Valeria Kulnevskaya <i>(Toastmaster)</i>	8.6
Lilia Nurutdinova <i>(Speaker 1)</i>	8.9
Natalia Radaykina <i>(Speaker 2)</i>	9.2
Alla Oganova <i>(Personal Evaluator 1)</i>	9.6
Mikhail Piskunov <i>(Personal Evaluator 2)</i>	8.0
Olga Filimonova <i>(General Evaluator)</i>	8.6
Natalia Sherstneva <i>(Table Topic Master)</i>	8.9



News!

Joke of the meeting:

Bill, Jim, and Scott were at a convention together and were sharing a large suite on the top of a 75 story sky scraper.

After a long day of meetings they were shocked to hear that the elevators in their hotel were broken and they would have to climb 75 flights of stairs to get to their room. Bill said to Jim and Scott, let's break the monotony of this unpleasant task by concentrating on something interesting. I'll tell jokes for 25 flights, and Jim can sing songs for 25 flights, and Scott can tell sad stories the rest of the way.

At the 26th floor Bill stopped telling jokes and Jim began to sing. At the 51st floor Jim stopped singing and Scott began to tell sad stories.

"I will tell my saddest story first," he said. "I left the room key in the car!"

By Denis Timko

Our Birthdays!



Our Warmest Congratulations to Our Dear Fellow:

TATIANA MELIKHOVA! (October 17th)

Apart from the big day of **October 22nd** – the **85th Anniversary of Toastmasters International** we have some other news as well!



We are glad to tell you that we have finally finished the renovation of our **website!** All sections are full and a number of some new sections have been added! Please take a look at your members' profile and if you have any blank fields there (email, picture or hobbies), please send us the missing information about you so that we can share it with our members! Also pay some attention to the **Penalties Section** (Club Program). We start this program from our next meeting! Be aware of that!

Please take a look at our website at www.moscowfreespeakers.ru and let us know what you like or dislike about it! We are open to your suggestions!