

Toastie Tatts Tittle Tattle

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Letter from the Editor,

In the months of November and December, two new members joined our club, and one member is departing. Work commitments near the ski slopes in Canada are taking Peter Anderson away from us at City Tattersalls Toastmasters. Also, congratulations to Keith Anderson who represented our Club, Area AND Division at the District Humorous Contest night which was also the weekend of the Semi-Annual Conference. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party on the 19th December 2007. Any suggestions, questions and contributions welcome and only an email away: vppr@citytattersallstm.org.au Julia Sztaba

Evaluation and International Contests 2008

The Christmas Holiday Break maybe the opportunity to jot down a few notes, ideas and stories and combine them in creating an inspirational and winning speech. To enter the International Contest you must have completed six speeches from your Competent Communicator Manual. A great guide to refer to would be Speech No.10

The Evaluations Contest will also be held February/ March next year. Likewise an opportunity to refine your evaluation presentations. Refer to the District 70 website to note some helpful tips.

A contest would not be held without a: Contest Chairman, Counters, Timers, Chief Judge and judges including the Contestants. If you would like to participate in the Contest by filling one of the above named roles please let your mentor or our Vice President of Education, Simon Mac Gregor Mac Donald advise you about the role.

A WARM WELCOME FROM CITY TATTERSALLS TOASTMASTERS TO:

**Oksana Nezbyraska
&
Sue Lee**

who joined our club during **November and
December**

A GOODBYE NOTE for Peter Anderson

Peter Anderson is moving to Canada for two years from January 2008, temporarily leaving our club. I (Dennis) did ask for Peter's Toastmasters badge as security but was unsuccessful.

Peter has been with the club since May and his contribution to the development of members and success of the club has been immense.

We will indeed miss a great mentor and a very active participant at our meetings.

On behalf of our members, I thank you for your support and inspiration and wish you all the very best with your move to Canada and your pursuits.

Dennis Szabo
President

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A TOASTMASTER EXPERIENCE:

VP Membership: George Endacott

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

George was then a member of City Tattersalls Club as was Bob Joseph whom invited George to a meeting.

When did you join?

I joined promptly after attending a couple of Toastmaster meetings.

Why did you join?

To improve my public speaking skills and gain confidence.

Have you achieved what you set out to do?

Absolutely and a lot more including developing confidence, organisational skills and a sense of achievement.

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

The club's great atmosphere, and to continue to practise my speaking skills.

Have you served your club as an Officer?

2004 - VP Marketing
2005 - VP Education
2006 - President.
and currently VP Membership.

What could you advise to others?

Stick at it and strive for improvement.

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

Club Officer Role

VP Membership

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

The Vice President Membership (VPM), the third ranking club officer, manages the activities that sustain and increase the number of members in the club. The primary responsibility of this role involve marketing and some administration.

- Plans, organises and implements a continuous marketing effort.
- Ensures that club membership remains above club charter strength (20 members).
- The prime contact for new member and visitor enquiries.
- Responsible for keeping the membership roster (working with the Treasurer) and attendance records.
- Attends Club Executive Committee Meetings.
- Attends District Sponsored Club Officer Training.
- Prepares a successor for office.

MEETING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Lexicologist/Grammarian/Listener – Expanding your listening skills.

Before the meeting: Select a Word for the Evening (usually a noun or adjective). Print your word on a large piece of paper, for display at the meeting. Look up the dictionary definition. Prepare a few examples (sentences) showing how the word is used.

During the meeting: When introduced announce the "Word of the Evening", define it, and use it in a sentence and encourage participants to use the word during their presentations.

Briefly explain your role as grammarian, that is to pay attention to everyone's word usage and grammar.

Once seated begin to note any language misuse (incomplete sentences, incorrect grammar, malapropisms, etc). Also note down who used the word of the evening.

Towards the end of the meeting you will be presenting your report. Try to offer the correct usage in every instance, explaining what was wrong. Report on creative language and announce who used the word of the evening. You may also ask questions about what was said during the evening (to make sure everyone was listening!)

Words to Ponder On



Supererogation– “doing more than a duty requires.”

Loquacious – adjective. Talkative.

Laconic – adjective. Using or involving the use of a minimum of words; terse.

Festive – adjective. Of or suitable for a feast or festival.

Festival – noun. A time marked by a special celebration.

Festivity – noun. Festive activity with singing and meaning.

“A Toast to the Golden Silence”

By Oksana Nezbryska

As one Monkey explained to the other, “If we try to explain everything we wont be able to live.” At that moment the centipede was walking past and was asked by one of the Monkeys to explain how it walked. The centipede in trying to explain how it moved all one hundred legs became so confused that it forgot how to walk. The Male monkey looked at the Female monkey and said, “We can’t explain everything in this world. Let’s just enjoy the things we can’t explain.” A delightful interpretation of the Golden Silence.

TABLE TOPICS

Oksana was also our Table Topics Master for our last meeting of the year. Throughout this session we were able to present our opinion of a proverb or quote, that is whether we agreed or disagreed.

A very entertaining approach to improving our impromptu speaking. Here is a reminder of some of the quotes of this session:

“Life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans.”

“A Pessimist is an Optimist with experience.”

“A woman is like a teabag. Only in hot water do you know how strong she is!”

“Every moment of resistance to temptation is a victory.”

“Beowulf” a film inspired by an epic poem written in 1118. It tells a story of a Northern Hero set about the 850 who was going to the Kingdom of Rothdale in Norway and slayed a man eating monster by tearing off his arm. He stayed on to become king. He fights the mother of a Demon and eventually dies fighting a huge dragon that was devastating the country. This wonderful story is brought to life, showing now at the IMAX cinema, in 3D where you can become part of the action. Daggers, swords and spears...and standing there gazing...hanging by a chain... near a flying dragon...

“I recommend seeing a very old story told in a very new way at the IMAX Theatre.”

This Film Review was presented by Alistair Gerard.

Dates For Your Diary

Club Events

Christmas Party

19th December 2007. City Tattersalls Club

Speech-a-thon

Tuesday 8th January 2007

Area Events

International and Evaluations Contests.
 March 2008

Division Events:

International and Evaluation Contests
 26th March 2008

District Events

Sunday Seminars

Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Parade

“Running a club Speechcraft.”

(remember to book in advance)

4th May 2008.

Annual Conference March 2008

Panthers World of Entertainment, Mulgoa Road, Penrith
 Theme is “We are One, We are Many”

Special Guest Toastmaster International President,
 Chris Ford from Ontario, Canada.

Thursday 10th -13th April 2008.

DISTRICT 70 CHANGE OVER DINNER
 to be held Saturday 28th June 2008.

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