



Parra Natta

Theme

Forever Young

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our guests

- Patrick Mei
- Coreen Ooi
- Julie Eskarous

We look forward to your next visit.

Parramatta Toastmasters were blessed with the presence of existing member

- Graham Moon

Upcoming Events

Western Division

Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contests

23 September 2012

Blacktown Workers Club
55 Campbell Street
Blacktown

11:30am to 4:00pm

Come join us at the Western Division contests to support 2 of Parramatta Toastmasters finest and Area 13 champions for 2012/13

- David Griffiths
(in the Table Topics Contest)
- Monique Tonna
(in the Humorous Contest)

Cost: \$25 inc. light lunch

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Meeting No: 1215

Parramatta Toastmasters Club

The memorable first half

After the call to order, the presidents' address and program changes were completed, the gavel was handed over to our lovely chairman 1, Suzanne Berkeley.

She was well prepared and took on her role with enthusiasm as she prepared a song for her opening speech.

Snippet, "May your wishes all come true
May you always do for others and let others for you
May you build a ladder to the stars and climb on every rung
May you stay forever young
Forever young, forever young
May you stay for every young", Suzanne sang.



Mark Pankhurst was next on stage with his inspirational speech about the London Olympics and the recent London Paralympics.

Mark said, 'London Olympics 2012, what a spectacular sight of ath-

letes, scenes of British attire and of Her Majesty hurling from a helicopter over the stadium. All of these things designed to inspire and enthrall all of us mere mortals.'

But it is the current games being played that captured his attention, 'I'm totally amazed with the athletes at the Para-



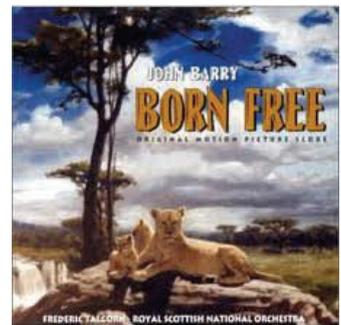
lympics. These people show of strength, attitude and resilience, is something we could all learn from.'

Up next was Mrinal Sarkar with his movie review. He chose to review a 1966 flick Born Free, which was based on a book by Joy Adamson.

He said that the movie talked about the simple and moving account of how she raised a wild lion cub to maturity and the eventually re-educated it so that it could return to live freely in the wild.

Our blog evaluator, Gary

Wilson asked 'How many of us read Cheryl Piper's blog (Why do I keep



coming back to Toastmasters?'). As there were not many hands raised, Gary proposed that we all find a way to receive the blog via email. He also suggested that we should allow for comments and questions from others on these blogs.

Jeeven Jayanathan then gave a toast to being forever young. He said, 'That even though some dreams may not be fulfilled yet—don't give up,' as he made a tribute to



being forever young at heart, to live in the moment and follow your dreams.

Memorable Comments

1. Nirish S: 'Talking about the younger generation, what do you think about them?'
Tom W: 'Hair'
2. John N: 'Look on the positive side; challenge yourself and jump.'
3. Ron M: 'Lipstick and white teeth is all you need to be a good Table Topics speaker.'

Special Presentation

1. Area 13 Tables Topics award to David Griffiths and Area 13 Humorous award to Monique Tonna.
2. Speechcraft certificate of appreciation to Suzanne Berkeley
3. Upcoming weddings Nirish & Shivaun Lyndal & Daniel
Congratulations on your upcoming nuptials.

Award Winners

Best Table Topics

Peter Steinhour

Best Speech

Melanie Wilson

Best Evaluator

Sam Ekinci

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Did you know? Interesting facts about Social Media

1. Currently there are 27 million "tweets" sent per day on Twitter, which is more than 8 time last year's volume.
2. 500 billion minutes are spent on Facebook per month. Last year that number was a measly 150 billion.
3. 25 billion pieces of content are shared each month on Facebook. This includes web links, news stories, blog posts, notes, photos, etc...) That's more than 6 times last year's volume.
4. If Facebook were a country, it would be the third most populated in the world after China & India.
5. 24 hours worth of video is uploaded to YouTube every minute. That's more than double last year's volume.
6. 2 billion YouTube videos are viewed per day. And most of them are cats doing random things.
7. 95 percent of companies use LinkedIn to find and attract employees. 59% use Facebook and 42% use Twitter.
8. 1/3 of women aged 18-34 check Facebook when they first wake up—even before going to the bathroom.
9. 1 in 6 marriages last year was between people who met through social media. That's more than twice the number of people who met at bar, clubs and other social events combined.

Have some fun and test your memory—from our Quizmaster

1. What is Linda's theme song?
2. How many visitors were at this meeting?
3. What is our guest, Patrick, surname?
4. Where did our guest Julie previously attend a toastmaster meeting?
5. What course did our guest Corrine just finished?
6. Who is Graham Moon?
7. How many that attended this meeting read Cheryl's blog
8. How many that attended this meeting receives automatic notification of the blog?
9. What do majority of people watch on YouTube?
10. According to Nirish's stats, where should we go to find a partner?

1) When I'm 64, 2) 3, 3) Mei, 4) Castle Hill, 5) Speechcraft, 6) Existing Par-ramatta Toastmaster member, 7) 9, 8) 4, 9) Cats doing things, 10) Facebook

What should I do as a Grammarian?

One benefit of Toastmasters is that it helps people improve their grammar and word use.

Being grammarian also provides an exercise in expanding listening skills.

As a grammarian your role include a couple of responsibilities: to comment on language usage during the course of the meeting and to provide examples of eloquence.

For example the use of singular verb in a plural sentence.

If you are mentioning a grammatical error or mispronunciation, it is good to offer the correct form. However, avoid lengthy explanations of fine points of grammar.

Example: 'There is a lot of good thoughts.' As there are multiple thoughts shared, it would be proper to say

'There **are** a lot of good thoughts'.

Throughout the meeting, listen to everyone's word usage. Write down any awkward use or misuse of the language (incomplete sentences, sentences that change direction in midstream, incorrect grammar or malapropisms) with a note of who erred.

Good luck in tackling this assignment.

Join Us For Our Special Birthday Meeting

20 September 2012 — Happy Birthday to You