



**Dear Toastmasters!**

Women living in Russia are often considered to be the most beautiful, talented and successful in the world. And the women in our club are certainly the best among these! So it wasn't that great a surprise that the program of the meeting was dedicated to the tender part of our club and the upcoming International Women's day. Dear women, once again, congratulations with March, 8! You make this world better!

1. **Ivan Deryabin**, the **Invocation Master**, devoted some kind and grateful words to women. He also urged both men and women to not be afraid of creating families. At the end of his emotional speech Ivan shared his great news with us – about a week ago his daughter was born. Congratulations, Ivan!

2. Thanks to **Dmitry Chebotarevsky**, the **Toastmaster**, the meeting flowed smoothly. He started with a series of curious facts related to March, 8. Then each participant of the first half



of the meeting was introduced with specific comments and witty and humorous remarks after the role was implemented. Dmitry was a success as the host of the meeting, managing to gracefully bind parts of the meeting. Great job!

**Quote of this issue:**

**"Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition."**

— *Timothy Leary*

3. You can't help loving how responsibly **Mikhail Shihlenin**, the **Word Master**, prepared his role. He handed each participant a nicely made printout with the word of the day and it's meanings. The word was **"love"**, which lovely aligned with the theme of the meeting!

4. A representative of our dear women, **Nadine Voronich**, in her **Joke of the Day** told us about a funny episode from her life that took place when she worked in Australia. You can enjoy the whole story at the end of the newsletter.

5. And another one of our ladies was delivering her **Ice-Breaker**. In her speech **Tatyana Gladychева** told us about how she received her education in the USA. She told us that it wasn't at all easy for her, as she had to work and study at the



same time. She also shared some curiosities about American educational "customs": how it was considered normal for students and even teachers to have meals during a class, and how strict Americans are about cheating. All in all, Tatyana's Ice-Breaker was interesting and funny to listen to. Tatyana, congratulations with the lovely done project and becoming a full-fledged member of the club!

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6. Vladimir Chirkov, CC, one of the Toastmasters who's been the longest with our club, went on with the second part of his **4<sup>th</sup> advanced project** on Age Crisis. Vladimir told us a very emotional, though a bit too bitter a story about a man and a woman.



It was obvious that the topic was very dear to Vladimir's heart and he put a lot of effort into preparing his project.

7. Do you like coffee?



**Ilya Volin**, obviously, loves it. That was, probably, why Ilya chose coffee as the theme of his **3<sup>rd</sup> project**. He told us about the history of coffee and how it grows. He also showed us how it was best to drink it

and promised to bring some more at one of our meetings to give the members a treat.

We do remember your promise, Ilya:)

8. This time the **General Evaluator** of the meeting was **Denis Shevchuk**. In line with the topic of the meeting, he asked us which gender was considered strong. He said that all his life he was taught that men were the strong gender. But what he sees today is different: women do the same as men and they also can give birth to men! He also mentioned that what he likes about the ladies in the club is that he had never seen us smoking and that he can turn his head in any direction and see beautiful ladies! Then...



There was a big surprise!!! Denis congratulated all the ladies in the club with **March, 8** by giving each of them a rose and telling what he especially liked about each lady that he congratulated!

Denis remembered the name of each woman and guest in the club and he pointed out what he likes the most in each of the ladies! Thank you, Denis, for this wonderful congratulation! We're sure that everyone in the club will remember this wonderful and unexpected congratulation for the rest of her (and his) life! 😊



### Evaluations:

9. After congratulating all the ladies, Denis began the evaluation. He welcomed **Alla Oganova**, the Personal Evaluator of Tatyana Gladysheva. Alla gave a rich evaluation of Tatyana's Ice-Breaker:

- + *ability to speak before the audience;*
- + *interesting information about education in the US;*
- + *friendly manner of speaking, no nervousness at all;*
- *not distinct structure.*

10. The Personal Evaluator of Vladimir Chirkov's project #4 was **Elena Filya**, our *Best Personal Evaluator of 2009*. She pointed out the following:

- + *good style, very polite way of speaking;*
- + *very nice jokes and sweet words;*
- *very long sentences which made it difficult to recognize the wonderful humor that Vladimir used;*
- *no eye-contact with the audience;*
- *quiet way of speaking, not really showing emotions.*

11. The third evaluating section was given by **Valeria Kholodkova, CC, CL** - the PE of Ilya Volin's project:

- + *visuals, turning off the light, so as to see better, good technical preparation;*
- + *quite slow;*
- *no vocal variety;*
- *a lot of pauses which made it hard to stay with Ilya's speech.*

12. **Alexey Eraskin** was the **Table Topic Master**. It was the first time that he performed this role, but he did it really well! He started by congratulating all the ladies of our club with the **March, 8**.



He said that without women there would be no fun. Then he began to ask us questions dedicated to women and the celebration of March, 8 in our country.

We had the possibility to answer to such questions as: "What do women want?", "What was the best celebration of March, 8 in our life?", "What do we think about this celebration?", etc. We also had the possibility to participate in small imaginary situations, which made the discussion very lively and engaging!

And the winner of these Table Topics became our guest from Finland – Ann-Sofie – who made a funny romantic story about million roses right on the spot! Congratulations!

**Our next meeting is on March, 18<sup>th</sup>!**

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This time you'll have a unique opportunity to see the performance of the first three manual projects. We will open up with the Ice-Breaker by Alexey Kravtsun, continue with the 2<sup>nd</sup> project by Dmitry Chebotarevsky and on the desert we're going to listen to the 3<sup>rd</sup> project by Valeria Kulnevskaya!

Apart from that, check the agenda on the website and you'll be amazed what an experienced team is going to hold the meeting! You, definitely, wouldn't want to miss that!

**See you soon!**

### **Points:**

<b>Dmitri Chebotarevsky</b> <i>(Toastmaster)</i>	<b>8.8</b>
<b>Tatyana Gladychева</b> <i>(Speaker 1)</i>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Vladimir Chirkov, CC</b> <i>(Speaker 2)</i>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Ilya Volin</b> <i>(Speaker 3)</i>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>Alla Oganova, CC</b> <i>(Personal Evaluator 1)</i>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Elena Filya</b> <i>(Personal Evaluator 2)</i>	<b>8.9</b>
<b>Valeria Kholodkova, CC, CL</b> <i>(Personal Evaluator 3)</i>	<b>9.8</b>
<b>Denis Shevchuk</b> <i>(General Evaluator)</i>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Alexey Eraskin</b> <i>(Table Topics Master)</i>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Meeting as a whole</b>	<b>8.6</b>

## **News!**

**Dear Toastmasters!**

1. The **Ice-Breaking Party** is almost here! )) This Thursday, **March 11<sup>th</sup>**, we are gathering together to have a lot of fun and talking!

Nice toasts, welcoming miniatures, quizzes and lots of smiling and laughing will be waiting for you at **7 pm** in a restaurant in the city center!

The place is kept secret until Wednesday evening and will be announced only to those who have signed up!



So if you haven't yet, hurry up! Soon it will be too late and we might not find a room for you!

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2. And once again we are reminding you that we are collecting our **Semi-annual membership dues!** It's **660 rubles** and the deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>!

So if you plan to participate actively in our Club's life for the next 6 months, then do not forget to pay for your membership and give the money to either Valeria Kholodkova or Valentin Novikov at an Ice-Breaking Party or during our next meeting!

### ***Joke of the meeting:***

#### **"Bowling and wine"**

One funny and curious case has happened to me. I worked in Australia. Before Christmas we had a party in the Bowling Center. About 50 people from our company were allocated among the 10 bowling stripes. I was lucky to find myself in one team with our chief executive officer (president). After the first 10 minutes of usual game we had a humorous competition.

There are two people from each stripe. One of the players should stay straddling the legs in line of the bowling shuttle. Other player should throw the ball between the legs of the partner.

The captain of the game chose the president and me from our team. It made everyone laugh to look at us. One, two, three and... Strike!

All ten pins down on the first ball!!! We won. And we were awarded with two glasses of Australian red wine.

After this I felt giddy. Maybe success had turned my head. Most probably it was the wine.

Next game started. I took the ball and threw, listening behind me – "Stop, wait!" But it was too late. The ball collided with the bowling shutters when they were going to be opened.

Fortunately the shutters weren't broken. Financial officer gave a sigh of relief. And president said me: «Wow! It's engineering estimation». In last game I was the winner.

*By Nadine Voronich*



### ***Our Birthdays!***

**OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR DEAR FELLOW**

**Yury Voropaev (March 9<sup>th</sup>)**