



Kirisha receiving her CC Badge

Fostering Excellence

We had a great welcoming from our new President, Sam Ekinci, telling us why our club excels at everything we do.

The new executive committee were also settling into the concept of “fostering excellence” in their new roles. Even our new Sergeant at Arms, Christine Pizzuti, had already achieved so much – there was an inventory prepared of the kitbag, bookings in place for future meetings, a new timer, stop watch and flashcards purchased. Excellent work, Christine – we welcome you as our new Sergeant at Arms!

We already know that District 70 has the best website thanks to efforts of our own Gary Wilson. Gary is also the Webmaster for the term 2011/2012.

Our Chairman 1 of the evening, Ingrid Hoppe, set the tone of the evening telling us to be a good toastmaster you need to put your hand up for everything! Ingrid commented that all the visitors, and there were 13 of them, favoured one side of the room to the other and surmised that the toastmasters on the favoured side had the nicest faces.

Gary Wilson gave us an inspirational on excellence and spoke about the recent State of Origin game and mentioned the two teams were a wonderful standard of excellence.

Ian Lipski conducted “Did you Know?” he told us of things we didn’t know ... no 2 cornflakes look the same, reindeer’s like banana’s whilst rabbits like licorice.

Toast by Nirish was to the epitome of excellence in the Toastmasters culture.

Savvy Elizabeth Wilson provided excellence as the Table Topic Master – “Fostering Holiday Excellence”. Speakers had to select a mode of transport and a budget in order to be travel agents selling holiday idea destinations to us ranging in price from millions of dollars to zero dollars. Travelling on foot, by bus, bike, plane, car, motor home, helicopter, camel, limo and hot air balloon. It provided us with lots of fun and innovative ideas from the speakers.

Remember: Speechcraft begins on 19 July 2011 - if you can help out and are available please contact Ron Marriott

District 70

Parramatta Toastmasters

GOSS: Christine Pizzuti held her first fully initiated and curated photographic exhibition at Pine Street Creative Arts Centre Gallery, titled ‘Urban Constructs Photographic Exhibition’ on July 1 2011, at Pine Street, Creative Arts Centre Gallery, Chippendale Sydney – several Parramatta Toastmaster’s attended. Any Toastmaster would ask – “Did Christine meet her goals and expectations?” - “Yes” would be the answer. Fantastic photo’s Christine!

More Parra Natta Natters

Congratulations to:

A very humble John Taylor who received the District Toastmaster of the Year 2011 Award and vivacious Wendy Nielsen was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Sam for her contribution as Chairman for the District 70 Change Over Committee. She was shocked and said "to further yourself as a Toastmaster you need to go outside of your comfort zone".

The business session was as hot as the jar of chillies Chairman Michael Said was devouring with his dinner (thanks to Ian Chick). He held up well during the Motion given by Wendy to have Ian Chick wear a Red Hat at each meeting. The motion was asked to be amended to "wear a pink cape", needless to say the whole motion got scrapped. Highlights were when Ron, as General Evaluator, challenged Sam to use better grammar, saying he was not to say any more "you's" or drool out "talkin".

Oops

Gary Wilson managed to make our Wendy very red faced (matched the red hat!) when he revealed that Wendy, in her enthusiasm, said she "would pass a motion tonight" Gary suggested that it would be better for her to "move the motion tonight".

Cool man, Steve Cox as the Larfmaster, managed to make us all laugh when he told us how to have a simple picnic, "bring everything you own, then make 3 trips from the car to the picnic blanket!"

Ian Chick, our Toastmaster warmly welcomed each of the great speakers for the evening.

Speeches

John Bright was first up telling us about a recent walk he went on. He trekked along Kanangra Wall with a 15 kg pack into the bush, he had to 'back track on the back track to get back'. Shame his old 13 yr old Ford broke down but he did manage to sell it to the tow truck driver!

Jeeven told us about "Cloud Solution for Small Businesses" and conducted his speech as a talk show radio discussion with the help of John Said.



SPECIAL INFORMATION:

- If you require the use of a projector Parramatta Toastmasters have one on call – please give 48 hours notice and contact our Sergeant at Arms – Christine Pizzuti – email: saa@parramattatm.org.au
- There are resources available from the Club Library, - books and cassettes - please check out our club website to view what's available to help you

**EMAIL OR RING IF YOU CAN'T
ATTEND A MEETING!**

More Parra Natta Natters

Speeches (cont)

Easy going, easy flowing talker, Toastmaster Kirisha gave us her own rendition of how to “Seek Yourself” she told us to use our own uniqueness, use our own qualities. She also got us to look into our neighbour’s eyes to see their uniqueness.

Kirisha also received her CC Badge – congratulations!!

Strong speaker Alicia Dennis had everyone’s attention as she talked about “The Gift that Keeps on Giving” she told us hard work is an attitude and that she teaches her kids to give her the solution, not the problem.

Evaluations were given by:

John Nicholls on John Bright – entertaining, Sueben on Jeevan well researched, Demian on Kirisha ‘relaxed not pushy’ and John Taylor on Alicia said she ‘purses her lips’

AND THE WINNERS WERE:

Stephen for Table Topics
Kirisha for Best Speech
Demien for Best Evaluator

Our guests for the evening were:

Kerrie Scarpellino – friend of John Nichols
Shoka
Yan
Helen
Arlene
Ivana – Suzanne’s niece
Daniella – enrolled for Speechcraft Course
David – wants to do Speechcraft
Elle
David
Plus ex-speechcraft students:
Badra
Mark
Monique

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THE MERRIER – WELCOME !**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMING EVENTS

Table Topics Contest – 21 July 2011 – this will be a fun filled evening, come along to join in this special event.

Special Theme Night 'Viva Las Vegas' on 18 August 2011 – in honour of David Griffiths who will be in Las Vegas competing in the international speech contest and for those of us that can't join him there, this will be a fantastic evening full of fun, excitement and surprises. Plus we will be dressing up for the evening – more information will be issued closer to the event, stay tuned

Humourous Speech Contest – 1 September 2011, any member seeking to register as a contestant please email Linda Snalam, VPE at vpe@parramatta.org.au as soon as possible.

PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS

Meet fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd

Thursdays of each month , in the Linden
Room of the Parramatta RSL. 6pm for a
6.30 pm start. Dinner is available during the
meeting. Guests and visits are always
welcome.

Come along and enjoy a great night of
learning and entertainment.

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