

A few significant moments in time

Ingrid Hoppe

Last Thursday opened with an enormous welcome to David Griffiths – who is now heading off to Las Vegas after a triumphant win in our yearly Speech Contest (at the District Conference) to compete against some of the World’s greatest! Dave looked very, very pleased with the widest grin and I’m sure he couldn’t be a happier President!

The District Conference was an enormous success with many Parramatta Toastmasters featured as winners.

Gary and Elizabeth Wilson, Ian Chick all recognized as past District Toast Masters. Ian Lipski was also voted in as the District Treasurer. Michael Said will be taking over as Governor for Phillip and Gary Wilson as the Parramatta Webmaster was responsible for winning the Best Web Design, whilst Ferdie Oosterhoff (and contributors) awarded for the Best Newsletter.

We must also mention that Lyndal Eager competed in an extremely tough Evaluation competition and also did everyone proud – what a Team here at Parramatta Toastmasters!

At the beginning of the Toastmaster year, David challenged us to Exceed Expectations, he has led the way and as a club we have stepped up to the mark.

As for last Thursday’s meeting itself—Nirish was our Chairman, and got busy taking photos—this was in keeping with the theme and making every moment count!

Robyn welcomed everybody with ease and style including our 3 guests – Ravi, Mark and Daniel.

Demian attended our meeting to perform the Toast and it was a very befitting toast, to Dave. Dave is the first person to win this district speech competition in 21 years, here at our Club!! Demian explained that Dave “has the mindset of a champion and work ethic of an under-dog”.

Demian then made his presentation to Dave with 2 cakes and a rowdy

DONT FORGET!

- Meeting Procedure Workshop—9 June, contact Lyndal at marshmallow48@hotmail.com
- District Changeover dinner—25th June, contact Wendy Nielson at vpm@parramattatm.org.au

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An inspiration to all at Parramatta—Dave Griffiths holding aloft The Wollongong Trophy after returning triumphant to his club from the District 70 International Speech Contest.

applause from the gleaming audience. Dave sort of admitted that he was now stuck for words and was humble in saying thank you to all his Mentors and Demian!

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Ian Lipski performed our Inspirational and told us that he was moved and inspired by the Conference and all that Parramatta had achieved, he also acknowledged the kind words and wisdom from all Toastmasters at the Conference and that it is what Toastmasters is all about!

John Bright had fun with his Table Topics assignment and it was all about Time! Whether you were on the agenda or not, it didn't make a difference to John as I found out – thanks John for first cab off the rank!

The evaluations from Joan and Victor gave valuable feedback to all the speakers with enough helpful hints on building and improving to encourage everyone.

Alicia was our Chairman 2 and proceeded with confidence and clarity sifting through the Executive Reports, Motions, Thankyous, Notifications and Achievements.

The Motion was read out by Mr Peter Steinhour – well thought out Peter, caused some commotion but unfortunately lost out because of the tight few! Why not give something back to the Club, it would be like a donation – maybe we can revisit the motion one day?

General Evaluator Linda gave an in depth and well executed feedback session.

Elizabeth's has some pertinent advice for anybody doing Chairman 2 role—"take Renton's to bed for the entire month before your assignment", and as the evenings Larfmaster, Daniel proved himself both brave and funny with his St Peter's joke.

Wendy was our Toastmaster for the evening and introduced everyone with ease. It was a great night of speeches ranging from Ice Breaker to Advanced.



The proudest club in town—Parramatta Toastmasters, with the District 70 International Speech Contest winner—who also just happens to be our President.

Parramatta Toastmasters - Club 2274

Meeting Details

Parramatta Toastmasters meet fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, in the Linden Room of the Parramatta RSL.

6pm for a 6:30pm start

Dinner is available during the meeting

Guests and visitors are always welcome

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