

Toastie Tatts Tittle Tattle

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Letter from the Editor,

It has been a busy month of February with back to back Contests! Congratulations to all the participants. Any suggestions, questions and contributions welcome and only an email away: vppr@citytattersallstm.org.au

Julia Sztaba

Results of the

Evaluation and International Contests 2008



Contests & Awards

Our Club Evaluation Contest was held: 12th February 2008.

Guest Speaker: Carmel McWhirter presented a speech entitled 'The life of Captain Cooks Wife, Elizabeth.'

Who won the club Evaluations Contest? Keith Anderson won the Evaluations contest. The runner up was Dennis Szabo.

Who will be representing the Club at the Area Contest? Keith Anderson.

"Great Contest! Fabulous Evaluations, high quality" was Richard Shore's assessment.

Our Club International Contest was held 26th February 2008.

Who won the club International Contest? Dennis Szabo with his speech titled 'Comfort Zone'. The runner up was Keith Anderson with his speech titled 'Local Heroes'.

Who will be representing the Club at the Area Contest? Dennis Szabo.

When will the Area Contest take place? On Thursday 13th March 2008, At level 8, 320 Pitt Street, Sydney (Telstra Building). Briefing 6.30pm for a 7pm start. All club members are encouraged to attend to support our club representatives, Keith and Dennis as well as experience some great evaluations and speeches from other club winners.

A contest could not be held without a: Contest Chairman, Counters, Timers, Chief Judge and judges including the Contestants. Congratulations to all who participated. A special thank-you to Carmel McWhirter, target speaker for the Evaluations Contest and Richard Shore for attending both contests as Chief Judge.



Evaluations Contest: Simon McGregor-MacDonald (Contest Chairman), Alistair Gerard, Grace Zheng, Jean-Marc Schwob, Dennis Szabo Keith Anderson and Richard Shore (Chief Judge)



International Contest: Pieter Peeters (Contest Chairman), Alistair Gerard, Dennis Szabo, Keith Anderson and Richard Shore (Chief Judge)

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VP Public Relations

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

Julia Sztaba is currently representing our club at the Executive level as Public Relations Officer as she progresses through the Public Relations Educational Manual. Her responsibilities are:

- Meet and greet guests.
- Publish the Club Newsletter.
- Attend Executive Committee meetings.
- Attend District sponsored club officer training.
- Arrange for a replacement if unable to attend meetings.

A TOASTMASTER EXPERIENCE:

Richard Shore

Area One Governor and Central Division Governor

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

It was the grandmother of one of my scouts. It was the day I met her. We were at lunch, a scout's function together. Fifteen minutes into the conversation after she had met me she had said, "I am going to Toastmasters tomorrow night, you should come. You would be good at it!"

When did this happen and when did you join?

Ten years ago.

Why did you join?

I was told I would be good at it.

Do you feel you have achieved what you had intended to achieve?

I think I am good at it. The reason I am staying is to help people.

What do you actually like about Toastmasters?

I enjoy helping other people. I like to see people reach out and in a lot of cases excel in what they perceive their potential is and knowing that I am partially responsible for it.

Have you served your club as an Officer?

I am currently a member of five clubs. I have served multiple terms as Secretary, VP Education and President. I have been an area governor twice and this is my second and last year as Central Division Governor.

What could you advise to others?

Most people join Toastmasters for the Communication side of it. It is Toastmasters that discover the leadership side of Toastmasters. Those who work on both the communication and leadership streams grow so much faster and so much more. Growth becomes exponential.

Would you like to share your experiences at Toastmasters, your first speech or the tenth? Contact the Editor at

vppr@citytattersallstm.org.au

MEETING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

General Evaluator

Evaluates the whole meeting excluding those whom have had an evaluator allocated to their role.

PRIOR to the meeting:

Consult with the Toastmaster and Evaluators. Remind all evaluators of the purpose, techniques and benefits of evaluation. Emphasize that evaluation is a positive helping act to preserve and enhance the self esteem of the speaker. The goal of all Toastmasters is to help fellow Toastmasters develop their skill. Evaluations are designed to help people overcome weak habits and add power to good ones.

DURING the meeting:

As a general evaluator you are evaluating the whole meeting. This includes taking notes on all that is happening, checking that all property is properly displayed and observing the meeting beginning and ending on time. It is important that each participant on the program is covered throughout the general evaluation (excluding table topics speakers and prepared speeches) you will be presenting. Comment on good and less desirable examples of preparation, organization, delivery, enthusiasm, observation, and general performance of duties. Comment on the quality of evaluations. Were they positive, upbeat, helpful? Did they point the way to improvement?

CONDUCTING the general evaluation:

Present an evaluation of the meeting using your notes standing at the lectern.

The Competent Communicator Manual provides a comprehensive description of all meeting roles. Do refer to the back of your manual prior to the meeting to revise your role.

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Table Topics Master: Mei Ming Perry

It was a pick out of the shopping bag coupled with a question to answer about the item found. Both a unique and creative approach, participants were at an advantage being able to hold and study the object they selected to talk about. Items like; a packet of pocket tissues, spray, pencil case, Easter egg and several more were some of the many items in the bag.

Congratulations to Mei Ming Perry in conducting a fun filled Table Topics Session.

Great tips are to be found at our website:
www.citytattersallstm.org.au/tips.htm

A Toast to Competition!

Jean-Marc Schwob
'A Toast to Competition!'

You may perceive competition as something bad....

Healthy competition is about self improvement and the opportunity to challenge yourself. Participating in a contest is the opportunity to bring the best out in yourself and to gain great experience in performing at your best. It is about experiencing the exhilaration of victory and the humbleness of defeat.

This is what competition means.

Please stand and raise your glasses to competition.

Words to Ponder On

FAIR DINKUM – True and Genuine.
Presented by Sue Lee.



Dates For Your Diary

Area Events

International and Evaluations Contests
Telstra Building, Level 8, 320 Pitt Street, Sydney
Briefing 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Division Events:

International and Evaluation Contests
NSW Bowlers Club, 99 York St Sydney
26th March 2008, 7:00pm

District Events

Sunday Seminars

Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Parade

"Running a club Speech craft."

(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.

www.d70toastmasters.org



A reminder: We can now **video record your presentations. Please advise Dennis Szabo before the meeting to register your interest in receiving a video recording of your presentation.**