

No mention of Steinhour

We here at the Natta felt that Peter Steinhour has had a pretty good run in terms of coverage - there have been many issues of the Natta in which he's gotten a mention, and a few in recent times that have been dedicated almost entirely to him. So it seems only fair to the rest of the people in the club, that we redirect our attention from this irreverent and intriguing individual, and give some other members some well-deserved exposure. What this means of course that this issue of the Natta make no mention of Peter Steinhour, except of course for the odd mention here or there, where it would seem silly to replace his name with something else. Imagine if the headline read "No mention of <blank>"—now that would be silly.

So with that out of the way - let's get down to business.

Last Thursday night saw a stellar turnout for the Parramatta Toastmasters edition of the International Speech Contest. A heavy-weight line-up and an air of great expectation both lent to an evening of top class entertainment.

The evening did not open with the contest, there was a little unrelated, but nevertheless important activity first.

The Chairman I's seat was filled by the inimitable Michael Said, who in a shocking break with tradition, elected to carry out his role 'seated'. This was never going to be a popular move, and the united voices of dissent were loud and rapid in their response; Michael stood up.

The next 20 mins saw a cornucopia of (well...a few) little (in time, but big in delivery) assignments – including Steven Cox's first inspirational and Joan Abela's toast to the Citizens of the world. Demians Table Topic session, was anything but little (in time or in scope). Demian, after splitting the room into an 'affirmative' group and a 'negative' group, led a debate on whether as *citizens of the world* we had "outgrown our borders".

Speakers were selected in turn from each of the opposing sides, and given a point of argument to which to speak. It was an electric session that showcased a heated, sophisticated and inspiring level of debate, with the sophistication perhaps best illustrated with Elizabeth Wilsons argument – "one-world is la-la-land...get off your medication". The contest ended however as everyone expected – with the team that had Peter Steinhour on its side finishing victorious.

As good as the first half of the meeting was, it was always just a supporting act for the evening's main event – the (local) International Speech Contest.

The line-up of contestants included such heavy-hitters as David



World class acts—David Griffiths, Alicia Denis and Kirsten Linklater accepting their trophies and awards at last Thursday nights *International Speech Contest* at Parramatta Toastmasters club

Griffiths, Alicia Denis and Kirsten Linklater – a few up-and-coming contenders like Lyndal Eager and Mike Stein, and the speeches proved to be as diverse in content as they were in delivery. Despite impressive performances across the board, it was David Griffiths who would hold aloft the big trophy—a huge congratulations to Dave. We will be keeping a close on him as he moves to the Area contest and onwards!!

Our second and third place getters on the evening were Alicia Denis and Kirsten Linklater respectively.

The full list of contestants as follows: David Griffiths, John Bright, Alicia Denis, Lyndal Eager, Jeeven Jayanathan, Kirsten Linklater, John Nichols, Ferdie Oosterhoff, Peter Steinhour, Mike Stein, Sam Ekinici.



When too much is not enough—the many faces of Peter Steinhour

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Parramatta Toastmasters invites you to join us for our Christmas Meeting

On: Thursday 16th December, 6:30 PM

At: The Linden Room, Parramatta RSL.

Cost: \$25

This is a catered event, to reserve your meal* & seat RSVP eso@parramattatm.org.au by Thursday 9th December.

This year we are asking you to give a donation to the George Gregan Foundation so please bring a gold coin or a note to add to our collection box on the night.

*Vegetarian meal available advise when you RSVP.

Parramatta Toastmasters - Club 2274

Meeting Details

Parramatta Toastmasters meet fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, in the Linden Room of the Parramatta RSL.

6pm for a 6:30pm start

Dinner is available during the meeting
Guests and visitors are always welcome

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