



*Toastmasters International,  
Where Leaders are Made*

*We are always very pleased to welcome our guests and encourage them to come back and see us again and for some to join our Speechcraft Course (for details see our website at [www.parramattatm.org.au](http://www.parramattatm.org.au) – Short Courses) and others to join our Toastmasters Club or one nearer to their home.*

District 70  
Parramatta Toastmasters

Special thank you this week goes to a well balanced Suzanne Berkeley for doing a great job as Club Treasurer. Every meeting Suzanne takes the dinner orders and ensures members and guests are looked after as well as ensuring she has collected the correct money from everybody. Well done Suzanne, thank you!

*Theme: “Horsing Around”*

## Meeting No. 1192

Meeting 1191 commenced at 6.30 pm.

With a strong grip, **Christine Pizzuti**, Sargeant At Arms lead us safely into our stalls, ready to start on time. She was securely seated in her saddle for the evening’s events.

Guests and Toastmasters were given a very warm welcome by **Sam Ekinici**, our President. Sam took us through our paces and told us whilst we were all out to win to have fun along the way. He also mentioned that a contester in today’s Melbourne Cup, Niwot spelt backwards spelt Towin.

**Linda Snalam**, Vice President Education, trotted us through the program, telling us who were scratched from the evenings events.

First out of the stalls as Chairman 1 was a very enthusiastic **Michelle Hunt**. With a bit of neighing and the use of her stirrups, Michelle got right into introducing the Welcome.

**Steven Cox** galloped right up and opened the floodgates with a terrific Welcome to stallions, mares and some of the slower Clydesdales in the ring.

Did You Know that **David King** calls himself the “water boy” and that water expands when it freezes. David told us lots of facts about pure water that not many of us yearling’s knew about. Wonder if he ever fetched water for horses?

**Suben Subenthiran** galloped up at the last minute to give us the Inspirational. Suben told us the story of ‘3 Foot Deep’ by Napoleon Hill. Don’t give up, keep going and you can win the race. Thanks Suben for a very encouraging inspirational. **To read more about his inspirational please see page 9 of this issue.**

# *Horsing Around - Saddle up for more fun*

The Toast by **Michael Said** was given by someone who knows about horses. The Toast was certainly not sugary.

**Linda Clark**, Table Topics Master put forth some very interesting questions which nearly made some speakers buck. She soon whipped them into shape. Well done Linda!

Up and running was **Ian Chick** with the first question about what he would wear to be the dressed winner on Ladies Day – Ian, although not a filly, said it would be the lady wearing only a hat and no clothes. Poor Ian met with a bit of snorting and foot stamping from some mares in the arena.



Ian Chick said hat only, no clothes.

**Amanda Sue** (Speechcrafter) bit the bridle and told us that she doesn't like horses used for human gain (betting). Some of us feel the same Amanda.

Many thanks to **Suben Subenthiran** whose photographs are used in this issue of the Parra Natta.

If you have a contribution or article for the Parra Natta please email Barbara Beveridge, VPPR – [vppr@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:vppr@parramattatm.org.au)

## **SPECIAL INFORMATION:**

- If you require the use of a projector Parramatta Toastmasters have 1 on call – please give 48 hours notice and contact our Sergeant at Arms – Christine Pizzuti – email: [saa@parramattatm.org.au](mailto: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
- Please be sure to read the minutes of our club meeting which can be found at <http://www.parramattatm.org.au/introducting club.htm>.

**REMEMBER TO BRING ALONG YOUR CL MANUAL TO EVERY MEETING**

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

## *Horsing Around - more events in the arena*

Next out was **David Griffiths** with details about a crime he committed. He told us a witty ditty about scams happening here in Sydney this year for Melbourne Cup and not at Flemington VIC. This probably had something to do with the airline strikes, eh David.



David and his scam in Sydney

Cantering up to the lectern was **Michael Said**, telling us why the Melbourne Cup should have an international flavor – biggest event of the year it just had to be international.



Melbourne Cup - International

Whipping up a storm was **Suben Subenthiran** who came last in the Melbourne Cup as a horse. This was due to the fact that when Suben arrived in Australia he had no idea what the Melbourne Cup was. He was actually dumbfounded by the fact that it was a public holiday in Victoria!



Holiday in Victoria for Melbourne Cup Day

## *Horsing Around - getting closer to the main event!*

**Liz McPhee** (Speechcrafter) got pulled up to tell us how it felt to be a winning horse celebrity. Liz didn't hesitate to get into the race and explained that all she really wanted to be was a horse. Not a winning horse, not a horse celebrity, just a horse grazing in the pasture. If only life were that simple Liz!



Liz McPhee wanting to be a horse in the pasture

**Helen Yan** (Speechcrafter) frolicked up to tell us if she won a million dollars what she would do with it. Helen confidentially told us that she would travel, do good deeds for society and improve poor people's living conditions. She then added that \$1,000,000.00 was really not that much! May not be much Helen but I am sure we would all like to win it!



One million dollars

To tell us about a horsing around incident that went wrong was **Sam Ekinici**. Sam told us that the fillies were on one side and the studs on the other. They drank too much and the studs started to fight over the fillies. It was a case of too much celebration and ended up with the fillies partying on their own. Go fillies!



Who spiked the water girls?

## *Horsing Around - much more horsing around...*

Last, but still a winner , was **Steven Cox** who had to reveal something really, really funny. This question was right up the winning lane for Steven who told us that someone forgot to take the final picture of the Melbourne Cup. This led to complete chaos as to who won, as it was a neck to neck situation. Needless to say, some amateur photographer got the winning shot. Very comical – not a bit lame Steve.



Nose to nose photograph

Galloping hoofs all round, that was an excellent Table Topics Session. Well done every speaker and to our Horsing Around Celebrity – Linda Clark as Table Topic Master.

Thank you to the Evaluators – **Wendy Nielsen**, a fine little filly for the odd numbered speakers and **Ron Marriott**, not quite a Clydesdale, for the even number speakers. Both evaluators gave wonderful, effective in depth recommendations and commendations to the herd of speakers.



## *Horsing Around - nearly half way ...*

A very well mastered rider took over the Chair as Chairman 2 , **Robyn Peck**. Robyn handled her role with pizzazz and took a masterly, firm horse trainers roll in getting us through the Motion.

Thanks to **David Griffiths** our General Evaluation for the evening. David gave great training advice to Toastmasters. He also mentioned that a great opening leads way to a great Toastmasters Meeting. He congratulated **Sam Ekinici** for delivering a fantastic Melbourne Cup Day opening. Well done everyone! You are all winners here at Parramatta Toastmasters Club!

Previous winner, **Ian Chick** acted as Parliamentarian. Ian said that Robyn did a grand job as Chairman 2, she was well organised and set the rules down clearly and concisely.



Excellent job done by all Toastmasters in their roles this evening

Internet whizz kid, **Melanie Griffiths** provided us with some horsey humour as Larf Master this evening.



Ha, ha, ha!

### **Special Welcome to visitors for Meeting No. 1192- 3 November 2011**

**Raj Anantharaman** – first time visitor

**Paul Adams** – second time visitor

**Queenie Liu** – first time visitor

**Daniel Tucker** – Toastmaster Happy Hunters Hill, Concord West and Western Gourmet, frequent visitor

**Amanda Sue** – Current Speechcrafter

**Liz McPhee** – Current Speechcrafter

**Wayne Seth** – Current Speechcrafter

**Helen Yan** – Current Speechcrafter



**WE LOVE GUESTS – INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

**Come along and enjoy a night at Toastmasters. Where you can have a meal and relax. You may even learn something along the way!**



## *Horsing Around - Coming in for the final stretch*

Well spoken **Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram** acted as Toastmaster tonight. She very carefully introduced all the speakers and told us about what we had to imagine and successfully set the scene for us. Fantastic job as usual little filly!

The gates were opened and out came the horses .....

**Speaker 1: Peter Steinhour** - with: 'A Land Sale' – Peter very nicely set us up as prospective buyers of industrial land. He almost convinced us we needed to move to a more wonderful location where we could have the Toastmasters Clubhouse of our dreams. Peter drove this speech carefully with lots of research. Peter knew he was a winner with his sales pitch and expert advice.



Peter Steinhour selling industrial land

**Speaker 2: Mark Pankhurst** - and 'Love of Horses' . What a great story about brumbies and some of Australiana. Mark also recited a wonderful Banjo Paterson poem to emphasise his love of horses. Great speech Mark!



Wild Brumbies

**Speaker 3: Christine Pizzuti** - Title: 'Language Learning'.

Once again Christine gave a wonderful speech. Christine spoke with enthusiasm and confidence as she really knew her topic. She told us to take the plunge and learn a language. Hmm maybe Spanish for me! Excellent speech Christine.



Christine Pizzuti loves Linguistics

**Speaker 4: Lyndal Eager** – with 'Just Do It' .

Lyndal provided us with a reality check, better than box office seats at the Melbourne Cup. She told us and showed us how to use an Epipen to save someone's life. David Griffiths had the honour of stabbing Lyndal Eager's orange and grapefruit on several occasions. Lyndal rejected Barbara Beveridge's offer to assist obviously preferring a stallions touch to that of a filly!



Learning how to use an Epipen correctly can help save someone's life

A winning job was done by all the evaluators for the speakers. Great effort by **Ian Lipski, Barbara Beveridge, Simon Chhoeu and John Taylor.**

All evaluators gave a fast paced and well rounded evaluation. You are all to be commended.





*Many thanks to Suben Subenthiran's Inspirational -  
Three Feet From Gold by Napoleon Hill*



***A goal is a dream with a deadline.*** – **Napoleon Hill** - Napoleon Hill was born in 1883 in a one-room cabin on the Pound River in Wise County, Virginia. His life as a writer began at the ripe old age of 13 when he became a *mountain reporter* for a small town newspaper.

This mountain reporter went on to become one of the greatest forces the motivational world has ever known. Men and women will quote this great man forever because his words will forever be worth repeating. Napoleon Hill passed away in November 1970 but not before securing a beautiful legacy anyone would be proud of.

*Read on for more inspiration ....*

***Three Feet From Gold by Napoleon Hill***

One of the most common causes of failure is the habit of quitting when one is overtaken by temporary defeat. Every person is guilty of this mistake at one time or another.

An uncle of R. U. Darby was caught by the *gold fever* in the gold-rush days, and went west to DIG AND GROW RICH. He had never heard that more gold has been mined from the brains of men than has ever been taken from the earth. He staked a claim and went to work with pick and shovel. The going was hard, but his lust for gold was definite.

After weeks of labour, he was rewarded by the discovery of the shining ore. He needed machinery to bring the ore to the surface. Quietly, he covered up the mine, retraced his footsteps to his home in Williamsburg, Maryland, told his relatives and a few neighbours of the “strike.” They got together money for the needed machinery, had it shipped. The uncle and Darby went back to work the mine.

The first car of ore was mined, and shipped to a smelter. The returns proved they had one of the richest mines in Colorado! A few more cars of that ore would clear the debts. Then would come the big killing in profits.

Down went the drills! Up went the hopes of Darby and Uncle! Then something happened! The vein of gold ore disappeared! They had come to the end of the rainbow, and the pot of gold was no longer there! They drilled on, desperately trying to pick up the vein again— all to no avail. Finally, they decided to QUIT.

They sold the machinery to a junk man for a few hundred dollars, and took the train back home. Some “junk” men are dumb, but not this one! He called in a mining engineer to look at the mine and do a little calculating. The engineer advised that the project had failed, because the owners were not familiar with “fault lines.” His calculations showed that the vein would be found **just three feet from where the Darbys had stopped drilling!** That is exactly where it was found!

The “Junk” man took millions of dollars in ore from the mine, because he knew enough to seek expert counsel before giving up.

Most of the money which went into the machinery was procured through the efforts of R. U. Darby, who was then a very young man. The money came from his relatives and neighbors, because of their faith in him. He paid back every dollar of it, although he was years in doing so.

Long afterward, Mr. Darby recouped his loss many times over, when he made the discovery that **desire** can be transmuted into gold. The discovery came after he went into the business of selling life insurance.

Remembering that he lost a huge fortune, because he **stopped** three feet from gold, Darby profited by the experience in his chosen work, by the simple method of saying to himself, “I stopped three feet from gold, but I will never stop because men say ‘no’ when I ask them to buy insurance.”

Darby is one of a small group of fewer than fifty men who sell more than a million dollars in life insurance annually. He owes his *stickability* to the lesson he learned from his *quitability* in the gold mining business.

Before success comes in any man’s life, he is sure to meet with much temporary defeat, and, perhaps, some failure. When defeat overtakes a man, the easiest and most logical thing to do is to **quit**. That is exactly what the majority of men do. More than five hundred of the most successful men this country has ever known told the author their greatest success came just one step beyond the point at which defeat had overtaken them. **Failure is a trickster with a keen sense of irony and cunning. It takes great delight in tripping one when success is almost within reach.**

## *Horsing Around - quit horsing - around and help. You can -*

- Assist our Club by becoming a member of the Parramatta RSL Club. This is not just for Toastmasters but for our guests too. Yearly membership is only \$5.50 for one year or \$16.50 for three years. The Club supports us by waiving room hire though CDSE. Members can also enjoy discounts on purchases throughout the club.

## *Send wishes to Toastmasters who are sick :*



Here's hoping  
this little  
get well wish  
will give  
your spirits a  
great big lift.

## *and think of fellow Toastmasters who have seriously ill family and friends:*

Sending you a big  
Cyber Hug



## *Horsing Around - and the winners were:*

**Christine Pizzuti** presented the **awards** to tonight's winners:



**Best Table Topic Speaker – Ian Chick, Stallion.**

**Best Speaker – Lyndal Eager, Filly.**

**Best Evaluator – John Taylor, Stallion.**

**The Stirrers Spoon** went to **Christine Pizzuti, filly.**

**Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who attended Meeting 1192, you are all winners!**

The meeting was closed by **Sam Ekinici**. Sam, as always, invited members and guests to congregate at the waterhole for a drink and a natter afterwards.



Please join us for a well earned drink!

## *Attention, Attention, Attention*

All you fillies and Stallions out there, whether you are a Campolina, Karabair, Haflinger, or a Barb Horse, obviously named after the VPPR. Please note **Parramatta Toastmaster Club is hosting a fantastic workshop.**

It is for 1 night on **Thursday 24 November 2011 at Parramatta RSL Club, from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

**This is a “Must Do” Workshop and includes 3 activities:**

- **Mentoring** – this will help us achieve our goals and avoid making mistakes. Learn what it takes to serve as a mentor.
- **Evaluation** – giving feedback, knowing you are giving a worthwhile contribution to assist your fellow members’ improvement. This will help you to prepare and present evaluations clearly and concisely. Attend this workshop and you have a better understanding of the process.
- **Judging** – understand the role of the judges, their purpose in the speech contests. This course will enable you to identify characteristics of good judges, the difference between judging and evaluating and stumbling blocks on the road to objectivity.

If you would like to attend this Workshop please email Linda Snalam, VPE – [vpe@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:vpe@parramattatm.org.au), include your full name, contact number and club.

The cost to attend is only \$10.00, places are limited so you must register to ensure your place. You will receive a workbook. Tea and coffee will be also be provided.

Wait are you waiting for – get into the race for knowledge!



Book your place now

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## COMING EVENTS

**11 October 2011, Speechcraft Course commenced. All Toastmasters wanting to assist please contact Ron Marriott or email [ronmarriott@unwired.com.au](mailto:ronmarriott@unwired.com.au) as soon as possible for a role.**

**17 November 2011, Meeting No. 1193. Meeting theme: Piano Man. Come along and join in the fun – any member not attending please email Linda Snalam, VPE at [vpe@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:vpe@parramattatm.org.au) as soon as possible.**

**1 December 2011, International Speech Contest. Meeting theme: Excellence in Action. At Parramatta RSL Club. This will be a terrific evening, not one to be missed. If you are interested please email Linda Snalam, VPE at [vpe@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:vpe@parramattatm.org.au).**

**There will be a special Christmas Meeting on 15 December 2011. Theme: Christmas Wish. Don't miss out come and enjoy the evening, there will be lots of surprises and a guest appearance from Santa Clause! If you are a member and not attending or interested in joining in please email Linda Snalam, VPE at [vpe@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:vpe@parramattatm.org.au).**

**1 January 2012, Evaluation Contest – again a major event. Don't miss this meeting! any member not attending please email Linda Snalam, VPE at [vpe@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:vpe@parramattatm.org.au) as soon as possible.**

## PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS

Meet fortnightly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursdays of each month, in the Linden

Room of the Parramatta RSL, O'Connell St,  
Parramatta.

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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