

Toastie Tatts Tittle Tattle

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Letter from the Editor,

The Area and Division Contests (Humorous and Table Topics), new members presenting Ice Breakers, and an educational "Keeping The Commitment", were the highlights of the month. Remember to note in your Diaries our Christmas Party on 18th December and book a seat! Any suggestions, questions and contributions welcome and only an email away: vppr@citytattersallstm.org.au Julia Sztaba

Area and Division Contests – Congratulations to Keith Anderson!

The Area 1 contest was held on 10th October at City Tatts and we were represented by Keith Anderson (Humorous) and Jean-Marc Schwob (Table Topics).

There was a great turnout from all of the five clubs in our area. The competition was indeed very tough and I am pleased to confirm that Keith Anderson was runner up in the humorous speech contest (I would have given KA first - but had no vote unfortunately - words like "robbed" were echoing in the audience but alas the judging was all done...) Jean-Marc was in his element with the Table Topics question "Do you think computers that think like humans will be beneficial or detrimental to society" - certainly a mouthful for the poor table topics master (Dennis)...unfortunately JM was piped at the post by some humorous responses. Great effort and a very solid response JM.



And then... a good luck story: The humorous Area 1 winner could not attend the Central Division contest on Wednesday 24th October and so Keith Anderson as runner up was called at the 11th hour (not an exaggeration) to turn up to represent Area 1.

and the Winner isKeith Anderson with his well polished and hilarious delivery of "Blondes, Red Heads and Aging Greying Baby Boomers".

Once again, your City Tattersalls Toastmasters Club has produced a winning entry at Central Division. I have it on good authority that Keith received a close to standing ovation from the audience. Keith will now represent us and the Division at the District 70 Semi Annual Conference on 16 - 17 November in Homebush.

**A warm welcome from
City Tattersalls Toastmasters
to:**

Peter Peeters
Stuart Milson
Joseph Jose

who joined our club during the month of **October.**

Select Distinguished Club Award 2006-2007



George Endacott (OUR past president) presented the Select Distinguished Club Award Ribbon to Dennis Szabo our current president of the club. As a team and as a club our efforts are also recognised back at headquarters!

your PARTICIPATION COUNTS!

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A TOASTMASTER EXPERIENCE:

Treasurer: Jean Marc Schwob

When/Where/How did you first hear about Toastmasters?
 My wife suggested joining a Toastmasters Club to improve my confidence.

When did you join?
 My visit to City Tattersall's Toastmasters Club was most enjoyable. I joined in August 2002.

Why did you join?
 The usual reasons: to improve my confidence when speaking and also for social reasons, to meet new friends.

Have you achieved what you set out to do?
 I have completed my CC and CL. The leadership aspect of the program was a revelation.

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

Have you served your club as an Officer?
 2003 – VP Education
 President
 I had only been a member of the club for half a year before being nominated as VP Education, although further into the year I also became the acting President.
 2004 – President
 In 2004 there were many new members in the club, of which some became officers for that year.
 2005 – Treasurer
 Annette Wheeler nominated me to become the clubs Treasurer because I looked organised. I was happy to accept the role.
 2006 – Treasurer
 2007 – Treasurer

What could you advise to others?
 Challenge yourselves in progressing through the program including the prepared speeches. Maintain a proactive attitude and don't sit back! It is a friendly environment. In a work environment you may be judged by your peers, and you may be under pressure, but not at Toastmasters!

It is great to see people progress, that is, to see their level of confidence and speaking improve. I have witnessed some enormous improvements among all our members.

Jean Marc Schwob is also the ghost Editors Assistant, tending to the final touches of each and every newsletter.

Club Officer Role

\$\$ TREASURER \$\$

Each year new club officers are appointed to represent and manage the club.

The Treasurer manages the club's financial health. The primary responsibilities of the role involve handling the club's finances, including the collection of club dues and the payment of bills.

The Treasurer:

- Receives and disburses funds to further the operation of the club and its officers.
- Manages club accounts.
- Twice annually notifies members of dues collection
- Collects club dues from each member, and sends semi-annual membership reports to Toastmasters International.
- Processes New Member applications, forms and payments.
- Attends Club Executive Committee Meetings.
- Attends District Sponsored Club Officer Training.
- Prepares a successor for office.

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MEETING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

A Toast:

- A two minute presentation of a toast,
 * It could be a an idea
 * A current affair
 * A person
 * A personal story
 To Congratulate and to celebrate!

“ To Challenges!

Choices we make involve an element of risk. Often we choose the least risky option because of our fear of the unknown. The choices we make are our challenges as well. In successfully meeting a challenge we get great rewards. To Challenges!”

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

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The Leadership Stream- CL

Earlier this year I attended a one hour workshop; "The New Leadership Manual in Action" presented by Reg Stewart. I had heard about the new program although had never really looked at it closely.

August this year, Dennis Szabo presented a comprehensive educational, 'The Road Less Travelled', based upon The Competent Leadership Manual.

After the presentation, I received a copy of the manual and a suggestion to consider progressing through the manual. The manual with a bright shiny appearance of newness remained untouched until a rainy day and a long train trip brought finger prints to not only the cover but pages within.

Fortnightly meetings are far between, a sense of connectedness fades between meetings. There is a solution to this and it is this manual.

Each and every project may become a part of your daily routine. For example:

Project One – Listening and Leadership. It will take three consecutive meetings to complete this project. You are required to undertake three different meeting roles to demonstrate your skill in listening and leadership. Although we are all aware that fine tuning our listening skills requires a little more than a few little exercises. Start fine tuning your listening skills right now even before you begin. Surprisingly, we often do not listen.

It does require your ongoing commitment as the program may take over a year to complete. Are you ready to commit?

Words to Ponder On

Incite (verb) – To move to action

Insight (noun) – The power of or an act or result of discerning the truth or underlying nature of something.

Avouch – To guarantee the truth or existence of



Keeping the Commitment

Throughout our busy lives we promise ourselves many things. Just a reminder of our Toastmasters Promise!

I Promise to Participate by:

Attending Regularly
Carefully Preparing Speeches
and Fulfilling all Assignments

I Promise to Aid Fellowship by:

Providing Helpful Evaluations
Promoting a Positive Friendly Environment
To Serve as an Officer
Treat Members and Guests with Respect and Courtesy

I Promise to maintain Club Quality:

To Bring Guests
By Following Guidelines and Rules
Observing Ethical Standards.

Dates For Your Diary

Club Events

Christmas Party
18th December 2007. City Tattersalls Club

Division Events:

International and Evaluation Contests
April 2008.

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.

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