



The French Toast

The newsletter for the Europeans Toastmasters Club n° 8018
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Opening

Club President **Paolo G.** opens the evening, welcomes everyone and introduces our guests: **Abdelmounaim**, **Alain M.** (who was once a Toastmaster in South Africa), **Josiane** (coming for the second time), **Lupita** (from OECD TM club), **Marc** (from TM 75 and Speech Masters, a frequent visitor), **Olivier** (coming for the third time and ready to join us), and **Yamina**. He explains that this evening will be special since it features the two fall contests: Table Topics and Humorous Speech.

Vice President Membership **Lenny** talks briefly about the mentoring program and distribute a short survey which will give him information on existing mentors and mentees. Did you give it back to him?

The meeting

Dan is the toastmaster of the evening. He explains to our guests what will happen during the meeting, then calls the first contest master: **Ivo**.

Table Topics contest



The question asked to each contestant is the following: "*Can you explain why and how all our clothes this winter will be orange at Toastmasters?*"

Michel: "Orange is visible, it is also the colour of a big telephone company; it will help us promote Toastmasters."

Peter: "Orange is an autumn colour and I suppose we are too lazy to change colour for each season: let's stick with orange for the whole year!"

Sean: "Orange is a beautiful colour; it reflects something bright, cheerful, fruity, and positive. Let's fight the drabness of dark winter wearing orange, which will be representative of our club's spirit!"

Alice: "This winter is going to be very cold! Let's start knitting warm clothes, come to my knitting courses and I will teach you!"

Alain: "I didn't fully understand your question, sorry!" And then he chose to wear red clothes to be more visible.

Paolo: "Orange makes me think of the Buddhist monks - even small children - who wear orange clothes, a symbol for a strong community. Let's choose this colour to show our Toastmasters strength!"

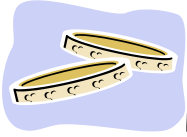
Humorous speech contest led by Contest Master Paolo G.



Pamela "*Jerry told me to come here!*" plays Sweetie, a blonde bimbo who has joined a TM club to please a guy she met and who told her she had to improve her talking.



Sean "Smell me!" talks about body odours and society. He recommends in conclusion: "Take care of your hygiene, get feedback from your loved ones, eat the proper food and put on some fragrance, deodorant and good perfume!"



Peter: "O tempora, O mores!" speaks about society changes regarding sex: the way we don't have a lover or a spouse anymore, but a "partner", the way it becomes easier and easier to change your sex etc.

Odile was the chief judge for both contests. **Patrick** served as sergeant at arms during the Table Topics contest. **Lupita** from OECD was the one showing the colour cards, the second timekeeper was **Lenny**. For the table topics contest the judges were **Christian, Philippe P., Paolo B., Teddy and Pamela**. For the humorous speech contest the judges were **Christian, Philippe P., Paolo B.; Teddy and Alain**. **Lupita** helped the chief judge count the judges' ballots.

Contest Results



Table Topics contest
3rd place winner **Alice**
2nd place winner **Sean**
1st place winner **Paolo G.**

Humorous Speech contest
Winner: **Pamela**
(One contestant went overtime and was disqualified).

Dan conducts then an impromptu Table Topics session to give all those who haven't spoken the opportunity to do so. **Christian, Philippe B., Paolo B., Teddy, Patrick, Lenny** plus **Lupita** and **Alice** answer a question about clothes they would sell if they had a shop.

Closing

Lupita from OECD TM CLUB made an announcement regarding our **area contests** to be held on Saturday **October 18 from 13:45 to 17:45, 104 rue de Vaugirard 75006 Paris, Camelias - Forum 104**. **Paolo G.** and **Sean** will represent the Europeans for the Table Topics contest. **Pamela** will be our contestant for the Humorous Speech.

Before closing the meeting, President **Paolo G.** reminded us of **Division A (North France) conference** which will take place on **November 15th**: the two organizing clubs are Expressions and the Europeans, and help is wanted: please volunteer to take a role!

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