



Parra Natta

Theme

Nature vs. Technology

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our guests

- Glenn D'Cruz
- Thomas Joseph Perangattu
- Kwo Wong
- Lucas
- Tom Cummings

We look forward to your next visit.

Memorable Comments

1. Gary W: 'I will not go backwards in technology, I would rather dip my nails in tar.'
2. Monique T: 'Fairytale do exist but they don't tell us how many frogs to kiss.'
3. Ron M : 'Mirror Mirror on the wall...'
Elizabeth W: ' Not you.'

Award Winners

Best Table Topics

Kirisha Thanapalasuretheram

Best Speech

Monique Tonna

Best Evaluator

Kirisha Thanapalasuretheram

Join Us

16 August 2012

Theme: Just for laughs

Meeting No: 1212

Parramatta Toastmasters Club

All about Princess M

This week I did my fifth speech from the Competent Communicator Manual.....so I'm half way to the fancy badge! Yet somehow I seem to be getting more nervous before each speech.

For those of you that don't know me, my full name is Monique Michelle Tonna but I much prefer Mon (Monique makes me feel like I'm getting into trouble). My mother had this name picked out for her potential daughter at the age of 13, when she used to babysit a girl called Monique.

My absolute favourite activity is travelling - I love learning new things, indulging in new cultures, trying new foods, and overall being a bit of

a risk taker. Some countries still at the top of the bucket list are travelling through India, going on a 6-month overland camping trip through West Africa, climbing Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and hiking the Inca Trail in Peru.



I also enjoy reading, particularly the classics, with Pride & Prejudice being my absolute favourite. I read this at least 3-4 times a year and my copy has trav-

elled everywhere with me. I also enjoy reading autobiographies and anything travel related for inspiration. I love being able to switch off from what's going on around me and use my imagination and definitely prefer reading the book to watching its movie version.

I am really enjoying Toastmasters and everything it has to offer from a public speaking and leadership arena. However, I'm also grateful that I get to learn so much from each of you about things that are outside my immediate realm of interest, because after all, "you aren't learning anything when you're talking".

Table Topics—Unpronounceable words from the English Dictionary

1. **Erinaceous** means like a hedgehog but according to Ian Chick, it is similar to Carrie Bradshaw shoe shopping habit in sex in the city.
2. **Lamprophony** means loudness and clarity of voice but according to Cheryl Piper, it is the kerosene used in lamps.
3. **Depone** means to testify under oath but according to Kirisha Thanapalasuretheram, it means a pony that was once agile but now lame.
4. **Floccinaucinihilipilification** means estimation that something is valueless but according to Jeeven Jayanathan, it is similar to the show Californication where everybody is conscious about their appearance at the beach.
5. **Mungo** means a dumpster diver but according to Wendy Nielsen, it is similar to the favour of mango but it is pink.

If you had fun reading the explanations above, why not try having a go at these words:

Finnimbrun, Inaniloquent, Mesonoxian, Limerance, Nihilarian. Good luck and Enjoy :)