



Parra Natta

Meeting No: 1234

Parramatta Toastmasters Club 2274

Theme

Ladies & Gentleman of the Jury

Welcome Guest

- Tony Tione
- Lyn Ling
- Angela Yu
- Sandra Bond
- Allen Mekeselichia
- Theepan Thevathasan
- Kumi Matsubo
- Anmol Puj
- Rohan Hingorani
- Tam Dirckze
- Tone Dunn
- Serina Wu

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Michael Said, the club's Vice-President of Membership is more than happy to take your calls or emails about attending a club meeting or general enquiries about the club

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A truly out-of-the-box meeting—only @ Parramatta TM

With a warm welcome, President Linda S was looking forward to another extraordinary meeting. She said that although it has been done before years ago, most of us will be in for a treat with tonight's mock trial presentation.

In his opening statement, Chairman 1, John N shared his feedback he received when he conducted his informal survey about the night's themed. He found out that we, at Parramatta Toastmasters dare to be different and most were excited to experience something truly unique.



Suzanne B, then came up front and centre and gave a warm welcome to our first time visitors and returning visitors.

Natasha C took centre stage to evaluate the blog '[Dealing with conflicts with Social Media](#)'. She summarized that the

blog as well constructed, thoughtful and really cleverly written.



Next, our stand-in Table Topics master, Suben S presented 10 cleverly crafted questions using the theme of the night.

The 10 unsuspecting speakers gave it their best to construct an impromptu answer. With her question 'Your husband stole some cutlery and while walking out, some fell out onto the carpark floor. What do you say to him?' Cheryl P, with poise and wittiness took home the trophy with her opening statement 'I'm not taking you out again until you fix your pockets'.



After great anticipation, we were all brought back

to order by the clerk of the court as the mock trial began. The accused, Steven C, was accused of being "Delusions of Ganduer".



Lucky for him, he had a great defense lawyer, Michael S, who got him off the hook by convincing the jury of his innocence.

During the prepared speech assignments, Christine P gave us a review of her High Performance Leadership project, which was about the movie SPEAK.

President Linda S, had another run of her tenth speech from the competent communicator manual, which won her the best prepared speech presenter of the night.

With his own flair, our General Evaluator, Ian C, gave a well-rounded evaluation of the night proceedings. Even our timer of the night presented her report with poise and flair.

The role of chairman in a business meeting is crucial for success. At Toastmasters the role of Chairman is a great way to learn the skills of "running" a meeting. This is a guide to help you effectively participate and eventually run a business session.

A business session 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.

Toastmasters, like many other organisations has adopted a set of rules for the conduct of business sessions. These rules, may seem complicated and unnecessary but they actually provide a fair and logical process for reaching agreement on particular issues amongst large groups of people.

The primary vehicle for making decisions in a business session is the motion. During the course of a business session members put forward motions and the members vote for or against the motions.

There are two kinds of motions – substantive motions and procedural motions. Substantive motions affect the club forever whilst procedural motions only affect the running of the current meeting.

The rules for the wording of motions are that it:

Must commence with "that" and must be specific, unambiguous, one sentence, not worded in the first person, may be in parts, incorporates explanation and may be in the negative.

There are eight steps for handling a motion. They are :

1. Gain Attention

This is usually done by standing at your seat and waiting for the chairman to recognise you.

2. Recognition

The chairman recognises the mover of the motion by saying their name

3. Move and Explain

The mover justifies/explains their motion and then moves their motion. If the motion is complex the mover should give it to the chairman in writing. Note that the chairman cannot move motions.

4. Second and Speak

The chairman then asks, "is there a seconder for this motion?". This confirms that there is someone else who is interested in debating this subject. If there is no seconder then the motion lapses and the meeting moves onto the next item of business. At this point the seconder can speak on the motion or they can reserve their right to speak later. If the seconder does not reserve their right to speak later then they have lost their chance to speak on the motion. Note that the seconder DOES NOT have to agree or vote for the motion.

5. Speak Against

The chairman then calls for someone to speak against the motion.

6. Speak For

The chairman keeps asking for alternating speakers to speak for or against the motion until there is no one left who wants to speak on the motion.

7. Right of Reply

At this point the chairman invites the mover of the motion to sum up his argument and speak again on the motion (the mover is the only person who may speak twice).

8. Vote

The chairman then reads out the motion, puts it to a vote and declare if the motion is carried/lost. If there is any confusion about who

won the vote then the chairman should ask for a show of hands and get the sergeant at arms to count the votes.

During the debate of a motion some members may come to the conclusion that they do not like the motion as it stands, and want to change it. They can move an amendment to the motion. Rules for the wording of amendments are the same as those for motions. One important thing to remember is that the amendment should improve the motion, and never contradict it.

If the amendment is seconded, the chairman should remind the members that when they are voting on the amendment that they are NOT voting on the original motion.

If a procedural motion is moved, then the meeting moves on to process the procedural motion, in much the same way as you process an amendment. When the debate on the procedural motion is finished then the meeting goes back to the original motion.

To permanently dispose of the motion before the chair you can use:

"that the question now be put" – stop discussion right now and vote or

"that the meeting proceed to the next business" – drop this motion and move on.

To temporarily dispose of the motion before the chair you can use :

"that this matter be referred to a committee" or

"that the debate be adjourned" – go have a break or

"that the meeting now adjourn" – close the meeting & discuss it at a future meeting

Memorable Comments

1. Elizabeth W: 'Which one do I dial, '000' or '999' to get the police.'
2. Michael S: 'Which is about 5 foot. Do you feel small do you?'
3. Linda S: 'Not guilty, because we all fake it till we make it.'
4. Richard A: 'Although President Linda did use some reference materials, I'm not going to hold it against her.'

Award Winners

Best Table Topics

Cheryl Piper

Best Speech

Linda Snalam

Best Evaluator

Richard Atkins

New Club's Mission

The Mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

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What makes a presentation sizzle while another fizzles?

The difference between speaking success and presentation mess is understanding what your audience wants.

What does an audience really want?

Audiences are NOT a huge mystery. In fact, research shows that audiences consistently want 3 things from a speaker.

Want to know what are those 3 keys you need to create a presentation your audiences will love?

- **Passion**
- **Interaction**
- **Goals**



Be a P.I.G. to give an audience what they want in your next speech

That's right your audience

wants you to be a P.I.G. when you are up in front of that room.

- How do you infuse your presentation with passion?
- How do you engage your audience time and again?
- How do you develop a clear goal and focus for your presentation?

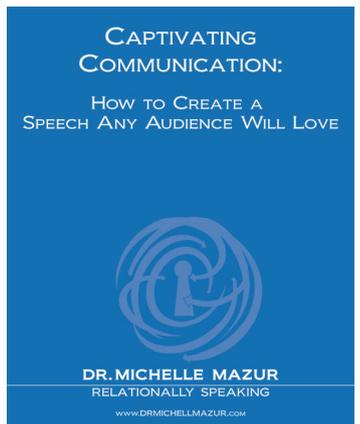
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- Ask questions to Connect With Your Audience

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Toastmaster Advancement
Competent Communicator
Competent Leader
Christine Pizzuti



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Competent Leader
Suzanne Berkeley



Special Thanks to Sam Ekinici for being an HLP mentor and to Steven Cox in helping with the audio and visual at the SPEAK the movie day – Christine Pizzuti

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