

22 March 2012 0 Mtg 1202

Theme: "King of the Road"



Born to be wild!

Christine Pizzuti, Sergeant at Arms revved up the pace and got everyone to the starting line ready for a fast paced meeting.

*Toastmasters International  
'Where Leaders are made'*



Christine, revving us up

*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](http://www.parramattatm.org.au) – Short Courses) and others to join our Toastmasters Club or one nearer to your home.*

District 70

Parramatta Toastmasters

Sam Ekinci, our President gave a super charged Opening. Sam is always running in high gear and wasn't short of a gear change tonight with his prep up for King of the Road. Sam is our King!



Sam is our King

Linda Snalam, our VPE, was running in high gear tonight telling us about the program changes. Linda, told us what was coming our way, yeah darling' she made it happen!



Captain Linda, making it happen

Please note there are 36 pages in this bumper edition of the Parra Natta, it covers two meetings, No. 1209 and No. 1210.

Hope you enjoy reading it.

Barbara Beveridge, VPPR

*Welcome to our guests for Meeting No. 1202*  
*22 March 2012*

**James Cassidy** – First time visitor

**Daniel Tucker** – Frequent visitor, member of Happy Hunters Hill and Concord West  
Toastmasters

**Alice Wong** – First time visitor

**Pam McDonald** – Third time visitor

**Gabby Ord** – Sixth time visitor to our club and ex-speechcrafter



*Why don't you come along and enjoy a night at Parramatta Toastmasters.*

*Where you can have a meal, relax and be entertained*

*Plus you may even learn something along the way!*

## *"King of the Road" ... Trailers for sale or rent*

Why not join Parramatta Toastmasters, we can learn as much from you as you can from us!



We always welcome new Toastmasters to our group and extend our warmest and best wishes to all new comers –

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MEMBER**

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## *"King of the Road" - Rooms to let ... fifty cents.*

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Toastmasters!

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CAN'T ATTEND A MEETING!**

## *"King of the Road" ...no phone, no pool, no pets*

Giving us a sporting chance was **Chairman 1 – Tom Woods**. Tom took on the lead as Chairman 1 tonight. He shifted through the up gears to get us on the highway - I just wonder – does Tom drives a Goggomobil?



**Is this Tom's Goggomobil?**

Tonight's **Welcome** was handled by **Peter Steinhour**. Peter has a wonderful dry sense of humour. He made our guests feel at ease and at home. Just like the lyrics in Born to Be Wild, he took 'the world in a love embrace' and embraced at our guests too!



*Take the World in a Love Embrace*

**Peter embraced our guests**

**Kim Gosper** gave his **Point of View** and told us about the Global financial crisis. Is it an adventure for us to find the turn around?



**Global financial crisis**

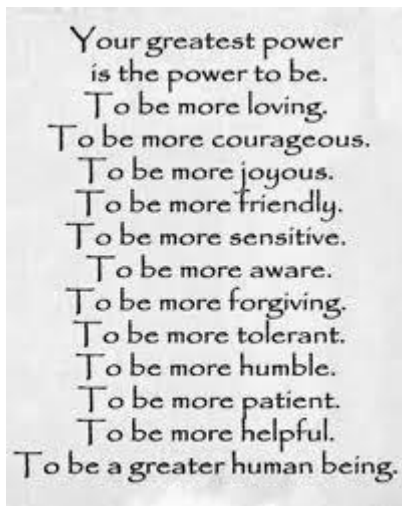
## "King of the Road" ...I ain't got no cigarettes

Wendy Nielsen gave the Read or Recite. Wendy is truly a lovely speaker, warm, fuzzy and she doesn't smoke either!

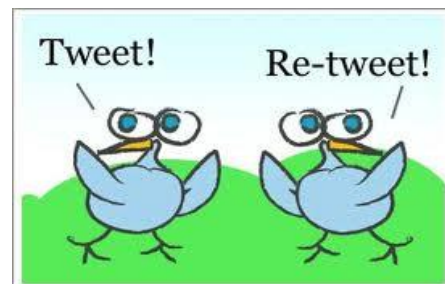


Wendy sends out warm and fuzzies.

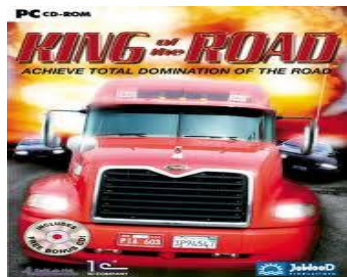
Nirish Shakya gave us the Inspirational. Nirish is always very inspirational and loves to inspire us to do Blogs, Tweets and put our ideas forth on Toastmasters facebook.



Inspiration



Toast by Ian Lipski got us to stand, drink and be thankful for being at Meeting 1202, King of the Road.



Gotta be King of the Road



# "King of the Road" Ah, but .. two hours of pushin' broom

## Table Topics

Table Topic Master – David Griffiths.

David cruised us through a slightly different table topics session – I game he called "Numbers". Instead of questions or topics, each speaker was given a number. The idea was that a number would have lots of concepts/ideas attached to it – so if the question was "4", the speaker could speak about the four seasons in a day, four suits in a card deck, four legs on a chair, four quarters to a football match etc. They are allowed to speak about whatever they like, but not about the number itself.

Questions were: **No. 2 – Wendy Nielsen.** Wendy spoke about her two daughters.

**No. 16 - Joan Abela.** Joan told us she had 16 days until her holiday.

**No. 100 - Kim Gosper,** spoke about cricket and the century.

**No. 6 - Nirish Shakya,** told us about the freedom of a 6 year old.

**No. 3 – Suzanne Berkeley.** Suzanne spoke of the Holy Trinity and its significance in her culture, as well as "Trinidad".

**No. 21 - Peter Steinhour,** spoke about his 21st birthday party with no beer coolers.

**No. 9 – Gabriella Ord.** Gabriella told us about life as a 9 year old.



2 daughters



waiting for holidays



Century in cricket



freedom of a 6 year old



Holy trinity



Peter, beer with no coolers



life as a 9 year old

## *"King of the Road" buys an eight by twelve four bit room*

David left the best until last and gave **Michael Said "Pi" - 3.14159 .....** David got driven right off the road and ended up in the ditch on this one. Michael was King of the road on this one. Poor David didn't realise that Michael had once memorised Pi to 50 decimal places!



Michael knew all about Pi to 50 decimal

**John Nichols** was the evaluator for the **odd number speakers** tonight. John gave terrific evaluations and provided everyone with good advice. John got everyone's motor running with his action packed evaluation this evening.



John Nichols got our motor's running tonight

**Daniel Tucker** was tonight's evaluator for the **even numbered speakers**. Daniel is a lovely evaluator and always gives a very fair encounter of his findings. Daniel gave out some great tips for improvement to all the speakers he had the privilege of evaluating. Daniel was well charged up for tonight's evaluation.



Daniel giving a super charged up evaluation



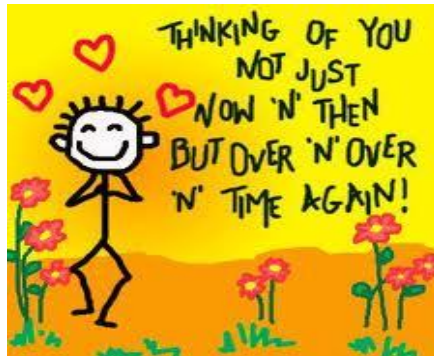
*"King of the Road" I'm a man of means by no means*

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*You don't need big means to be kind and to think of  
Toastmasters who are sick*



*Or 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!*

## *"King of the Road" - King of the Road*

**Linda Snalam**, was Chairman 2. Linda used her warmth and charm throughout her role tonight.

The normal business session was ran with apologies from members not attending, we had a quorum. The minutes for meeting 1201 were moved by **Peter Steinhour** to be taken as read and confirmed. There was no correspondence or out. Peter Steinhour as Executive Support Officer has taken over as Acting Secretary as Suben Subenthiran has gone inactive. **Suzanne Berkeley**, Treasurer reported that two members are yet to renew their membership and **Ferdie Oosterhoff** is not renewing. **Linda Snalam**, Vice President of Education reported that the next Speech Craft session is in May 2012, **Tom Woods** is now the Speech Craft contact person and **Christine Pizutti** is running the course again. **Sam Ekinici**, President told us that the Western Division contest is on this Thursday at the Blacktown Workers Club, **Alicia Denis** and **Sam Ekinici** are contestants. He gave congratulations to **Peter Steinhour** for covering the Secretary role and to **Lyndal Eager** for being the area 25 contest winner in Evaluations. A Social Media Evaluator role has started for the blogs. **Nirish Shakya** advised that **Kirisha Thanapalasantheram** did the first blog. The assignment guide is on the net.



everyone!

The Frivolous Motion was given by **Ian Lipski** "That at each meeting Parramatta Toastmaster Club during the break provide cake in addition to coffee and tea". It was seconded by **Michael Said** (of course) and met with a lot of debate and rebel rousing. It was also amended to say – provide Australian cake! I guess that would be lamingtons then. After lots of fun the motion was lost.



Australian cake at our meetings



to have with our coffee and tea

## *"King of the Road" - Third boxcar midnight train*

**General Evaluator was Cheryl Piper.** Cheryl did an excellent job of evaluating all the roles this evening. Cheryl always adds a loving motherly touch to her role and her wonderful personality shines through when she speaks. Well done Cheryl.



**Cheryl gives us motherly love**

**David Griffiths was Parliamentarian.** David used his experience as Parliamentarian, no one ever gets the best of David. It's the case of a strong man in a strong role. Great work David.



**David Griffiths as Parliamentarian**



**playing a strong role!**

**Nirish Shakya was Blog Evaluator.** Nirish told us that the blog was fantastic. Nirish's enthusiasm for the social media never ceases to amaze us. Top speed evaluation by Nirish.



**Nirish, always enthusiastic**

*We then had a well deserved break for coffee and tea*

## *"King of the Road" - Destination ... Bangor, Maine.*

Peter Steinhour was our Larfmaster. Peter doesn't even have to tell us a funny joke to make us laugh. It's his straight face and sense of humour that gets us in every time. Peter, was very funny as usual and warmed us up for the upcoming speeches.



*Then came the speeches ...*

Ron Marriott was Toastmaster. Now Ron has his own special sense of humour and used it sparingly in his role tonight. Ron is another Toastmaster full of enthusiasm and introduced each and every speaker with great gusto.



Ron used gusto in his role tonight

First Speaker tonight was David King – with his speech titled "Make your own Dreams". David told us that with effort we can all make our dreams come true. David is living his dream come true by becoming a very mastered speaker. Great speech!



You can fly



nothing can stop you except you!

## *"King of the Road" - Old worn out suits and shoes*

Second Speaker was Alicia Denis – with her speech titled "It's the small things". .  
Alicia headed out onto the highway with her speech tonight. She got our motor runnin.  
Alicia is truly a marvelous speaker.



**It's the small things**

Third Speaker – Sam Ekinici – with his speech "A Matter of Choice". Sam told us that it's your choice what you think and believe, even how to behave. You have a choice to live life to the full and be happy or to live a life full of regret, blame and remorse. I know what I'd chose – life to the max! Fantastic speech Sam.



**You have a choice, live life to the full**

***Playing the  
Blame Game?  
Get OVER It!  
MOVE  
FORWARD!***

**or live a life of blame**

Speaker Four - Steven Cox with his speech called "The Computerless Social Network". Steven has a great sense of humour and uses it to the full. He once again showed us he can be King. King of the speeches and King of the road. Sensational speech Steven.



**Steven is King**



## *"King of the Road" - I don't pay no union dues*

General Evaluator – Cheryl Piper. Another great evaluation given by Cheryl. Cheryl always gives good positive advice. She doesn't give out wild advice and looks for adventure at our meetings.

Our Evaluators were:

Jeeven Jayanathan for David King, Michael Said for Alicia Denis, Lyndal Eager for Sam Ekinci and Christine Pizzuti for Steven Cox. All evaluators gave sound advice and great tips to our four speakers tonight. Well done everyone!

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FOLLOW  
YOUR HEART  
BUT TAKE  
YOUR BRAIN  
WITH YOU.

Wow, this is great advice!

Our CL Evaluators were Kim Gosper and Tom Woods. Our Timer for tonight was Ian Lipski, and our Club Twit – Suzanne Berkeley. Thank you, what a great job you all did.

*And The Winners were:*

*Michael Said - Best Table Topic Speaker*

*Sam Ekinci - Best Speaker*

*Michael Said - Best Evaluator*

*Ian Lipski - Stirrer's Spoon*



Sam Ekinci invited our guests and Toastmasters to stay for a drink and a chat after the meeting.





*MEETING NO: 1203 - 5 APRIL 2012*  
*Tonights Theme: "What's Up Doc?"*



**Mark Pankhurst** was our stand in Sergeant at Arms this evening. Mark quickly filled the shoes as Sergeant at Arms and by banging the gavel he got everyone well and truly into their seats tonight for "What's up Doc?"

Our Present **Sam Ekinici**, our didn't come out munching on a carrot, much to our disappointment but he did tell us a true story about What's up Doc? He said he saw a Doctor because he played soccer last night and developed a knee problem. The doctor told him he had a degenerative problem. "How can you fix it?" Sam asked. The doctor told him can't not at his age! He did ask Sam for \$20.00 and he would tell him how to fix it, Sam parted with his \$20.00 and got a tube of Pain Away in return. The Pain Away didn't work and his advice to us was not to ask anyone "What's up Doc?"



**Sam was not impressed by the Doc.**

**Linda Snalam**, Vice President of Education, told us of the **Program Changes** without any bugs bunny foolery.



**Linda taking us through the Program Changes**

# *Welcome to our Guests for Meeting 1203*

*5 April 2012*

**Emes Ulutas** – First time visitor

**Maggie Blankevoort** – First time visitor

**Stewart Kennedy** - First time visitor

**Alice Wong** – Second time visitor

**Allie Kelly** – Member of Wenty Brunch Club who was told by Ron Marriott to come along!

**Sukanta Bakshi** – Third time visitor and Ex Speechcrafter of Winners Circle

**Pam McDonald** – Fourth time visitor



*Welcome*

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

*You may even learn something along the way!*

*"What's Up Doc?" "You don't have to be looney to join us"*

**John Taylor – Chairman 1.** John told us he loves nothing better than to sit down and watch the old Warner Bros. cartoons. He says there is nothing better and he has a good laugh. He said he is looking forward to tonight's meeting . We know what you mean John.

**Welcome** conducted by **Ian Lipski**. Ian welcomed our guests And made them feel comfortable and at ease. Welcome everyone Hope you enjoy this evening.



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**Come out of there and join us, do a Speechcraft Course!**

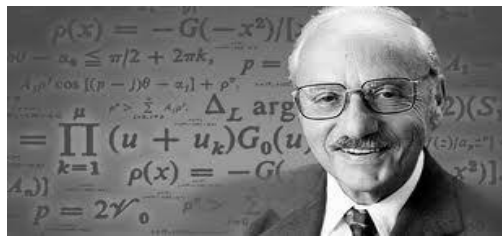
*"What's Up Doc?" "You don't have to be looney to join us"*

**Robyn Peck** did two presentations this evening. She told us that on 24 March 2012 the Western Division International Speech Contest took place at Blacktown and we were very fortunate to have winners in our midst tonight. She handed out trophies to our guest, **Allie Kelly** for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Western Division International Speech Contest. **Sam Ekinici** received two trophies for Area 13 taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Division level for the International Speech Contest and for winning the Evaluation Contest in the Western Division. Congratulations and well done!

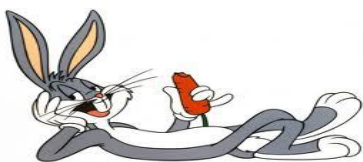


**Congratulations**

**David Griffiths** gave us the **Inspirational** this evening. David followed tonight's theme by telling us about Dr George Dantzig. He was always late especially to lectures, you could only describe him as a real mess! One day he was late to a mathematic lecture and wrote down the problems then went away to solve it. What he missed out due to being tardy was the information that the problem was unsolvable. Two months later he did solve the problem. What would you achieve if you missed the part where you were told it couldn't be done? Great inspirational given by David.



**Robyn Peck**, also keeping in theme gave a toast to Bugs Bunny. She told us that Bugsy was 70 years old. How Mickey Mouse and Bugs Bunny made it big in Hollywood and that there was a lot more behind the characters then we knew about. Bugs was always in the wars and taught us about self defense and winning by not being violent. Bugs taught us to be healthy and eat our vegetables. Guess that's one way to keep the Doctor away Robyn!



**Bugs keeps the Doctor away!**



**Bugs teaches us not to be violent**

# *"What's Up Doc?" Bugs Bunny had fun, so do Toastmasters with Table Topics ....*

## *Table Topic Session*

**Michael Said**, our Table Topics Master tonight set up the theme by asking questions about Bugs Bunny along with a medical theme. Michael's quick sense of humour and sensitivity helped him to shine in his role tonight.

**1st Table Topic speaker** for the evening was **Suzanne Berkeley**. Her question was "Don't take life too seriously, you'll never get out alive!". Suzanne told us that she lives by this point every day. She said life's a stage, act the part have fun and laugh at yourself. Relax and learn to laugh. Thanks Suzanne, that's very good advice.



learn to laugh at yourself, bugs does!

**2nd Table Topic speaker** was **David Griffiths** with his question "Was the Coyote one of cinemas most maligned characters?" David said the Coyote wasn't maligned he was stupid. He asked us if we had ever seen a Road Runner, it was very small the size of a large Quail. He said the Coyote should have gone for an Emu, why would he have put all that effort in to get a Road Runner when he could have got a larger more satisfying bird to eat. Err, David it's just a cartoon, right!



The Coyote was stupid!



A real Road Runner is the size of a Quail

**3rd Topic speaker** for the evening was **Sam Ekinci**. Sam's question was "Did Daffy Duck get a raw deal?" He sure did, Daffy was always in trouble. Sam told us that there was a little Daffy Duck in each and every one of us. That's for sure, Sam!



There's a little Daffy Duck in each and every one us!



*“What’s Up Doc?” Keep laughing that will keep the Doc away!*

**4th Table Topic speaker** was **Mark Pankhurst** – with his question “I dare you to step over that line”. Mark did step over the line but he told us that he doesn’t like doing it. He said that something always happens when you do, like being asked to volunteer to do something you don’t really want to do. Mark believes we should not come out and step over the line! I think our Mark actually likes to play it safe!



Look what happens when you step over the line!



Better to play is safe, eh Mark

**5th Table Topic speaker** was **Ian Chick**. Ian had an interesting question – “There is some good news and some bad news. The good news is that you have 24 hours to live. The bad news is that I should have told you that yesterday”. Ian said that he now has a lovely 28 year old blonde, Irish female Doctor. Her name is Julie and she rang him two weeks ago to put in onto a care plan to make sure he will be around for tomorrow so he knows he’ll be here. Ian was asked for her number!



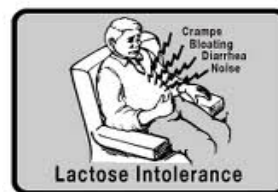
Ian’s Irish Doctor – she’s got him on a care plan!

**6th Table Topic speaker** up was **Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram** ready to answer her question “If you are suffering from Lactacidemia you would have what?” Kirisha reckons she would be lactose intolerant. She said she would got to Ian’s Irish Doctor as she loves the Irish accent. He would focus on the accent and forget her condition!



Kirisha loves an Irish Doctor’s accent

but



Kirisha has been misdiagnosed!

**Definition of LACTACIDEMIA.** : the presence of excess lactic acid in the blood—called also lacticemia

*"What's Up Doc?" Will a carrot a day keep the Dr away?"*

**7th Table Topic Speaker** was **Ian Lipski**. Ian's question was "If you were cured of Lactacidemia but then contracted Intertrigo, what would you have?" Ian said it sounds like a board game and he's intrigued by it! He said if he had it he would get a second opinion and get a consultation by Ian Chick's Irish Doctor. Ian told us he would get it cured by a Specialist. Way to go Ian!



**I'll fix you Ian!**



**This is your treatment**

An **intertrigo** is an inflammation (rash) of the body folds (adjacent areas of skin). An *intertrigo* sometimes refers to a bacterial, fungal, or viral infection

**8th Speaker for Table Topics** was **Jeevan Jayanathan**. Jeevan was answering the question "Should injecting rooms remain legalised?" "Yes" he replied. Jeevan agreed that they should remain legalised. He told us it gets people off the streets shooting up. He said that there are some back lanes in Parramatta that are now called 'party lanes' where you can find heaps of used hypodermic needles laying around. Get em off the streets! Yes indeed Jeevan, I agree.



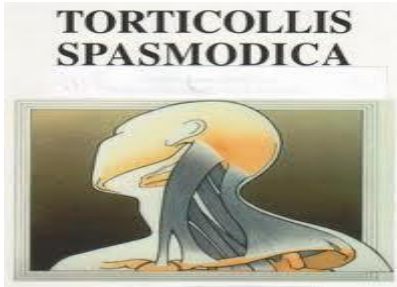
**Safe injecting rooms**



**found laying in the back lanes of Parramatta**

## *"What's Up Doc?" Will a carrot a day keep the Dr away?*

**9th Table Topic Speaker** was **Barbara Beveridge** with her question "What is your worst medical injury?" Barbara told us her worst medical injury was caused from a car accident she had quite some time ago. It has left her with her neck pulling to the side (curvature of the neck and spine) and a shake/wobble on her neck/head. Her condition is actually called Spasmodic Torticollis there is no cure and she has 7 injections into her neck and shoulders every three months. Ouch!!



Seven of these in the neck & shoulders

**Spasmodic Torticollis** a/k/a Cervical Dystonia is a neurological disorder affecting the muscles of the neck which cause the head to be pulled either sideways, a painful condition.

**10th Table Topic Speaker** was **Steven Cox** - with his question "If you had to lose one of your senses, what is the logic behind the one that you pick?" Steven told us he would choose to lose his sense of smell as he would no longer be able to smell nasty, horrible ones. However, he would go to see the lovely Irish lass that Ian Chick sees. Steven believes that after several consultations he would be right and even get the blonde doctor's number! There's no stopping Steven when there's a beautiful woman around, no matter what he may encounter!



Now bend over Steven, this will help!



No more bad smells for Steve!

*"What's Up Doc?" Nothing if you take care of yourself!*

**Evaluator** – for the **odd numbered speakers** was **Nirish Shakya**. Nirish gave a very healthy evaluation of his speakers - Suzanne Berkeley made a point straight away, gave examples and advice; Sam Ekinici was confident. He related it back to the audience, Sam needs to go the full length of his time; Ian Chick crafted his story, he gave a good delivery and elaborated on his points; Ian Lipski hadn't heard of intertrigo, but gave a good speech. Don't worry Ian the rest of us hadn't heard of intertrigo either! Barbara Beveridge had good eye contact, great presentation but just needed more motion/movement to add to her story.



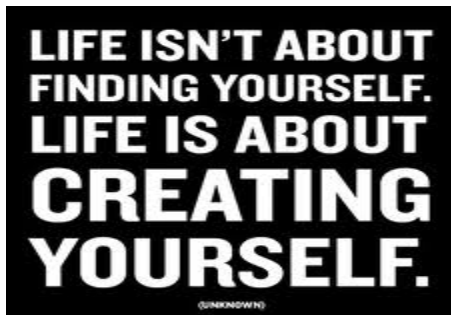
to Nirish for being the odd number speakers evaluator

**Cheryl Piper** was the evaluator for the **even numbered speakers**. Cheryl is a charming evaluator and tonight she told us that David Griffiths gave a strong opening and, that if he just added more detail it would have made it more colourful. Mark Pankhurst petered off at the end, Cheryl told Mark to 'fake it'! Kirisha Thanapalasantheram had a great answer and put her personality into it. Jeevan Jayanathan gave a well rounded answer, just needs to stop clasping his hands.



and to Cheryl for evaluating the even numbered speakers

and here is some more great advice for everyone ...



Let your  
past make  
you better,  
not bitter.

*"What's Up Doc?" helping others helps you help yourself*

*You can help even if you are not a Doctor by:*

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*Send best wishes to Toastmasters who are sick*



*Send love to those who are hurting out there in one way or another, please know that we really do care and are thinking of you!*





## *"What's Up Doc?" Fun was had during the Business Session*

**Chairman 1 – John Taylor**, in keeping with the theme of tonight's meeting told us that he had enjoyed his role and concluded by saying "that's all folks!" Thank you John you were great as Chairman 1 tonight!



**Chairman 2 – Demian Coorey**. Demian was introduced as Chairman 2 with the three "C's" being confident, capable and all class! Demian handled his role with complete confidence, as always.



Well done Demian, great job!

Stand in **Sergeant of Arms, Mark Pankhurst** confirmed we had a quorum for this evening. **Linda Snalam, Vice President of Education**, passed on apologies for absent members this evening. The minutes were taken as read for Meeting 1202, after a lot of debate over whether or not an apology was given for **Ray Shina's** absence. **Demian** said that if he was away without an apology then he was absence without leave. Did **Michael Said** give an apology for Ray or not? It was brought up that **Michael** cannot always be trusted, **Demian** wanted to know who could be trusted, **Michael** or **Peter Stein** hour who took the minutes for the last meeting? It was finally decided that they would wait and ask the Secretary.

**Demian Coorey** then launched ahead asking if there was any correspondence in. Ian Lipski said there was a letter in but it was misaddressed. Demian asked what he did with it, Ian said he had put it on the desk but it was gone. Michael Said then asked if they could see who it was incorrectly addressed to. Demian said not to worry about it!



Was Demian getting annoyed?



*"What's Up Doc?" Here's some interesting news ...*

**Sam Ekin**, President mentioned that Speechcraft was going up to \$350.00 per course and our next Speechcraft Course will commence in May 2012. Please contact our **Sergeant at Arms, Christine Pizzuti** if you are willing to assist on: [saa@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:saa@parramattatm.org.au). There will also be a follow up meeting at **Tom Woods'** house on 24 April 2012 from 7 – 9pm for the future Speechcraft Courses, **Steven Cox** wanted to know if there would be any refreshments there to which **Linda Snalam** replied "yes!"



Refreshments at Tom Woods' place!

**Sam** then told us if there was any belling aching over the **Survey Monkey Report** to wait on the outcome which is currently being worked on by **Suzanne Berkeley**, Treasurer. There was also talk of a **Theme Night** happening soon and it will be organised by **Steven Cox** and **Kirisha Thanapalasantheram**, if you can help out and come up with something never done before please put forth your ideas as soon as possible. More information will be available shortly.

**Ian Chick** said there needs to be more support at **Club Contests**; everyone should come along and get involved.

**Alicia Denis** is organising a **Social Night** at the Bavarian on Saturday 28 April 2012. More information about this night will be sent out by **Alicia**.



Any ideas for our Theme Night?



Night out being organised by Alica Denis

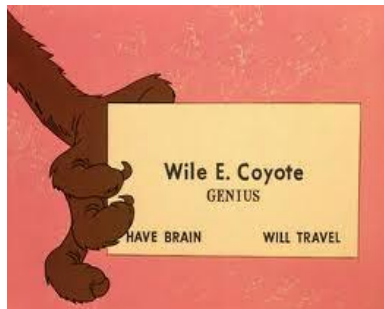
*"What's Up Doc?" more interesting items ...*

**Nirish Shakya** then said that some great blogs have been written by the Club Twits.



**Nirish** loves the Club Tweets, keep them coming!

**Ron Marriott** put forward the frivolous motion tonight **"That Demian Coorey changes his name to Wild E Coyote"**. This motion started a great debate in which **Demian Coorey** wanted it to be changed to **"Demian Coorey changes his name to Wild E Coyote Super Genius!"** **Michael Said** stood up and told us that Wild E Coyote was never referred to as a super genius before! **Steven Cox** said we should throw the idea out and asked if **Demian Coorey** had all the super genius traits of Wild E Coyote? **Nirish Shakya** thought it was a great idea as it would attract a lot of interest and would be a great marketing strategy. **Melanie Wilson** then reasoned with us saying that we shouldn't infringe on someone else's copyright. **Michal Said** stood up again and wanted to say something but was made to sit down by **Demian**. **Demian** told him that he had already spoken, no more democratic organization, **Michael** can't dominate. After more wild antics, the motion was, needless to say, lost.



**Demian Coorey – Wild E Coyote - Super Genius?**

**and the Motion was lost**

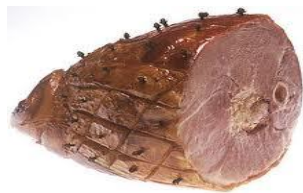
*"What's Up Doc?" keep laughing it's good medicine*

Suzanne Berkeley was **General Evaluator**. Suzanne told us that the stand in **Sergeant at Arms** call to order by **Mark Pankhurst** was great, he banged the gavel and brought us to order. She said that **Sam Ekinci's** opening was light hearted, relaxed and humourous. **Linda Snalam** was very succinct at taking us through the **Program Changes**. **Suzanne** said that **Chairman 1 – John Taylor** stuck to theme tonight but that he did stumble by telling us the first thing instead of the first item. Ian Lipski with the Welcome did a good job, a point of recommendation would be to tell people to stand up when he calls their name. **Robyn Peck's Presentation** was excellent. **David Griffiths** did an excellent **inspiration**. **Michael Said** as **Table Topic Master** did an excellent job, she would just have liked to have seen a mix of questions, one about the theme cartoon characters and then one for a medical question. **Nirish Shakya** as **Evaluator for the odd number speakers** of Table Topics used great body language. **Cheryl Piper** as **Evaluator for the even number table topic speakers** did a great job, Cheryl needs to project her voice more.



**Suzanne Berkeley gave a whirl wind General Evaluation**

**David Griffiths** as **Parliamentarian** told us that Chairman 2, **Demian Coorey**, was an advanced and experienced in this role. He said Demian used his sense of humour in his chairing of the meeting but he went a bit hammy! David said that on a couple of occasions Demian's eyes strayed from the ball, especially over the question raised of "did the last meeting accept an apology of Ray Shina?" He also told Demian to be aware of the tempo he sets as he raced through the apologies but got bogged down on other issues. He needs to let go of things that are not important and focus on the ones that are. David mentioned all business is to be given equal and fair communication. Demian did a good job in his role otherwise. I loved it Demian, especially your use of humour!



**was Demian hammy?**

*We then had a break for coffee and tea*



**Coffee**

**and**



**Tea**

## *"What's Up Doc?" Lots of speeches, that's what's up?*

**Melanie Wilson - Larfmaster.** Melanie told us what Confucius didn't say. If you stand on a toilet you are high on pot, a woman going camping needs to beware of evil in tent! Melanie was very funny in her role tonight. Way to go Mel!



## *Now for the speeches ...*

**Alicia Denis as Toastmaster.** Alicia is a lovely, welcoming Toastmaster, she always makes every speaker comfortable and introduces them superbly. Well done Alicia.



to Alicia, our Toastmaster tonight!

**First Speaker – Mark Pankhurst** - his speech - "Lady with the Lamp". Mark said she was a ministering angel and had a slender form. She was named after the city she was born in, her name was Florence Nightingale. She was born into a wealthy family and wanted to help people. She eventually learnt nursing, not through schools or books (as there were none in those day on nursing) but from volunteering. She has become a legend for the work she did. Mark gave us a very interesting speech.



Florence Nightingale was a great nurse

## *"What's Up Doc?" is Toastmasters a cult? No way!*

**Second Speaker – Barbara Beveridge** - her speech called "M, m, m". What was the speech about, Monsters of course. Barbara told us about the IT monster, the gremlin who gobbles up your documents when the computer crashes. The sock monster is the Yeti who steals odd socks from clotheslines to keep his large feet warm. The cookie monster even gets hold of Sam Ekinici. She told us about the fridge monster and that Monsters love to party and dance the Monster Mash. A fun speech by Barbara.



The Yeti alias the Sock Monster



Monsters like to party and dance

**Third Speaker – Kirisha Thanapalasuntheram** and her speech titled "A bunch of Freaks". Kirisha told us that Toastmasters were not a bunch of freaks that liked to speak. A person at Uni asked Kirisha was she did and thought she was a geek for not going out on a Thursday and for going to Toastmasters instead. Was it a cult? She then told us a story about her Aunt who embarrassed her and asked her lots of questions – she answered them all as a Table Topic. A very enjoyable speech by Kirisha.



Are Toastmasters freaks?



or a cult? No way!

**Speaker Four - Tom McDonald** gave an in depth speech called "Concluding the story of RMS Titanic". It's been 8 years since Tom presented a speech. He told us about the Titanic, the captain W E Smith and the Chairman, J Bruce Ismay from the White Star Line. Tom told lots of interesting facts and about the planetary alignments that happened at the time of the sinking, which only happen once every 1400 years, which causes more ice going into the Atlantic than usual. A fantastic speech Tom, we loved it!



RMS Titanic





## *"What's Up Doc?" Evaluators give useful advice & guidance*

**General Evaluator – Suzanne Berkeley.** Suzanne was a busy lady this evening. She told us that **Demian Coorey**, Chairman 2, had a punchy opening. **Ian Lipski** came up to introduce more guests and took on board her recommendation, to ask visitors to stand when he called their name. The Larfmaster, **Melanie Wilson**, provided us with enjoyable jokes, **Suzanne** said they were high level jokes but **Mel** needs to slow her pace down a bit. **Alicia Denis**, Toastmaster, was a friendly host, very good natured. Recommendation to Alicia was to have used more of tonight's theme. Thank you **Suzanne** for doing a terrific job as General Evaluator.



well done Suzanne!

**First Evaluator – Jeevan Jayanathan for Mark Pankhurst's speech.** Jeevan is a terrific little evaluator. He told us that Mark was relaxed and had a clear voice projection. Said that Mark painted a nice picture of what he was talking about and went straight to his point of view. Just watch out on the one handed gestures Mark, hands by the side away from the lectern. Good points of recommendation from Jeevan.

**Second Evaluator – John Taylor for Barbara Beveridge's speech.** John is a very polished evaluator and told us that Barbara had a well structured speech. She had a good opening and that humour doesn't have to be about people rolling on the floor laughing. He said the audience was smiling. Barbara would have made her points more clearly by moving from one side to the other with each character she introduced. Great evaluation from John.

**Third Evaluator – Ian Chick for Kirisha Thanapalasantheram's speech.** Ian is another top notch evaluator. He told us that Kirisha used humour and she works quite naturally with it. He loved her dialogue, the 3 part story. He said she just needs to polish her speech a bit more. The manual for this speech allowed her to use jokes but she just used humour throughout her stories. Smashing evaluation given by Ian.

**Fourth Evaluator – Sam Ekinici for Tom McDonald's speech.** Sam is an award winning evaluator and his expertise shone through his evaluation of Tom tonight. Sam told us that Tom a clear, strong speaker. He gave us an alternative story of the Titanic from 1912 – 2012, 100 years of history. Sam thought Tom could have developed the characters a little more, the Chairman and the Captain, play with the conflict between the two. Tom gave us a fantastic visual. Another award winning evaluation from Sam.



Great work evaluators, well done!



## *"What's Up Doc?" Evaluators give useful advice & guidance*

**Ron Marriott our CL Evaluator** told us that 85% of the roles tonight were not used by Toastmasters to complete their CL Manuals. He pointed out that if you give something to the Vice President of Public Relations (Barbara Beveridge) to use in the Parra Natta, you can get your CL Manual signed off for it. Remember what roles you have can be signed off on.

**Linda Snalam our Timer** – Linda asked us to remember the skills of answering a Table Topic question in 1 minute. She ran through the times of the speakers tonight and did a terrific job.

A big thank you to both Ron and Linda for doing a brilliant job tonight!



(here's another Monster for Barbara, the thank you Monster!)

Thank you to Ron and Linda

### *And The Winners were:*

*Kirisha Thanapalasu<sup>n</sup>theram - Best Table Topic*

*Kirisha Thanapalasu<sup>n</sup>theram - Best Speech*

*Sam Ekinci - Best Evaluation*

*Linda Snalam and Sam Ekinci - Stirrers Spoon*

(Stirrers spoon was won jointly by Linda and Sam for keeping to time tonight, well done!)



**Congratulations all winners!**

*"What's Up Doc?" our guests enjoyed their evening with us*

**Sam Ekin**, President, asked our guests whether they had enjoyed themselves. All of them said they had and loved their evening with Toastmasters.



**our guests just loved the Toastmasters Meeting**

**Sam** then invited our guests and toastmasters to stay for a while to grab a drink and catch up for a chat.



**You are invited for a drink and a chat!**



*For those of you who couldn't attend -  
You were very much missed, join us next time!*



*Waiting for you to come back*



*See you soon!*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## COMING EVENTS

**19 April 2012**, is our next meeting date, the theme is "We Will Remember Them", any member not attending please email Linda Snalam, VPE at [vpe@parramattatm.org.au](mailto:vpe@parramattatm.org.au) as soon as possible.

**May 18 – May 20 2012**, is The Annual District Conference, at Bankstown Sports Club, please go to [d70events.wordpress.com](http://d70events.wordpress.com) to register as soon as possible.

## PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS

Meet fortnightly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

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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