



# Parra Natta

## Theme

Fight or Flight

## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our guests

- Lucas Attrey
- Ben Trojko
- Paul Gruppelaar
- Ann Nguyen
- Rudolf Wirawan
- Mandy Blume
- Dimitri McCartin
- Clare Walker
- Sally
- Ramana
- Tom Cummings
- Rejene Thomas-Joseph

We look forward to your next visit.

## Congratulations



John Bright for achieving his Advanced Communicator Bronze

## Contact

Do you have goals that you would like to achieve? Contact Kirisha, VPE to discuss your targets at [VPE@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:VPE@parramattatm.org.au)

Meeting No: 1218

Parramatta Toastmasters Club 2274

## Fight or Flight Table Topics—by David Griffiths

I came up with this session as another speech I'm working on mentions the concept of fight and flight and I realised that they both relate to my careers.

I've also been working on how to improve how confident I look and sound as I prepare for the D70 TT Contest, so I thought this might be a good opportunity for other members to look at that aspect as well.

### Pilots

1. Your flight is delayed - it's late because you slept in and got to the airport 90 mins late. Make a PA that explains to the passengers why they have been waiting so long.
2. Make an announcement to your passengers who have been on board for almost 2 hours explaining that the facilities are no longer available.
3. Your left engine is on fire - a fact that has not escaped half the passengers on your flight. Reassure them.
4. Your plane is full of holiday makers bound for Hamilton Island,

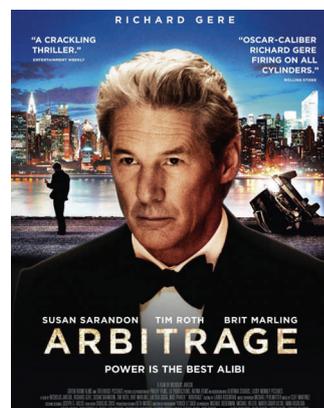
however weather has forced you divert the flight to Mt Isa. Your First Officer has made a completely botched approach to land, forcing you to go around. Explain.

### Soldiers

1. You inspect the barracks and find that gunner Smith's bed is incorrectly made - discipline the man and explain the importance of the top sheet being folded back exactly 4 inches, rather than 5.
2. One of your soldiers is struggling to keep going during a combat assessment march. Encourage him to keep going - it's only another 20 kms!
3. Your resupply helicopter is no longer coming. Explain to your troop that they will not have any food for at least three days.
4. Whilst directing aircraft bombs onto a target during a practice exercise, some bombs land away from the target, narrowly missing your CO. Apologise and explain whose fault it really is.
5. After 4 months of combat operations, your troop is being granted leave in Paris. Inform the men, but convince them to be well behaved.

## A movie review

Wendy started her movie review by providing the definition of Arbitrage. She told us 'It is when you think of making a deal on the foreign exchange that you just can't lose.' The movie's genre is a mix between a thriller and a character study, with lots of intrigue and slimy men. The movie is about a



New York hedge-fund

(Richard Gere), who appears to have everything - a successful business and a great family life. The characterisation played by both father and daughter were really intriguing and of equals. Just as he's about to unload his empire, an unexpected bloody error forces him to juggle family, business, and crime.

## ***Announcement: Motion on Notice - by President Linda Snalam***

I wish to update you about a motion-on-notice raised at the club's most recent meeting (18 October). A 'motion-on-notice' is a motion that members will debate at a later meeting, provided it is moved. Although notice is not strictly required for a motion of this kind, the Executive felt that members should be given time to consider the matter, and that absent members should be aware of the question before debate.

### The motion-on-notice

The motion-on-notice on 18 October meeting was that:

***"An amount of up to \$3,000 be approved as a sponsorship for District 70 to pay for the printing of the programs at the semi annual and annual conference."***

The total amount of \$3000 combines \$1500 for the annual conference and \$1500 for semi-annual conference program printing.

### How did this motion come about?

The District 70 Governor explained at a recent District Executive Meeting that the District was seeking sponsorship from Toastmaster clubs for various purposes. One of our club officers was present and took the request to our Executive for consideration.

The Executive believed it was important enough an issue to bring to you, the members of our club, for consideration and final decision.

### Current situation

Since the last Parramatta Toastmasters meeting, the Executive

has met and decided not to move this motion-on-notice for the time being. The issue has raised numerous questions regarding District level processes, and the Executive determined that proper debate on the matter could only occur by considering a formal request from District 70 explaining their situation and the specific purpose of the sponsorship. Additionally, the club is not able to consider the matter before the Semi-Annual Conference (3-4 November), and therefore that portion of the proposed sponsorship would lapse.

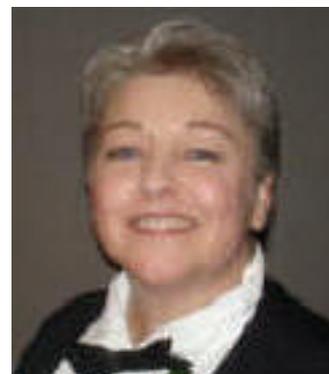
The remaining sponsorship for \$1500 program printing (or any other proposed purpose) for the Annual Conference (May 2013) still needs to be discussed by our Parramatta members. If the club receives a formal request from District 70 for this or other forms of funding, the Executive will determine a suitable motion for members to consider and vote upon.

### Debating democratically

The democratic thing to do is to debate this issue using the meeting procedure we regularly practice and for which our club is highly regarded. We want to know whether you believe money should or should not be given to the District to help run the Annual Conference. Executive Officers have voiced a range of opinions on whether the money should be given to the District and we understand some of our members hold passionate views on the subject. Following our democratic process and meeting procedures will ensure that each member will be given fair

opportunity to present their opinion and consider other views before making a decision and exercising their voting right.

We also ask that members respect the final decision made by the majority of members on the night of the debate. As always, members are free to discuss the issue with Executive Officers and we welcome considered input on the matter. We will advise members of any additional information from District 70 as it becomes available.



Regards

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### **The Mission of a Toastmasters Club**

"The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth."

## Memorable Comments

1. Mark P: 'I almost had a freeze up in front when I was told that I had to perform this Chairman's 1 role tonight.'
2. Steven C: As General Evaluator 'To sum up this meeting, I see lots of food still left on plates tonight; I felt that my prawns crackers was a little soft. Also like to comment Alicia on Table Topics evaluator role for wearing such noticeable pink nail polish.'
3. Paul G: 'I am a Kiwi living in Australia, I am used to be not being understood.'
4. David G: 'I can tell you why we have PS3 in the army, because it helps our soldiers with their shooting skills nowadays.'
5. Ann N: 'Come to Australia the land of opportunities.'

## Award Winners

### Best Table Topics

Tom Woods

### Best Speech

Ann Nguyen  
(Winner Circle)

### Best Evaluator

Ben Trojko  
(Winner Circle)

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## A Chairman's Role—by Gary Wilson DTM

In any sporting tournament, requires a umpire to run. Similarly in everything Toastmasters meeting requires a Chairman to conduct the meeting.

This skill builder is about the art of chairmanship.

To be comfortable as a Chairman, there are three roles a Chairman must play;

1. Act as a Pilot—to be able to steer the meeting through all the assignments and to successful run the meeting and accomplish the meeting objectives.
2. Act as a Referee—to be knowledgeable of the rules and be impartial when the members debates any arising issues.
3. Act as a Master of Ceremonies—which is similar to the Chairman 1 role

This skill builder relates to the first two roles that a

Chairman uses to plan and run of a business session of an organization's meetings. As such, a Chairman's duty is to;

1. Ensure justice and courtesy for all
2. Ensure only one thing/motion is done at a time.
3. Ensure that the majority rules
4. Ensure that the minority has a right to be heard

As a referee of a meeting, a Chairman can conduct a well run meeting by applying the fundamentals of meetings procedure in order;

1. Firstly to facilitate the action and not obstruct it.
2. To enable the meeting to express its will.
3. To give every member a fair hearing.
4. To maintain order

Always remember that as Chairman your roles is to

ensure the smooth running of the meeting; the meeting is not about you so let the meetings express its actions and do not dominate the meeting.

Finally a good Chairman will have at least these four attributes to run a smooth meeting;

1. Be impartial
2. Be firm
3. Be tactful
4. Use commonsense

If a meeting is run by a Chairman with those attributes, even if some of his/her decisions are technically wrong, people will still enjoy and be satisfied with the meeting. For example, a firm commonsense ruling is far better than a lot of differing—trying to find the correct decision. Other useful qualities are patience, self-control, tolerance, confidence, consistency, an orderly mind and a sense of humour.

## Special Theme Night

Seven more sleeps before the club's one of a kind dress-up meeting 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show'.

Follow the journey of a newly engaged couple that by fate (and some car trouble) ended up at the door of a transvestite doctor and his Transylvanian friends.



Location: Linden Room, Parramatta RSL Club.

Time: 6:30 to 9:30pm.  
Arrive at 5:30 if you wish to have your make-up done.

Costume Hire:  
if you wish to dress for the occasion

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## Join Us For Our Next Meeting

# 1 November 2012—Rocky Horror Picture Show