

Toastie Tatts Tittle Tattle

Page 1- Contest Results
Page 2 – What is New?
Page 3 – A Toastmaster Experience



Letter from the Editor

Contests, Seminars, and a visit from our Area Governor, Frank Polanco, have been the highlights of this month. There is a Club Officer position open to be filled and the Area Humorous Contest being held this Wednesday, 10th October. Any suggestions, questions and contributions welcome and only an email away: vppr@citytattersallstm.org.au Julia Sztaba

HUMOROUS CONTEST – 25th September 2007



- Julia Sztaba amused us with a tongue-in-cheek speech about the noise pollution from living near a bus depot.
- Dennis Szabo of Dennis Enterprises engaged us with a Product Marketing Focus Group for a well known brand (starting with T...), complete with his scrap book!
- Tim Sedgwick convinced us that Homer Simpson should be a role model to all men, with a speech entitled 'Male Menopause – A Way Forward'.
- Keith Anderson's gave a hilarious speech along a tongue twisting title: "Blondes, Brunettes and aging baby boomers" ...

Congratulations to Keith Anderson for winning the contest! His amazing speech definitely caused many bellies to bounce with the pressure of laughter! Memories of Marilyn Monroe the blonde, Paris Hilton the Bimbo, Ginger Meggs and Marcia from Desperate Housewives were presented with both historical referencing and with entertaining style.

Keith Anderson along with Jean-Marc Schwob will be representing the club at the Area One Humorous and Table Topics Contest to be held **WEDNESDAY, 10TH October**, at CITY TATTERSALLS CLUB, - 6.30PM. **You are all encouraged to attend, to support your club representatives, and to hear some experienced speakers from other clubs in the Area.**

A contest cannot be held without: a Chairman/ Toastmaster, contestants, timers, counters, judges, a chief judge and the audience. Congratulations to all members who contributed by actively participating.

District Events 9th September 2007: Sunday Seminar

"Speech Contest Judging", at Bankstown Sports Club.

"Fast paced, action packed, intense, fun and rewarding."

Juliana Jamal and Gary Wilson presenters of the Sunday Seminar "Speech Contest Judging", kept us all actively participating in numerous activities throughout the session.

There was definitely no idle time with; Tchaikovsky, Slide presentations, Teamwork activities, an intense judging session, followed by Bingo and prizes!

Speech Contests are held at different levels: Club, Area, Division and District levels. The challenge of the judge increases at each level.

Future **Sunday Seminars: 25th November 2007**
4th May 2008.

Julia B Sztaba

Disclaimer: THE INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR THE SOLE USE OF TOASTMASTERS MEMBERS FOR TOASTMASTERS BUSINESS ONLY. IT IS NOT TO BE USED FOR SOLICITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF NON TOASTMASTERS MATERIALS OR INFORMATION.

Postal Address: c/o City Tattersalls Club, 198 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
Website: www.citytattersallstm.org.au

Editor: Julia Sztaba

Toastie Tatts Tittle Tattle

New Directions

Paving a new career path with the aid of the Toastmasters program designed to foster

Keith Anderson, kindly reminds City Toastmasters Club of a past Toastmasters member, Thomas Barlow. He joined our club in the mid 1990's. He won the Humorous Speech Contest in 1992 and went on to win the Area One Humorous Speech Contest. This made him one of the club's earliest AREA ONE contest winners. Keith mentions, that Thomas Marlow has moved having paved a new career path as a Comedian!

I received a newspaper clip from Keith Anderson; The Sydney Morning Herald, Thursday August 30, 2007, page 21...

"Australia is neither a uniquely clever country, nor fortunately, a uniquely stupid one." Dr Thomas Barlow, author of The Australian Miracle, An Innovative Nation Revisited.

A WARM WELCOME TO:

A warm welcome from
City Tattersalls Toastmasters to:

**Tim Sedgwick
Mei Ling Perry
Alistair Gerard**

who joined our club during the month of September.

VIDEO PRODUCTIONS



VIDEO RECORDINGS

Feedback from Video Recordings has been only positive, remember to collect your tape of your presentation.

The tapes may be copied onto an ordinary VHS tape or DVD upon request at your local video store.

Club Officer Role

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Each year new club officers are appointed to represent and manage the club. Currently there is a position open to any member wishing to participate at a Club Executive level for the remainder of the term ending 30 June 2008: Sergeant at Arms – an important and highly visible position on the Executive.

The Sergeant at Arms manages the clubs facilities. The primary responsibilities of this role involve all those tasks expected of the host of the meeting, and include the following:

- *Arrange the room at least ten minutes before the meeting*
- *See that the banner is displayed*
- *Make sure the lectern is in place*
- *Ensure any equipment is operating and in place*
- *Greet members and guests*
- *Ensure the meeting starts on time by declaring the meeting open*
- *Collect ballots and tally votes for awards.*

General club officer responsibilities include:

- *Attend club meetings*
- *Attend club executive committee meetings (~5-6 meetings per year)*
- *Attend district sponsored club officer training (twice a year)*
- *Arrange for a replacement and for assistance if necessary*
- *Prepare successor for office.*

TABLE TOPICS UNLIMITED

The handout issued to all members has proven to be quite inspirational.

The Mansion, "Who stole the jewellery?", was selected by our table topics master, Clive Trickett.

Jean-Marc Schwob chose the topic Noah's Arc.

ALL FUTURE TABLE TOPICS MASTERS! – TABLE TOPICS UNLIMITED IS FOR YOUR REFERENCE....

The handout can be found in the 'Tatts Tips' section of our website:

<http://www.citytattersallstm.org.au/tips.htm>

Toastie Tatts Tittle Tattle

A TOASTMASTER

EXPERIENCE:

Area Governor: FRANK POLACO

When/Where/How did you first hear about Toastmasters?

In 1999 there existed a Toastmasters Club where I was employed. My previous position of employment within the field of aeronautical engineering, researching and working in the laboratories involved ongoing presentations.

When did you join?

2000.

Why did you join?

To improve my presentation skills, although I already felt quite competent, I realized I wasn't that good at all!

Have you achieved what you set out to do?

Yes, I have and much more! I hadn't expected the leadership aspects, that is, improving my leadership skills, to be part of the educational program.

What has kept you motivated as a member of a Toastmasters Club?

The leaderships skills I am developing. I also realize I still have a long way to go.

Have you served your club as an Officer?

I have served as Sergeant at Arms, Treasurer, VP Education, President and Immediate Past President.

and now you are serving as Area Governor!

To serve as an Area Governor, you must have completed the Distinguished Toastmaster Award (The Leadership Stream). I have gained so much from Toastmasters. It is good to give back, at an Area level.

What could you advise to others?

To join!

THE ROLE OF THE AREA GOVERNOR!

Key Responsibilities

- Visit all clubs in the Area, and see that they are functioning well.
- Organise and Conduct Area Contests
- Conduct regular Area Council Meetings
- Coordinate community relations programmes among Clubs in the Area.
- Promote interaction between Clubs in the Area.
- Participate in District Council and District Executive Meetings.
- Maintain relationship with district and Toastmasters International
- Direct the club in meeting the members' needs for educational growth and leadership

Would you like to share your experiences at Toastmasters, your first speech or the tenth? Contact the Editor at vprr@citytattersallstm.org.au

MEETING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

There are numerous roles throughout our bi-monthly meetings to be filled. Here is an example:

The chairman

The role of the Chairman is to:

- Act as host for the evening
- Ensure the Agenda is followed
- Keep the meeting on time
- Announce the different segments of the meeting
- Introduce the presenters and lead the applause
- Thank the presenters and participants
- Conduct the business session.

Dates For Your Diary

Area Events

10th October:
Area One Table Topics and Humorous Contest.
Held at City Tattersalls.

Division Events:

24th October 2007:
Central Division Table Topics and Humorous Contest.

District Events

Sunday Seminars
25th November 2007
4th May 2008.

Semi Annual District 70 Conference
Novotel, Olympic Park:
16th-17th November 2007
Open for bookings.

TOASTMASTERS WEEK – 13-20 OCTOBER 2007
www.d70toastmasters.org

Words to Ponder On

Conducive – (adjective): Leading or tending to a particular and usually desirable result, contributing. *Good eating habits are conducive to good health.*

Indelible – (adjective): Impossible to remove, erase or wash away (*indelible ink*). Unable to be forgotten, memorable (*the indelible memories of war*).

