



Parra Natta

Theme

Just for laughs

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our guests

- Doug
- Shankar
- Tom Cummings
- Rejene
- Rico
- Cherry

We look forward to your next visit.

Upcoming Events

Area 13

Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contest

1 September 2012

Linden Room,
Parramatta RSL

2:00pm to 5:00pm

Memorable Comments

1. Mark P: "As a child growing up in the country of NSW; Frenchs Forest to be exact..."
2. Tom W: "I skin my knuckles getting my cash out from my pocket"
3. Peter S: "I expect more applause coming, as that was pretty ordinary"
4. Ron M: "I learnt talking about ex-girlfriends in front of new girlfriend means you sleep on the couch"

Meeting No: 1213

Parramatta Toastmasters Club

My Experience Performing the Chairman 2 role—by Mark Pankhurst

I finally arrived at the Big Table. It was more than a little daunting because all eyes were on me and I was in control of the business session plus the second half. I still had to perform my role as Sergeant at Arms, which made it interesting when I asked for quorum.

I really enjoyed the experience of being Chairman 2. It was made easier for a few of reasons, such as the encouragement from Elizabeth, the chairman's agenda (also known as the cheat sheet), my able assistant Jeeven but most importantly Ron not hassling me too much dur-

ing the business session.

Now that I have taken the plunge of the Chairman 2 role, I believe that guidance from an experienced Toastmasters is a must. No matter how much you are prepared for this role, there will be obstacles and stumbling blocks that will block your path to smooth business session. However there is a substitute for gaining experience and that is being in the chair.

My biggest worry on the night was keeping track of what needs to be done next. I found this to be the most stressful part during the business ses-

sion because suggestions and advice were coming from all angles, which did throw me off my train of thought.

However I really enjoyed the experience as Chairman 2 and would definitely perform this role again. Hopefully the nerves will be less next time but I loved the adrenalin rush it gave me.



The Basics of a Business Session

Business sessions is part of the Toastmasters agenda where the club's executive makes reports to the members and gives them an opportunity to participate in the decision making process. Toastmaster has adopted a set of rules to conduct of business sessions that may seem complicated but provide a logical process for reaching agreement amongst large groups of people.

Motions are used to make decisions for a club. During the course of a business session members put forward motions and vote for or against the motions. The rules for the wording of motions are that it;

Must commence with "that", must be specific, must not be worded in the first person, must be in one sentence

May be in parts, may incorporate an explanation, may be in the negative

Here are seven steps for handling a motion;

Gain Attention of the chairman to move a motion.

Move and Explain, a member explains the motions and then moves the motion.

Second and Speak, to confirm interest with the group the chairman will

ask for a seconder.

Speaker Against and For, the chairman calls for someone to speak against first and the calls someone to speak for the motion.

Right of Reply, the mover of the motion is called to sum up their argument

Vote, the chairman reads the motion again and calls for a vote. The chairman rules on the motion and declares if the motion is carried/lost. If there is any confusion about the vote, the chairman can ask for a show of hands and get the sergeant at arms to count the votes.

Upcoming Events

Western Division

Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contest

23 September 2012

Blacktown Workers Club

11:30am to 4:00pm

Next Club Meeting

Theme

Forever Young

6 September 2012

See you all there!

Award Winners

Humorous Speech Contest

1st—Monique Tonna

2nd - John Bright

3rd—Cheryl Piper

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Humorous Speech Contest

The table topics contest started without any glitches with Peter Stein-hour as the contest chair-man. Peter started his role by saying, "That I believe there will be more applause coming as that was pretty ordinary as there will be some really funny people speaking tonight."

He explained that the speakers are all well prepared, arrived early to setup and the contestant briefing has been done before he introduced the chief judge, Area 13 Governor Wendy Nielsen to take the judges through the rules of judging a humorous speech contest.

Peter took back control of the contest, and introduced the contest toast-master for the evening Ron Marriott who introduced the speakers for the

evening.

Ron introduced speaker 1, John Bright with his topic "I can't remember stuff". John said that we all forget stuff some time, but he forgets stuff all the time.

Pam McDonald was speaker 2, with the topic "The dangers of childhood aspirations". She said she missed the days where she didn't have to worry about responsibilities.

Speaker 3 was Monique Tonna with her topic, "Girls and her toys". She said that when she was a young girl, she believed she knew everything. Her speech began a little raunchy but she clarified it when she said she was talking about girls and their cars.

Steven Cox was speaker 4. He talked about ones ability and tries of making others laugh.

Cheryl Piper was speaker 5 with her topic, "Between the sheets". She said that there are others in the room lurking in every crevice and corner when you are between the sheet.

The last speaker, was Mark Pankhurst with his topic, "Child Dreams". He said while he was growing up he dreamt of exciting careers, such as being a policemen, a pilot or a prima ballerina. But given his dislike for heights, hats and that he couldn't fit into a tutu, he turned his focus to sports.

Pictures from the Humorous Speech Contest

