

Toastie Tatts Tittle Tattle

October 2008



To celebrate the start of the new toastmaster year we held our annual Tall Tales Contest the first meeting of July 2008. Congratulations to both the winner, Denis Szabo presenting "Beauty and the Beast" and the runner up Tim Sedgwick in presenting Max Powers. (- the two most outrageous tales ever heard!)

Over this first quarter we greeted many guests visiting the club. A warm welcome to our mostly recent new members of the club; Paul Woodward, Tony Zammit and Mark Cowan Aston! Throughout this first quarter we have heard many great Table topics, toasts and current affairs. Members have presented a prepared speech or project from their manuals. We have heard about Balsamic Vinegar, How a new member learnt to think ten steps ahead, and many more creative and inspirational thoughts and ideas. Some words we may all like to remember are:

POLARIZE, - presented by Grammarian Ting Yu

Or *EXPRESSIVE, EXEMPLARY, FASCINATING, OUTSTANDING, INVIGORATING* – presented by Keith Anderson. This lists only a couple meetings of Words of the Evening.

Over the past year the monthly newsletters revealed some of the secrets of some of our longstanding members. To continue this tradition I have interviewed Bob Joseph, one of the clubs longest standing members.

A Toastmaster's Experience: Bob Joseph

When did you first hear about Toastmasters?

"The lady I rang about another organization suggested I consider joining a Toastmasters Club. She said, "Come along and have a look at it!" I attended several meetings and stayed. This happened in 1985.

What motivated you to join? I had been looking for another "hobby" that would also contribute to my personal growth.

Have you achieved what you set out to achieve? Yes, it is still a hobby of mine. Twenty three years later and I am still not a distinguished Toastmaster. It was never a priority of mine, simply one of many interests. I have served the club as President for two years. I became Area Governor and Division Governor for two years. This equipped me with the necessary experience that leads me to taking up leadership positions outside of the club.

What do you recommend/advise fellow Toastmasters? Always treat it as a "hobby" and training ground. Every assignment/ project from the program completed adds another tool to your tool box. Most importantly this training leads to other engagements outside of Toastmasters.

What is NEW?

Four perpetual trophies were introduced to the club this year. Annette Wheeler introduced two and Bob Joseph introduced two. Annette Wheeler whilst travelling throughout America purchased two trophies for the club. These two trophies became the International Speech Contest and the Evaluations Contest Perpetual Trophies this year 2008. Keith Anderson kindly backdated these trophies to 1990 listing all the winners of the contests since 1990. Earlier this year these trophies were presented to the winners of each contest. Dennis Szabo for "Butterflies" and Keith Anderson for the best evaluation presented.

Bob Joseph, a long standing member of the club has contributed to the club over many years and now has presented the club with two trophies. Keith Anderson kindly backdated these trophies to 1990 listing the winners of each year since 1990. This month The Bob Joseph Humorous Speech Contest Trophy was presented to Mark Cowan Aston and The Bob Joseph Table Topics Contest was presented to Keith Anderson. Recently the performing couple has been named the "Dynamic Duo" after both having been awarded "Runner Ups" of the Central Division Contest. As "Runners Up" of the contest if the winners of the two contests are unable to represent the Central Division Contest, the "Runners Up" called to represent Central Division at the Semi Annual Conference District Contests.

The 2008 Semi-Annual Conference, "Today's Toastmaster Tomorrow" will happen the weekend of 17th – 18th October at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. Visit www.d70toastmasters.org to site the conference program or to register your interest for one or two of the events or the whole conference online.

Dates For Your Diary

Club Events December 2008, Christmas Party AND February 2009, International and Evaluations Contest **Area Events** March 2008,

International and Evaluations Contest **Division Events:** March 2008, International and Evaluations Contest

District Events 17th – 18th October 2008 Semi-Annual Conference, Campbelltown Catholic Club. www.d70toastmasters.org AND The next District 70 Sunday Seminar will be on Sunday, 9th November. It will be devoted to **Speech Contest Judging Training**.

Toastmasters Week - Toastmasters Week will be held on 11 - 18 October

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