

BONN INTERNATIONAL TOASTMASTERS

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Lighting the way together

In the warmth of the long summer days, BIT holds meetings in the open air whenever possible. September 25th will be our last outdoor meeting this year in the Rheinaue. As the seasons are changing, and as we begin to spend more time indoors, we'll bring the energy of the outdoors inside.

We've already enjoyed a group hike together (see below). And don't miss our upcoming special "Tree" meeting on October 2nd, with speeches to learn about and celebrate the role of trees in our lives.

Navigating your personal growth and engagement with BIT

When you become a Toastmaster member, there are two digital platforms you should be using regularly. Here's a quick summary of what each of these is for:

BaseCamp (toastmasters.org): Here, you will choose your "Learning Pathway" (there's a [Pathways training](#) Oct 14th) and work through your individual learning/speech projects to earn your levels.

EasySpeak (tmclub.eu): This is how you let the group know you'll be attending meetings and sign up for roles in the meetings. If you want to give a speech that you're working on in BaseCamp, you use EasySpeak to find a date to give the speech.

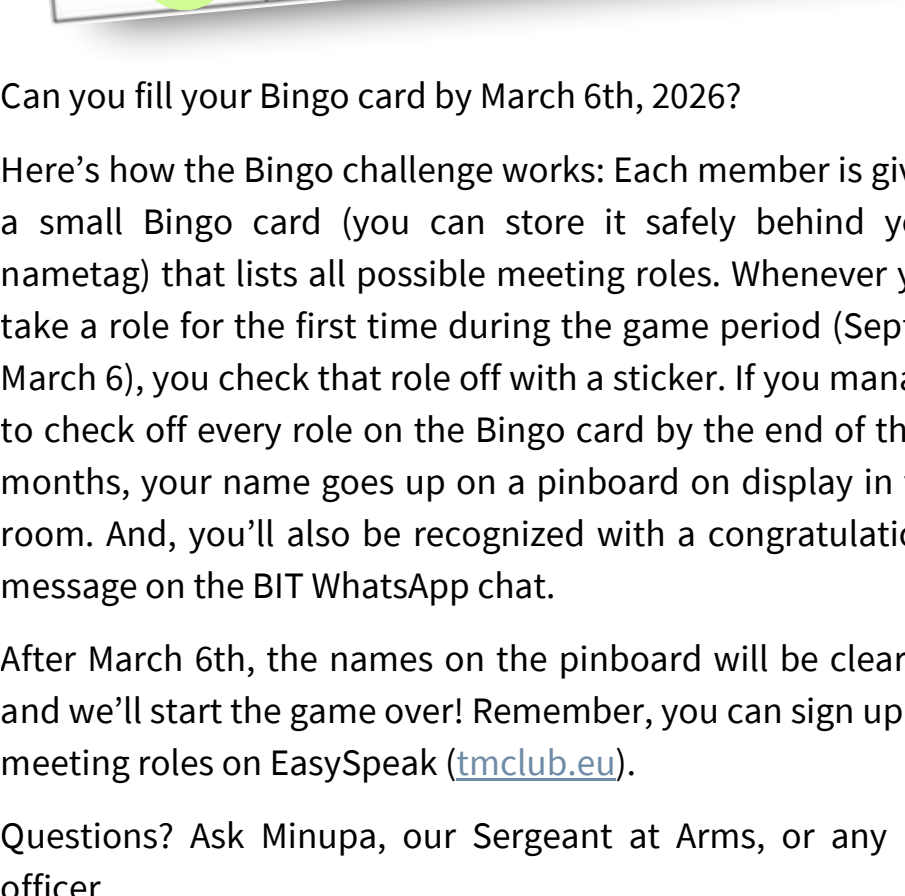
Questions? Ask Svetlana, our VP Education, or any BIT officer!

Toastmasters on the Trail

On September 20th, a group of fit Toastmasters took to the woods together to enjoy the open skies, fresh air, and, of course, prepared and spontaneous speeches.



BIT Bingo: expanding your meeting role repertoire



Can you fill your Bingo card by March 6th, 2026?

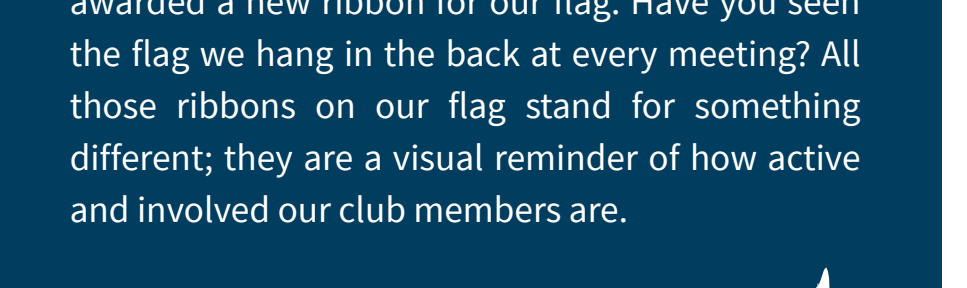
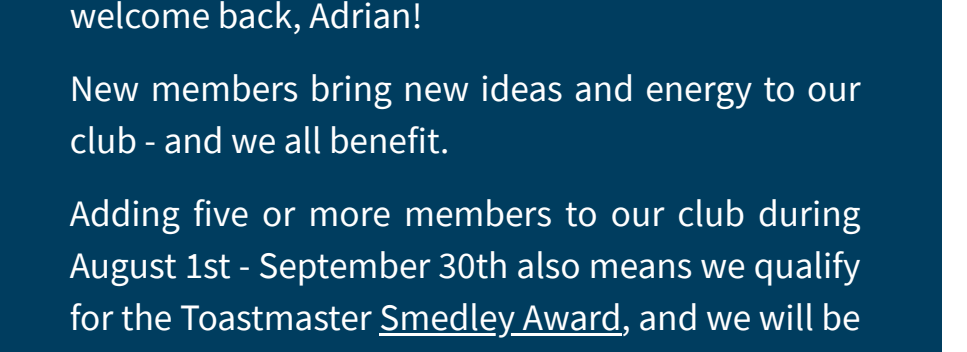
Here's how the Bingo challenge works: Each member is given a small Bingo card (you can store it safely behind your nametag) that lists all possible meeting roles. Whenever you take a role for the first time during the game period (Sept 4-March 6), you check that role off with a sticker. If you manage to check off every role on the Bingo card by the end of the 6 months, your name goes up on a pinboard on display in the room. And, you'll also be recognized with a congratulations message on the BIT WhatsApp chat.

After March 6th, the names on the pinboard will be cleared, and we'll start the game over! Remember, you can sign up for meeting roles on EasySpeak (tmclub.eu).

Questions? Ask Minupa, our Sergeant at Arms, or any BIT officer.



***"The art of communication is the language of leadership."* —James Humes**



We been living up the weekly winner photo shoot with group jump action shots. You'll see a lot of them on our social media.

6 new BIT members since July!

A warm welcome to our newest BIT members: Kristina, Jyoti, Sushil, Samudra, Jaidev. And welcome back, Adrian!

New members bring new ideas and energy to our club - and we all benefit.

Adding five or more members to our club during August 1st - September 30th also means we qualify for the Toastmaster Smedley Award, and we will be awarded a new ribbon for our flag. Have you seen the flag we hang in the back at every meeting? All those ribbons on our flag stand for something different; they are a visual reminder of how active and involved our club members are.

Surprise of the Day

Are you up for a little surprise? At each week's regular meeting, a daring member is asked to volunteer for a small challenge. They are presented with a handful of wooden popsicle sticks, each with a different topic written on them. The member can either choose the one they like best or surprise us all and pull a random one. The following week, the member gives a 2-minute presentation on the chosen topic. It's a great opportunity to get practice preparing a short speech.



The Toastmaster Promise

"As a member of Toastmasters International and my club, I promise..."

Did you know that Toastmaster members around the globe follow a set of guidelines for how to interact? From attending meetings regularly to maintaining a friendly environment to acting with respect and excellence, these guidelines set the tone that makes Toastmasters an inclusive and safe space to learn and grow. You can read the [Toastmaster Promise here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminders:

Membership is paid twice per year: October - March and April - September. Please make sure to pay your dues by the end of September; if you have authorized us to automatically withdraw your payment, you should see the withdrawal on your account in September.

Opportunities to grow and connect:

- **30 Sept:** All BIT members are invited to join us for a group visit to the [Aachen Toastmaster club](#). Our Aachen colleagues are organising an XXL table topic for some extra fun together.
- **2 Oct:** Don't miss this special meeting where we'll be learning about and celebrating TREES.
- **14 Oct:** Pathways training online 8-10pm with Andrea Hoffman, Pathways Lead in District 95. Learn more and [register here](#).
- **23 Oct:** Special meeting location - UN campus, 29th floor, celebrating United Nations Day (24 October), marking 80 years since the birth of the UN. Advance registration required. More details to come.
- **30 Oct:** Come in costume (optional) for our Halloween Spooky Stories meeting

BIT Officers 2025-26

Every July, a new team of volunteer BIT officers begins their year-long journey to nurture and grow the club. Are you interested in volunteering next year? Talk to the current officers to learn more.

Current officers (left to right) :

Aastha (VP Public Relations), **Kelly** (Secretary), **Minupa** (Sergeant at Arms), **Monica** (President), **Jörg** (Treasurer), **Patrick** (VP Membership), **Svetlana** (VP Education)

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