



*Toastmasters International
'Where Leaders are made'*

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 your home.

District 70

Parramatta Toastmasters

Special thank you this week goes to everyone who stood in at the last minute and took a Toastmasters role on. You helped make our meeting run smoothly. Thank you.



Thank you everyone!

*Tonights Theme:
"Love Is In The Air"*



The origins of Valentine's Day trace back to the ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia. Held on February 15, Lupercalia honored the gods Lupercus and Faunus, as well as the legendary founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. In addition to a bountiful feast, Lupercalia festivities are purported to have included the pairing of young women and men. Men would draw women's names from a box, and each couple would be paired until next year's celebration. While this pairing of couples set the tone, it wasn't called "Valentine's Day" until a priest named Valentine came along. Valentine, a romantic at heart, disobeyed Emperor Claudius II's decree that soldiers remain bachelors. Claudius handed down this decree believing that soldiers would be distracted and unable to concentrate on fighting if they were married or engaged. Valentine defied the emperor and secretly performed marriage ceremonies. As a result of his defiance, Valentine was put to death on February 14. After Valentine's death, he was named a saint. As Christianity spread through Rome, the priests moved Lupercalia from February 15 to February 14 and renamed it St. Valentine's Day to honor Saint Valentine.

Tom Woods, our stand in Sergeant at Arms this evening, filled the room with love as he organised everyone to get ready for Meeting 1199. Tom told us there were no kisses, no hugs and no cards for him on Valentine's Day, he was greeted with "get off to work" from his wife. Poor Tom!



Get off to work Tom!

Spreading more love into the air tonight was **Sam Ekinci**, our President who romanced us with his Opening. He told us that he went to see a friend at a Day Care Centre on Valentine's Day and he watched two kids called "Jack and Jill". Jack picked a flower and went up to Jill and asked her to be his Valentine. She said "no" and asked what a Valentine was. Jack explained it meant she was his friend. So she said "Yes". Jill then picked a flower and went up to a little girl and asked her the same thing. The girl said "no" and asked her what a Valentine meant and she told her and the little girl then said "yes". Eventually all the kids were each other's Valentines and friends. Love was in the air!



Will you be my Valentine?

Welcome to our guests for Meeting No. 1199
16 February 2012

Allie Kelly – Frequent visitor and Member of Brunch@Wenty.

Keshminder Purba – First time visitor

Rita Khawand – First time visitor

Amelia Wenn – Third time visitor

Gabby Ord - Third time visitor to our club and current Speechcrafter

Brett Pearce – First time visitor and friend of Gabby Ord's

Daniella Shaaban – First time visitor



*Come along and enjoy a night at Parramatta
Toastmasters. You can have a meal, relax and be
entertained*

Plus you may even learn something along the way!

"Love is in the Air" - everywhere I look around ...

Sam Ekinici then conducted the Induction Ceremony for Kim Gosper Our new Toastmaster Member. Kim was lovingly welcomed by the clan into Parramatta Toastmasters this evening. Kim is no newcomer to Toastmaster and was a previous member quite sometime ago at The Hills Toastmasters. Kim told us he loved the rapturous applause he received along with the strength and dynamic nature he finds in our club. Congratulations and a very big welcome to Kim!



Welcome to Kim Gosper

Linda Snalam didn't shoot little arrows at anyone tonight by taking us through the Program Changes. Instead she thanked two new members for stepping in and taking on roles at the last minute to help out. Thank you to Monique Tonna and Kim Gosper.



Thank you very much – no arrows from Linda



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"Love Is In The Air" - every sight and every sound ...

Don't forget to bring your **Competent Leader's Manual** with you to all meetings; you may have a role that can be signed off on.

Remember to advise us if you can't attend a meeting, call or email the VPE, **Linda Snalam** - vpe@parramattatm.org.au .

Please read our Club's Minutes go to – <http://www.parramattatm.org.au/introducingclub.htm>.

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CAN'T ATTEND A MEETING!**

"Love Is In The Air" - and I don't know if I'm being foolish ...

There was nothing foolish about tonight's **Chairman 1 – Suzanne Berkeley**. Suzanne warmly told us about where she spent her Valentine's Day this year - James Ruse High School. She said she was surprised by the culture that existed in the school and how she was greeted by such love and happiness. She told us that the Year 12 prefects were giving presents to others through hugs, wishes, kisses and roses they were selling. They also gave a concert to spread the love which was over abundant in the air at their school.

Suzanne's unique charm and sincerity shone through in her role tonight. She certainly filled our hearts with love. Good job Suzanne!



Mark Pankhurst did the **Welcome** tonight. Mark gave everyone a great welcome as he introduced all our guests this evening. Thank you Mark



A loving welcome to all our visitors



A **Book Review** was given by **Selvi Jayaganesh**. Selvi spoke about 'The Forgotten Garden' by Kate Morgan. She said that the book is about a lost child from the UK on way to Australia over 100 years. At 21 years of age a woman found out the family she thought was hers wasn't. It wasn't until 90 years later that her granddaughter found out their true roots. Selvi said this story is a fairytale for grownups, especially women. Excellent book review Selvi!



A lost child



This book is a fairytale for grown ups

"Love Is In The Air" - don't know if I'm being wise ...

Weak Word was given by the very loving and wise **Elizabeth Wilson**. She told us that she believes in the positive and not the negative so her word tonight was a strong positive one. Elizabeth said that love is a strong word and it is all around us. There are many aspects of love, it's better to love and not hate. There word love is mentioned 558 times in the Bible whilst hate is only mentioned 241. Elizabeth told us that love grows, it can grow for food, people, Toastmasters and even a book. Think positive, think love and be a happier person. Wise words indeed, thanks Elizabeth.



Love grows

Tonight's **Point of View** was given by **Monique Tonna**. Monique, who has recently returned from overseas, told us about the Continent of Africa. She said that she was made to feel very welcome and what a friendly place it was. The country was stunning. She patted an elephant and said her favourite place was Tanzania, we should add it to our destination list. Most Toastmasters now want to visit thanks to Monique.



Love Tanzania and the world

Kim Gosper gave us the Inspirational. Kim told us his Inspirational was three fold. He said he was inspired by the inspiration of our club, the interaction of club members and the technology to resource our club. He read about the club and saw members' names listed which helped to inspire him to return to Toastmasters, after an absence of some 20 years. Fantastic Inspirational by Kim, welcome back to Toastmasters!



A very heart warming inspirational

"Love Is In The Air" - don't know if I'm being wise ...

Chairman 1 – Suzanne Berkeley told us that she is always inspired by our speakers. A very wise comment and I believe we all agree Suzanne!

Love Is In The Air **Toast** given by **Nirish Shakya**. Nirish recited a fantastic poem he wrote himself. It was an ode to Love and he had lots of funny things in it to help with the rhyming pattern. One of them was to get your hiney off the chair! Here's to Love is in the Air. The poem was very entertaining Nirish but I'm not so sure about the romantic in you!



Get your hiney off the chair



is that a

romantic message?

Table Topics

Table Topic Master - Gary Wilson.

Gary told us about a long standing joke which entailed him always being the Toastmaster on Valentine's Day, the joke was that he was labelled the most unromantic male of the club and that's why he always got the job. Gary then told **Ian Chick** that enough was enough and he's also resigning as the Club Crawler. Gary said that if Ian can't be nice to him he wasn't going to be nice to the Executive! Gary asked President **Sam Ekinici** why he had been chosen for the role tonight and who put him up to it. Sam came back with an excellent answer – that Gary was very wise and had lived through lots of experiences, love had already been there in his life and that's why he got the job. Sam said he had overruled the Executive to ensure he got the role tonight. **Linda Snalam** then piped up and said 'No Way!' The right person got the job and the Executive gave 100% support to Gary having the role as he was the most romantic male in our club.

Ian Chick then commented that the jokes have worn thin and we should move on. He believes that **Michael Said** would be perfect as Table Topic Master on Valentine's Day from now on, it's only taken him 50 years to get his romancing right and to find the women of his dreams, plus he has to practice for his buck's night! Ouch Michael!



Michael the most romantic Toastmaster

"Love Is In The Air" - but it's something that I must believe in and it's there when I look in your eyes ...

First Table Topic speaker up was **Cheryl Piper** to answer her question "Married for love or lust". Cheryl looked us in the eyes and said it was all about love. She said that romance and eternal love were things that were important in a marriage and as a marriage celebrant that's what she endorses. She said, be like Michael Said and follow suit to get married, it's a special day, one that you never forget. Cheryl told us that if it doesn't work out the first time try again! Thanks Cheryl, I am sure some more of us will give it a go.



A Wedding Day is one that you never forget



and if it doesn't work out give it another go!

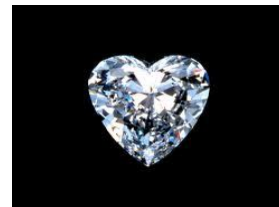
Second Table Topic Speaker was **Elizabeth Wilson** ready to answer her question "What do you think about Valentine's Day". Elizabeth launched into telling us that for those who believe in it, it's a wonderful thing. She's a romantic at heart and has to prod Gary to do the right thing and had to remind him it was their Wedding Anniversary last year. She thought she'd forget Valentine's Day this year and she didn't bother to buy Gary a chocolate from the Darrell Lea shop for \$1.65. Gary did remember and gave her a card but not chocolates. Elizabeth would really prefer to have diamonds. Gary said he shows her love all year round and the card was lots more expensive than the Darrell Lea chocolates after all. Ah domestic bliss!



Elizabeth prodding Gary



Gary's card



Diamond's are what she wants

Gary Wilson then told us that the next six speakers would be given the same question on the one word 'Love' – they would need to give a mini speech on love remembering to give us their point of view, reasons and examples.



one word - love

"Love Is In The Air" - in the whisper of the trees ...

Linda Clark was up as the first speaker. Linda It wasn't fair she was the first speaker on love, she was hoping to hear what the others had to say before she was chosen! Linda almost whispered that she thought love wasn't going to happen to her again. She had a tick list of what she wanted in a man and all of the ones she met didn't measure up. Then she met Michael and love did come along. We are all very happy that love did come along for you Linda, and for Michael too!



love came along – in the whisper of the trees

Stephen Cox was the second speaker. Stephen 'lovemaster' Cox didn't tell us what we thought he would, he actually said that there are different types of love. There are lovers and friends – to which Tom Woods commented "Hi, Stephen!" in a somewhat gayish tone! Undaunted, Stephen continued and said that love is protection; it's that warm and fuzzy feeling. It's about putting someone before yourself, its sheer happiness. Love in the air is better than oxygen! Now that's inspiring.



Love in the air is better then oxygen

Selvi Jayaganesh – the third speaker. Selvi said that love is our true nature; we should love everyone around us. We should not just have 1 special day for it; everyday is made for giving love. So very true Selvi, we should remember to love every single day.



Love everyone

because



Love is our true nature

"Love Is In The Air" - in the thunder of the sea ...

Nirish Shakya was like thunder of the sea with his answer. He boldly told us that for him it was definitely lust first before love. He said that none of us would be here tonight if it wasn't for lust. It always has to be lust first, the love comes later. Just goes to show you that you can't judge a book (or computer!) by its cover.



Lust first! Love later!



Monique Tonna followed the thunder by telling us she doesn't believe in love it's more of a lust thing with her too. She said lust starts off a relationship love doesn't start it. Whatever happened to love at first sight?



lust for Monique not love



Mark Pankhurst was the next speaker. Mark told us that he doesn't look it but he's really a romantic. He said love makes him weak at the knees. It's something that you need to work at and it's worth the effort. He said love is the way to get things done. Lust only lasts for a few minutes, love lasts forever. Love takes over. Love all the way for our Mark!



love all the way for romantic Mark



Peter Steinhour a romantic at heart, was the evaluator for the **odd numbered speakers**. Peter told Cheryl she gave an uplifting argument but to add more punch. Linda had a nice confidence. Selvi had a very definite point of view, just needed a louder voice. Monique gave a different point of view, she was more honest, Monique needs to unclasp her hands. Peter gave lots of encouragement in his evaluation.



Peter, a romantic at heart

*"Love Is In The Air" - and I don't know if I'm just
dreaming ...*

Don't just dream about things, become a member of Parramatta RSL Club. This helps our club out and is not just for Toastmasters but for our guests too. Yearly membership is only \$5.50 for one year or \$16.50 for three years. The Club supports us by waiving room hire through CDSE. Members can also enjoy discount on purchases throughout the club and can use their card to attend Castle Hill RSL Club as well! Now that's value for your money!

Don't dream but send best wishes to Toastmasters who are sick



*Please think of fellow Toastmasters who have seriously ill
family and friends or who have lost a dear one!*



*Love to everyone who's hurting out there, we really do
care and are thinking of you!*

"Love Is In The Air" - don't know if I feel sure ...

Linda Snalam was the evaluator for the **even number speakers** tonight. Linda said nearly all of her speakers only spoke for about 45 seconds, please go for the full minute to get better impact. Linda said that **Elizabeth Wilson** did a great job of putting the point of view together but went overtime.

There was some banter going on between **Ian Chick** and **Michael Said, Tom Woods** said that some may call it love.

Back to the evaluations: **Steven Cox** had lots of confidence, but no story and didn't give details. **Nirish Shakya** took us by surprise, Linda expected his answer to be lust. **Mark Pankhurst**, our romantic did a good job, great speech and gave us a story. She asked Mark whether he'd been in love, he answered "no". What a fibber you are Mark!

General banter then followed with **Gary Wilson** saying that **Michael Said** can do the Table Topics for Valentine's Day next year. **Suzanne Berkeley** thanked Gary for his last Table Topic session for Valentine's Day! Not sure about that one Suzanne.



Chairman 2 – Joan Abela. Joan told us that love is part of our genes no matter where we are from. We have an inner love for our fellow man which is most important. Keeping love strong and alive, this is also very, very important. Joan did a fantastic job during the Business Session this evening and handled the motion with a firm upper hand keeping all the rabble rousers under control.



We all know who the rebels are!

Highlights:

Sergeant of Arms, Christine Pizzuti confirmed we had a quorum for this evening with 24 active members present. **Linda Snalam, VPE**, passed on the apologies for absent members this evening. **Suben Subenthiran**, said that the minutes were taken as read for Meeting 1198. **Suzanne Berekely**, Treasurer told us that Toastmaster Memberships ½ yearly fees need to be paid by the end of March. Suzanne will be contacting those members shortly. **Linda Snalam**, VPE reminded us of the evaluation and international speech contest is on 10 March 2012 at the Parramatta Workers Club, Cost will be \$16.00 for lunch on the day with a 12 noon start, RSVP by 1st March 2012 to Elizabeth Wilson by email: sec@westerngourmet.org.au.

"Love Is In The Air" - but it's something that I must believe in ... (it's not the frivolous motion though!)

Our **Sergeant at Arms, Christine Pizzuti** mentioned the Speechcraft Course has now commenced and is about to go into its 3rd week next week. Anyone wanting to assist and help out please contact Christine as soon as possible on: saa@parramattatm.org.au.

Sam Ekin told us some general items of business and that the Agenda's for meetings will be posted on the website 2 weeks ahead. Please do the Survey Monkey in order for feedback to be given and have a look at the Media Policy sent out last week and let Sam know if you have any enquiries about it. There will also be an increase to the cost of a Speechcraft Course and the price increase will be effective as of July 2012. There is also a **High Tea to be held on 25 February 2012 at Tom and Elaine Woods place**, guests need to bring a cup and saucer and some finger foods to share, if you haven't yet booked a seat please **RSVP Alicia Denis ASAP** - aliciadenis@hotmail.com or mobile no: 0416 166 850.

Cheryl Piper put forward the frivolous motion tonight **"That the Larfmaster wear a funny costume or use a prop"**. She said this role is often let down by the Larfmasters and some of them don't have a good name now as a result. Mark Pankhurst seconded the motion adding that he totally agreed, the jokes are really ordinary, funny hats, a costume or painted face would take us away from the joke. Linda Clark stood up and said this would now put the Larfmaster under pressure, she's the Larfmaster for tonight! Tom Woods told us that the only bad Larfmasters were Michael Said and Ian Chick and as such they would need to wear something really funny. It was mentioned that cheap gags and costumes wouldn't improve the Larfmasters role we need to improve the content – to which Gary said that if it lowers our standards then he's up for it! Sam stood up to say something but was shot down by Tom Woods who told him he had self promoted himself, he was not called on to speak. Poor Sam sat down without saying a word. The motion was lots of fun and it was voted against. Better luck next time Cheryl – I believed it would have added something to the Larfmasters role!



Tonight's costume perhaps!

Funny costumes for Larfmasters to wear was not voted for, shame, shame, shame!

*"Love Is In The Air" - and it's there when I call out
your name ...*

Calling on Michael Said as our **General Evaluator**. Michael mentioned that the room was well set up and thanked the stand in Sergeant At Arms, Tom Woods. He said that Tom was a Sergeant At Arms we could really understand (it's that accent again Tom!). Michael continued to give all the Toastmasters great feedback regarding the roles they had played tonight. Michael told us that the 'Love God' Nirish did a great job along with Selvi, Elizabeth and Monique. Monique was very convincing and has now caused Linda to say to Michael 'let's go to Africa'. He mentioned that the Toast done as a rhyme was well done. Gary Wilson obviously had fun in his role tonight so he can do it again next year as he does it better than anyone else! Peter and Linda summed it up nicely when they told him to be quiet. Fair enough. Michael also mentioned he had a missed call from Peter Steinhour during the business session – really fella's!



Is Nirish the new Love God/Guru?

Calling on Ian Chick as **Parliamentarian**, Ian told us that Chairman 2 should use the cheats guide at every meeting, it doesn't matter what level you are at – use it! He said that **Joan Abela** did a great job as Chairman 2 this evening, she kept the business session lively. She was in control of what she did and took the lead with the rabble rousers and nailed them! Great evaluation from Ian.



Joan Abela nailed em!

We then had a break for coffee and tea



Love a cuppa anyone?

"Love Is In The Air" - Oh oh oh Oh oh oh

Linda Clark - Larfmaster. Linda told us about a girl who really wanted a boyfriend so her mum set her up on a blind date. The girl said it was the worst date of her life, the fellow owned a 1922 Rolls Royce. Her mum couldn't understand why that was so bad until her daughter told her that he was the original owner! Her next joke was about a woman needing a skin graft and the only suitable skin was from her husband's bottom. After she had it done she looked fantastic and couldn't thank her hubby enough. Her hubby told her that it was OK as he got thanks enough every time her mother kissed her on the cheek! Only one thing to say to that Linda, Oh, oh, oh!



Blind date was the original owner!



Reward enough!

Now for the speeches ...

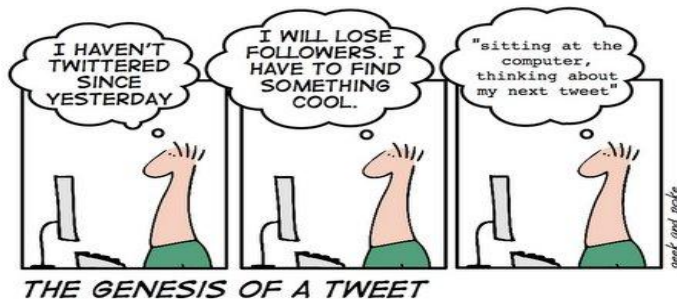
Suben Subenthiram as Toastmaster. Suben has a stylish flair about him and used it to great ability in his role this evening. Suben charmingly introduced each speaker and commented about their speech afterwards. He was very warm and handled his role with confidence. Well done Suben!



Is Suben really Prince Charming in disguise?

"Love Is In The Air" - in the rising of the sun

Rising to the occasion was First Speaker – Alicia Denis – with her speech titled "Social Media Made Simple". Alicia is an accomplished speaker and she researched her topic thoroughly this evening. She told us how Toastmasters International embraces technology, by using Twitter, Linked In, Facebook, Utube, etc. She said that 1300 clubs across the globe can use social media to their advantage by communicating and connecting with their communities. She said we all need to be on the same page or site! Jump on line, we all kissed the typewriter goodbye and we have evolved so much. Once the Natta (our club newsletter) was typed out, printed and posted now it's done on line. Alicia told us to have a look at marketingmakesmesmile.com. She asked why do it? She gave us the answer – to never close yourself from learning, at least get to know what technology was out there. Alicia then conducted a Q and A session and told us to read Twitter for Dummies, she told us we can pick up a copy up from Office Works. She is also donating a copy to our Library. Thank you Alicia, very informative, you are also very generous to donate a book.



Twitter for Dummies

Second Speaker was Melanie Wilson- her speech - "Taking a Leap". Melanie is becoming a strong speaker and she leapt into her speech tonight. Melanie told us what changed her life – attending the sponsored Ryla Camp. She said she attended Blue Gum Lodge at Springwood where she took a leap. She said she learned to conquer her fears and to find out who she was. Her eight days away helped her to work with an amazing team of people who where around to support her. She told us to make goals, write them down in order to action them. Be social and participate, encourage others and transfer those skills to others. In sum, it was an experience she thought would be a challenge, and ended up being a great honour and pleasure. She now helps others at her Uni and encourages others. Wow, what an experience that must have been!



Be supportive

"Love Is In The Air" - when the day is nearly done

Third Speaker – Barbara Beveridge – her speech “No Fear”. Barbara told us about her antics as a child to make money. She said she had no fear doing things and jumped off her 6ft back yard paling fence to be Superman, why couldn't she have magical powers. Barbara told us about the one girl concert she was putting on and how she collected money for people to attend but had to give it back as she her dad freaked out when he saw a great horde of people going around the back of the house into his he man shed! Oops she forget to tell him! She also told us about selling her mother's clothes in order to be a fashion guru including her Mum's mink coat. Her stories were amusing and enjoyable.



Why can't I be superman



Mum's mink coat

Speaker Four - Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram with her speech called “You've Got Nothing to Fear”. Kirisha is a very humourous speaker and got us all laughing throughout her speech. She told us about her fear of abseiling and how she felt anxious about doing it. She said she prefers to be indoors on her computer, playing games not outdoors with the ants and mozzies. She couldn't understand how people managed fear. The time was coming for her to abseil, she went to the ladies, her palms were sweaty she washed her face and her friend Amy came in and indulged in her fear. Shrieking and making the most awful facial expressions of complete horror. Kirisha turned her fear inside. She did abseil and screamed and felt terrified that she would die when she got stuck under a rock, but she jumped out as instructed and then felt she had great power. Kirisha felt like Tomb Raider! She managed to conquer her fear but she knows it will always be there because fear is permanent you can't get rid of it completely. Fantastic speech Kirisha, you made us live every aspect of it!



Kirisha abseiling



Kirisha the new Tomb Raider!

"Love Is In The Air" - and I don't know if you're an illusion

General Evaluator – Michael Said. Michael is no illusion, he's the real thing and as General Evaluator tonight he was brilliant. He told us a great job was done by Christine Pizzuti, Sergeant Of Arms, by getting us all back into our seats after the break. Linda Clark as Larfmaster hit the mark! He suggested she dress up as a clown for the role next time. Suben did a great job as Toastmaster tonight. Thank you, Michael.



A clown outfit for Linda as Larfmaster

Giving no illusion was our 1st Evaluator – Sam Ekinci for Alicia Denis. Sam is a seasoned evaluator and always provides honesty in his evaluations. He told us Alicia's speech was informative and well defined. She met her objective and called us to action. He suggested she use visual aids next time for greater impact. Great advice from Sam.

2nd Evaluator – Tom Woods for Melanie Wilson. Melanie gave us 3 points for things she did, she did an exceptional job. She told us she faced fears, described the goals and participation she had experience. She got her points across. His point of recommendation was just to stay focused. Great evaluation from Tom, very helpful to Melanie.

3rd Evaluator – Lyndal Eager for Barbara Beveridge. Lyndal always gives great evaluations and tonight's was no exception. Lyndal told us that Barbara entertained us tonight, she created simplicity throughout her speech and the mirroring used set the scene. She told Barbara to revise her conclusion and to use a lower pitch. Well done, another good evaluation given by Linda.

4th Evaluator – Ron Marriott for Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram . Ron Marriott is another excellent evaluator. Ron told us that Kirisha picked a simple topic, 'you've got nothing to fear'. She had a serious message but delivered it in an entertaining way. He told her to emphasis more and to use a pause. He enjoyed her natural story telling.



to our Evaluators, you all did a great job!

"Love Is In The Air" - don't know if I see it true ...

Our Grammarian was the hilarious Peter Steinhour. Peter got lots of funny quips from tonight because he saw it as true! For Nirish to be saved from his revelation of lust, and from copping tears, blood and lies all he needs is a glass of whisky. Peter said Mark told us it only takes a few minutes. He also picked up on others saying love is in our bodies, and beautiful Barbara bursting forth! **David Pasipanodya** was our Timer, he used humour to tell us about the 2nd half, Christine banging the gavel to get people to settle down. He said we went way overtime and it was all because "Love is in the air!"

A big thank you goes to **Peter Steinhour, David Pasipanodya** and to **Elizabeth Wilson and Linda Clark** as the CL Evaluators this evening.



And The Winners were:

Nirish Shakya - Best Table Topic Speaker

Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram - Best Speaker

Tom Woods - Best Evaluator

David Pasipanodya - Stirrers Spoon

David won the Stirrers Spoon for interrupting Joan Abela's concentration as Chairman 2



"Love Is In The Air" - but your something that I must believe in ...

Sam Ekin then welcomed Kim Gosper as our new Toastmaster tonight. He asked how the visitors enjoyed the meeting and was met with everyone telling him how much they enjoyed it. They found it was very professional and how much time everyone puts into making the meeting great. He believes in our Club!



Sam told us about a get together on Saturday 25th February 2012 at 4.00pm which will be hosted by Tom and Elaine Woods at their place, anyone interested in attending will need to bring a plate of goodies with them and contact Alicia Denis on aliciadenis@hotmail.com or mobile no: 0416 166 850.

Sam then invited our guests and toastmasters to stay at the club for a drink and a chat.



You are invited for a drink and a chat!

For those of you who couldn't attend tonight-

You were very much missed, join us next time!



See you soon!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMING EVENTS

1 March 2012, is our next meeting date, the theme is "A Sporting Chance", any member not attending please email Linda Snalam, VPE at vpe@parramattatm.org.au as soon as possible.

10 March 2012, Area 13 Evaluation and International Speech Contests at 12.00 noon, Parramatta Workers Club (Garden Terrace Room), 163-165 George Street (Cnr Purchase Street), Parramatta NSW. Come along and support our speakers at this event. If you want to attend please RSVP by 1st March 2012 and email Elizabeth Wilson at sec@westerngourmet.org.au.

PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS

Meet fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd

Thursdays of each month, in the Linden
Room of the Parramatta RSL, O'Connell St,
Parramatta.

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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