



Parra Natta

Theme

Great Expectations

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our guests

- Gordon Chau
- Kedar
- Coreen
- Dr. Mohammed
- Naheel

We look forward to your next visit.

Acknowledgments

Steven Cox

For supplying and managing the audio & visual equipment during the change-over meeting. He ensured there were no glitches and squeakiness throughout the night.

Nirish Shakya

Awarded a certificate of appreciation by Lt Governor in Marketing elect, David Fisher for taking Parramatta Toastmaster into the social media era.

Larfmaster

David Griffiths spoke about the humorous side of cycling. "Men watch it because of its endurance and women watch it because they can relate to men that wax their legs," said David.

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Parramatta Toastmasters Club

New Year—New Committee—Great Expectations

After an electrifying changeover meeting the new executive committee for 2012-13 led by Linda Snalam, CC CL, were ready to take charge to meet the 'Great Expectations' of its club members and eager guests.

The buzz of uncertainty was met with anticipation as the new Sergeant at Arms, Mark Pankhurst quickly took control of the room.

Linda Snalam, kept to the meeting theme; acknowledging Parramatta members that supported the club during meetings and exceeding the expectations of its members and guests as well as taking the club into the social media era.

Demian Coorey took



Left to right: District 70 Governor, Jan Vecchio; Parramatta Executives; Sergeant at Arms, Mark Pankhurst; Secretary, Barbara Beveridge; Treasure, Christine Pizzuti; VP Public Relations, Jeeven Jayanathan; VP Membership, Michael Said; VP Education, Kirisha Thanapalasantheram; President, Linda Snalam

reigns of the first half of the meeting and related his opening speech to the theme of the night by explaining the 'God Particle' - the Higgs Boson proposed elementary particle in the Standard Model of particle physics.

Michelle Hunt, presented an interesting useless facts assignment—The Department of Silly Laws, as voted by its citizens.

Michael Said, told us that one thing that is consistent in our lives is change

as he toast to 'Refreshing Change'.

Ron Marriott, entertained us with 10 exciting table topics, as he took us back to the Victorian era.

Nirish Shakya, a first timer in the Chairman 2 position was well prepared for the role and armed himself with 2 x mobile phones and an iPad to reference against the Chairman's agenda and Renton's Guide for meetings and organisations.

The Department of Silly Laws— as explained by Michelle Hunt

1. It's illegal to die in the House of Parliament
2. It's an act of treason to place a postage stamp of the British monarch upside down
3. It's illegal for a woman in Liverpool to be topless except as a clerk in a tropical fish shop
4. Mince pies can't be eaten on Christmas Day
5. In Scotland, if someone knocks on your door & requires the use of your toilet, you must let them
6. Pregnant women can legally relieve her bladder anywhere she wants including in a policeman's helmet
7. The head of a dead whale found on British coast automatically becomes the property of the king and the tail the property of the queen
8. It's illegal not to tell the taxman anything you don't want him to know but legal not to tell him information you don't mind him knowing
9. It's illegal to enter the House of Parliament in a suit of armor
10. Within the ancient walls of the city of York, it's legal to murder a Scotsman but only if he is carrying a bow and arrow

Memorable Comments

1. Christine: 'Due to renovations the club have only a fixed meals for order'
Mark: 'Does this come under the use-less facts assignment?'
2. Pam: 'Rules are not meant to be broken but can be stretch a little'
3. David P: ' I feel like goose pimples when I listen to music'
4. John T: When discussing the motion as part of his role as timer 'You used up the 1 minute and a whole lot of other minutes for the motion'

Award Winners

Pam McDonald
Ice Breaker

John Taylor
Table Topics

Lyndal Eager
Best Speech

Michael Said
Best Evaluator

Ian Chick
Stirrer Spoon

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Table Topics - Books from the Victorian Era

Odd Numbered Speakers

1. Mutual Friends— David Pasipanodya told us a story of his close friend that lives in Johannesburg
2. Great Expectations- Christine Pizzuti said that we should expect nothing as it is the earth's greatest surprise
3. Newcomers—John Nichols said we are all newcomers before we took the Toastmaster journey
4. Treasure Island—Steven Cox told us his nickname was Cash Flow
5. Never to late to mend—David King said it's never to late to change

Even Numbered Speakers

1. Tale of 2 Cities—Michael Said talked about his speech about the Tale of 2 Cities
2. Old Curiosity Shock—John Taylor talked about his favourite TV show Bargain Hunters
3. Hard Times—Mark Pankhurst said we all will go through hard times but if we persevere we will see the light at the end of the tunnel
4. Alice's Adventure in Wonderland—Daniel Tucker talked about lives mysterious journey
5. Time Machine—Jeeven Jayanathan talked about the movie Hot Tube Time Machine reminded him about the 80's

The Speakers

1. My life as a border in Singapore—Pam McDonald

Talked about her journey to Singapore and living in a boarding school. The lessons she learnt by stretching the rules.

2. Living to 100—Kim Gosper

Explained his view of why he thinks we have a longer life-span now compared to those that lived in the past.

3. Wake to John Munro—Lyndal Eager

Gave a speech to celebrate the life of a dear colleague.

4. What's the DIF? - Elaine Aviola

Explained the different thought processes we have now versus our past selves with the acronym DIF (Data, Interpretation and Feelings)

5. With a little help from my friends—Cheryl Piper

Reliving her experience of accepting the best speaker award, Cheryl showed gratitude and sincerity to those that help her achieve this accolade.



Farewell Parramatta Toastmasters—by David Pasipanodya

It has been a challenging journey since I joined Parramatta Toastmasters but it is time to say farewell and start my new chapter in Johannesburg. I'm really excited to start my new career, which is to inspire young people in a motivational program called 'The Making of a Champion'. The skills that I've learnt from Parramatta Toastmaster will enable me in this new role as it has given me the confidence of being able to speak to a crowd with passion, clarity, certainty and authority.

I'm setting myself a goal to fulfill the confidence you have invested in me; not only will I join a Toastmaster club in Johannesburg, I will take up the challenge I received from some Parramatta members and start getting involved in public speaking contest. If I work really hard, which is my intention—I hope to meet some of you someday, somewhere in the Toastmasters International world.



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19 July 2012—Table Topics Contests