



David Griffiths in action

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District 70

Parramatta Toastmasters

Personal thanks goes to Ron Marriott for all the help and assistance he provided to Barbara Beveridge, Vice President Public Relations, in order to get the Parra Natta Newsletter up and running. He truly is great at IT issues and problems, especially when Barbara had a near computer crash! Thank you Ron!

Special thanks also go to Ian Chick, Robyn Peck and Gary Wilson for the help, guidance and assistance given to the VPPR.

“Travelin Man”

The theme the “Travelin Man” was chosen for Meeting Number 1185 in honour of our own David Griffiths, who will be traveling to Las Vegas to compete in the International Speech Contest. We know David will go well and everyone of us wish him the very best of luck!

Christine Pizzuti, our Sergeant at Arms, managed to get everyone settled down for the evenings meeting.

Linda Snalam, Vice President Education, got us into the travelling mood with her grand opening speech in the absence of Sam Ekinici, President. Whilst **Ian Chick**, Vice President Membership told us of the program changes.

Chairman 1 was **Cheryl Piper**, who handled the role with ease and humour. Cheryl showed us she was a very capable and polished Chairman for the night.

Michael Said, warmly introduced our guests, and provided us with a little insight into each one of them. He helped them to enjoy their experience at our Parramatta District 70 Toastmasters Meeting.

We are always very pleased to welcome our guests and encourage them to come back and see us again and for some to join our Speechcraft Course (for details see our website at www.parramattatm.org.au – Short Courses) and others to join our Toastmasters Club or one nearer to their home.

The Read or Recite was conducted by **John Taylor**, who took us back to the 1960’s telling us about Jerry Fuller in 1961 who sang “I’m a Travelin’ Man” and it was later sung/revised by Ricky Nelson. John didn’t sing the song to us, unfortunately! instead he read the words.

Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram gave us some Travel Tips and told us to highlight our suitcases/bags whilst traveling with a brightly coloured ribbon or we could **‘go all out’** and use tinsel to spot our bags easily. Thanks Kirisha for some useful hints.

Linda Clark gave us a toast and made sure we all thought about the theme for the evening.

events of the evening

More Fun during the meeting

Table Topics Master, **Peter Steinhour**, asked some tricky questions about travelling – “you're in a third world country – New Zealand” was met with a little controversy from some of our New Zealand members – **Wendy Nielsen** for one. Great answers to Peter's in depth questions were given by **Suzanne Berkeley, Christine Pizzuti, Wendy Nielsen, Stephen Trindall** – Toastmaster President of Balgowlah – a guest for the evening who told us about his escapade through Italy, **Melanie Wilson, Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram, Victor Le, Gary Wilson, Lyndal Eager** and **Barbara Beveridge**.

Table Topic Evaluators were:

For the odd number speakers – **Michelle Hunt**, who provided great feedback to each speaker and **Nirish Shayka** for the even number speakers, he provided significant information to each speaker.

And the **Winner of Table Topics** was

Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram who told us about her way to stop a plane in order to stay with the love of her life.... she would stuff some air travel pillows under her top and cry out that she was in LABOUR!. Well thought up Kirisha, congratulations.



Monique Tonna doing her Icebreaker Speech.

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

- If you require the use of a projector Parramatta Toastmasters have one on call – please give 48 hours notice and contact our Sergeant at Arms – Christine Pizzuti – email: saa@parramattatm.org.au
- There are resources available from the Club Library, - books and cassettes - please check out our club website to view what's available to help you
- Please be sure to read the minutes of our club meeting which can be found at <http://www.parramattatm.org.au/introducing club.htm>.

REMEMBER TO BRING ALONG YOUR CC MANUALS TO EVERY MEETING

EMAIL OR RING IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND A MEETING!

Highlights and Guests

Further highlights of the evening

Suben Subenthiran, Secretary, was the Larfmaster and asked what the difference was between a Civil Engineer and a Mechanical Engineer? The answer is – the Mechanical Engineer makes the weapons and the Civil Engineer is the target!

The **Mini Business session** ran by **John Nichols** as Chairman 2. John used his strong personality to keep things under control. John suggested we give respect to other speakers and to have respect for our club.

Wendy Nielsen flagged the “Viva Las Vegas” theme night, which will be for our next normal meeting with an extra ‘splash’ to be held on Thursday 18 August 2011. It will be a dress up evening. She said we could come dressed as a card holder, a gambler, “lady in the Street (or Night!)”, a ‘showgirl’, anything goes. If you want to attend please RSVP Wendy Nielsen by 15 August 2011 on ph: 0439 614 214 or email wendynielsen@optusnet.com.au.

Serious business:

On 1 August 2011, **Linda Snalam**, **Peter Steinhour** and **Suzanne Berkeley** attended a meeting at Parramatta RSL regarding the registration of gambling. This will reduce the clubs ability to fund Toastmasters and may mean the loss to fund us completely. **Linda** encouraged members to visit the website www.unaustralian.com.au to support our club and to send an email to Parramatta’s Local MP to raise concern about this issue.

The club also generously donated \$500.00 to **David Griffiths** to assist him in his travel to the International Speech Contest to Las Vegas.

Nirish Shayka told us about social media and for members to sign up to Facebook and Twitter accounts now created for Toastmasters. **To support our immediate past President, David Griffiths** in the International Speech Contest. Go to <http://on.fb.me/oLyfPC> - for facebook and www.twitter.com/parratm for twitter. Go on what are you waiting for?

Special Welcome we had 14 Guests at our Meeting on 4th August 2011

Glen Johnson-Till – First time guest
Stephen Trindall – President, Balgowlah Toastmasters
Gabriel Bizcarra – Drummoyne Toastmasters
Shakeel Lodhi – Previous Toastmaster Bintang
Penny Chin – Immediate Past President Bintang
Paul Manners – ex Speechcrafter
Reza Aminian – Second time guest
Michael Gavlik – VPE Balgowlah Toastmasters
Joe Douoihy - First time guest
Neil D’Silva
David Pasipanodya – from Zimbabwe
Badra Jayawavdena – ex Speechcrafter
Ann Nguyen
Bernie Albano –Elaine’s husband

WE LOVE GUESTS – INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Linda Snalam advised us of a last minute pop in by Jeeven. He said he had had enough of his computer screen and decided to come along to the Toastmasters meeting after all as he needed a social life!

Famous Toastmasters

Some well-known people from various fields have been Toastmasters. These include:

Tim Allen, Actor, star of television series, "Home Improvement"

Everett Alvarez, American POW during the Vietnam War; former Deputy Director of the Peace Corps and Veterans Administration

Joe Conley Actor, former cast member of television show *The Waltons*

Ben Couch, Late former member of Parliament, New Zealand

Carl Dixon, Rock Musician, former lead singer for The Guess Who

Debbie Fields Rose, Founder, Mrs. Fields Cookies

Anita Perez Ferguson, Former President, U.S. National Women's Political Caucus; Princeton lecturer and National Public Radio contributor

Steve Fraser, 1984 Olympic Gold medalist in Greco-Roman wrestling; National Director of Sports Marketing Systems for Domino's Pizza, Inc.

Napoleon Hill, Best-selling author of "Think and Grow Rich;" presidential advisor

Tara Dawn Holland Christensen, Miss America, 1997

K.C. Jones, Former basketball coach for NBA team, Boston Celtics

Richard Lamm, Former Governor of Colorado and 1996 Reform Party Presidential candidate

Donald D. Lennox, Former President, Xerox Corporation's Information Systems Group

James Lovell, Former U.S. astronaut; missions included Apollo 13

Chris Matthews, Author and host on MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews"

Harvey Mackay, Best-selling author of "Swim With the Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive"

Bob McTeer, Former president/CEO, Dallas Federal Reserve Bank; former chancellor, Texas A&M University

Leonard Nimoy, Actor, star of television series "Star Trek"

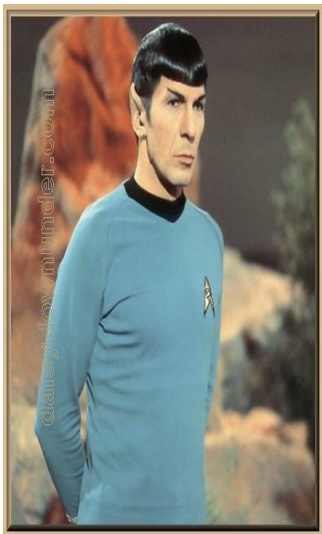
Cavett Robert, Late founder of the National Speakers Association; author

Walter Schirra, Late former U.S. astronaut; only man to fly in United States' first three space programs, Mercury, Gemini and Apollo

John Young , Former U.S. astronaut



Tim Allen



Leonard Nimoy

Further details of Meeting Number 1185 – 4 August 2011, District 70

Elizabeth Wilson was the General Evaluator and got everyone to evaluate themselves by asking how we are going? what we do well and how we can improve each of our roles?. She told us to look at ourselves through the eyes of our visitors, to be a proud toastmaster member and to stick to the agenda. Elizabeth suggested we step outside of our comfort zones and sit with different people. She also suggested we share serving the evening meals and maybe set up a roster so everyone shares in the task.

Ian Lipski as Parliamentarian gave a detailed and well rounded evaluation of the business session. He mentioned that John Nichols needs to temper his humour and to allow time for people to speak. Ian is to be commended for not using any notes in his role.

Ian Chick, VPPM, was Toastmaster for the evening. He enthusiastically and cordially welcomed up each of speakers for the evening. **The speakers were:**

Monique Tonna Speaker 1 – with her icebreaker “It’s all about Me”, we found out that Monique, as well as being a dancer is also an accountant and holds her CPA and MBA. She wants to study Spanish whilst overseas for the next 12 months (lucky Monique) and wants to visit 150 countries but has only been to 12 now.

Monique was **evaluated by Wendy Nielsen** who gave a beautiful evaluation to a beautiful lady. Wendy was open, honest and gave Monique some great tips for her future speeches.

David Griffiths, Speaker 2 and 4 – presented the speeches he will be using in the International Speech Contest. He requested feedback from **his evaluators Gary Wilson and Michael Said** and we had a near round table conference offering suggestions, guidance and advice to David to become an International Speech Winner. **You can do it David!**

Ron Marriott, Speaker 3 – presented his speech ‘The lessons I learnt from the South American decibel chasing frog’. Ron talked about his habits, one in particularly involving his loud and fast speaking problem. It appears that Ron now has that habit under control and doesn’t get hit on the head by the frog his boss used to throw at him!

Ron’s evaluator was **John Bright** who gave a great evaluation of Ron and told us how Ron has mastered this speech and that he has done a good job of slowing his speech rate down.

Kirisha Thanapalasantheram one of the CL Evaluators reminded everyone to bring along their CL Manual to every meeting, **Victor Le** gave us the times for each speaker, **Christine Pizutti** gave out the awards for the evening - the Icebreaker ribbon to **Monique Tonna** and the Table Topics ribbon to **Kirisha Thanapalasantheram**. Plus the Stirrer’s Spoon was awarded to **Gary Wilson**.

Linda Snalam brought the meeting to a close for the evening and invited everyone to stay for drinks and a chat afterwards.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMING EVENTS

Special Theme Night 'Viva Las Vegas' on 18 August 2011 – in honour of David Griffiths who will be in Las Vegas competing in the international speech contest. We will have our usual meeting with a splash and we can dress up for the evening – 'anything goes' advises Wendy Nielsen who is organizing the event - time: 6:00pm for a 6:30 pm start at Parramatta RSL Club, 2 Macquarie Street, Parramatta, cost – normal meeting – buy a meal (\$17 - \$22) Please RSVP by 15 August 2011 to Wendy Nielsen ph: 0439 614 214 or email wendynielsen@optusnet.com.au

Humorous Speech Contest – 1 September 2011, any member seeking to register as a contestant please email Linda Snalam, VPE at vpe@parramattatm.org.au as soon as possible.

**Winners Circle Toastmasters Club invite you to be present to enjoy the Area 133 Table Topics and Humorous Speech Contests – Monday 19 September 2011, starts at 7.00 pm sharp. At Parramatta RSL Club (Macquarie Room), Cnr Macquarie & O'Connell Streets, Parramatta
Cost: \$12 includes sandwiches, tea/coffee
Come along and support our own Wendy Nielsen.
RVSP: 8th September 2011 – Contact Jodi Robertson area13@d70toastmasters.org for registration and payment 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

6.30 pm start. Dinner is available during the

meeting. Guests and visits are always

welcome.

Come along and enjoy a great night of

learning and entertainment.

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