



Parra Natta

Theme

Take The Lead

Welcome Guest

- Sean Sadimoen
- Daniel Tucker
- Jan Vecchio
- Joan Rinaldi
- Nick Rinaldi
- Wendy White
- Glenn D'Cruz
- Joseph Boutros
- Tone Dunn
- Craig Morris
- Ryan Reyes
- Bobokumar Moirangthem
- Alan Davies
- Rhonda Hookham
- Christina Seow
- Tricia Hoelscher
- Rita Banwait
- Pascal El Basha
- Chris Conridge
- Nadeesh Gulawita
- Ben Gura
- Allen Mekerdichian
- Sheila Budhwai
- Tam Dirckze

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Do you have goals that you would like to achieve? Contact Ian Lipski, VPE to discuss your targets at VPE@parramattatm.org.au

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Parramatta Toastmasters Club 2274

Take the Lead– the Parramatta Changeover Meeting

The buzz word after an amazing Changeover meeting was, "Wasn't it such a hoot!"



Emcee Gary W, kicked off the night saying that it was 1997 since he did a gig like this as he introduced the treasure chest of goodies.



Michael S welcomed our visitors and was to blame for our excellent turnout.

Tom C. dedicated his inspirational speech to Kieran Perkins, who started his swimming career to recover from a severe knee injury.

Clare W, gave a toast to 'Change' as she reflected on what it really means to change.

President Linda S, than inducted our newest member Rob Tibbertsma. Read '[Our Newest Member](#)' to find out more about Rob.

Dave G, started his Table Topics session promising to give everyone the opportunity to hear the 10 best Table Topics answers of the year. He did this by eliminating the thought of 'I should have said that' by providing each speaker the answers before hand.

As the night carried on, several Parramatta members were recognised for their achievements during the year.

The High Attendance award was conducted by Linda S. She commended six people for the categories of 80 to 99% attendance and congratulated our President Linda S for achieving 100% attendance for the year.

The Ray Shina Timer's Award, was presented to President Linda S for showing her generous nature of extending an award presentation from 2 minutes to 11 minutes.

The Peter Poulson Award for the best speech was awarded to Monique T, for her speech 'Its not my fault'.

Our larfmaster, Peter S in his assignment said



that men having feelings too; like when 'We feel hungry'.

The fun and games presented by Wendy N and Monique T, was to demonstrate a role reversal of men and women in various situations.

The President's Encouragement Award was awarded to Natasha C for her achievement throughout the year.

The Toastmasters of the Year award was presented to Jeeven Jayanathan for his achievements in Parramatta Toastmasters as club VPPR, his double barrel awards achievement and his contribution to the Western Division as Promotions Officer.

President Linda S gave a warm and heart felt outgoing address as she thank her team and reflected on the year that past.

Concluding the night, incoming president Alicia D said that, "Toastmasters is the gift that keeps on giving".

It's time to choose your own speech adventure. For the past 2 months, I've been publishing the ultimate guide to writing your next speech. No matter where you are in the process, there's an article that will help compel you to connect, create and craft amazing content. If you are just starting out, go through the articles in order as you craft your speech.

[4 Steps to Finding a Speech Topic that Clicks](#)

Not sure what to talk about? Here's a 4-step process to finding a speech topic that you are passionate about and your audience is going to love.

[The Most Overlooked Step in Creating A Great Presentation](#)

Before you open your laptop to start working on a presentation – you need to know the purpose of your presentation. Once you know that, it will influence every decision that you make in crafting a great speech.

[What is the Big Idea of Your Presentation?](#)

The big idea is a 10-word declarative sentence stating what you want your audience to know, feel or do as a result of your speech. The big idea statement is the guiding light of your speech. It's what makes your presentation memorable and allows your audience to



answer the question, "What was that presentation all about?"

[5 steps to Sizzling Sexy Speech Organization](#)

Once you have a topic, know the purpose and have crafted a killer big idea statement, it's time to organize the body of your speech. Here's a 5 step process that will help you!

[Begin Your Speech with a Win](#)

You never get a second chance to make a first impression as the old Head & Shoulders commercial taught us. This tells you how to start a speech with a win to gain your audience's attention and make

a lasting impression.

[How to Ruin Your Presentation in the Last 30 Seconds](#)

Don't blow the closing of your presentation. How you conclude is just as important as how you begin. Here's how to end with a great call to action.

[The Biggest Stumbling Block in Presentations](#)

Now that you've got all your content mapped out, it's time to avoid the biggest stumbling block in presentations and write great transitions.

[Stories that SPARK Your Imagination](#)

Stories engage the mind and connect with your audience's heart. Use the SPARK process to craft awesome stories for your next presentation.

About Dr. Michelle Mazur

Speech Coach and Presentation Skills Trainer Dr. Michelle Mazur guides driven-to-succeed business professionals and independent business owners to ignite the smouldering fire within to speak up, speak out and make their impact – one compelling presentation at a time. Michelle is also a mom to two cats, '80's lover, punk rock idealist and Anglophile. More information on Dr. Mazur, [click here](#)

Master of Ceremonies Tips

The Host with the Most

Serving as master of ceremonies is a balancing act. You must be a host, program facilitator, entertainer, presenter of speakers and timekeeper, all in one.

Whether you emcee a charity event or serve as Toastmaster of your club meeting, these tips will help.

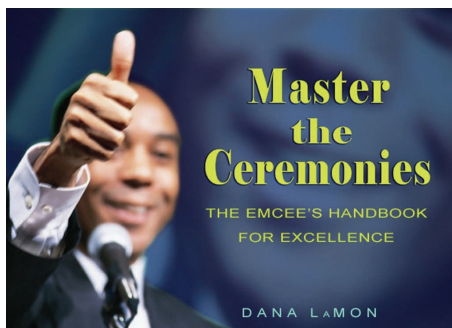
Keep introductions brief

In his handbook for emcees, Master of Ceremonies, Toastmasters Accredited Speaker Dana LaMon, DTM, says introducing a speaker or performer should take one to two minutes. That's about 100-200 written words.

Make people feel welcome

Use specific information says Australian motivational speaker Rachel

Green. For example, "To those of you who have travelled all the way from Newcastle, a big welcome."



Use original humour.

Offer personal anecdotes rather than recycled quips, says LaMon. "A humorous story about you and a notable individual in the audience, for instance, will go over better than a poorly told, heard-before

joke."

About the book

In MASTER THE CEREMONIES, Dana LaMon condenses for you more than twenty years of experience into 121 precepts to help you master your role as emcee. With specific examples to illustrate the precepts, he will guide you to excel when you are in charge of an event such as an awards ceremony, a banquet program, a speech competition, or a talent show.

MASTER THE CEREMONIES is a 219-page paperback book with a trim size of 6 inches by 5 inches. It includes with 121 precepts a topical index and a Quick Reference for a fast and easy glance at the precepts.

Memorable Comments

1. Rob T: "I'm joining Parramatta TM for one reason because Michael Said said I should."
2. Nirisha S: "Thanks to Kirisha for organizing the agenda and the list of people to thank."
3. Alicia D: "Toastmasters is the gift that keeps on giving."
4. Gary W: "If you are bombing on stage you'll know about it when you hear the bomb sound go off."

Welcome Guest

- Kumi Matsunobu
- Tony Tione
- Alireza Sadeghi
- Juby Thomas
- Andrew Iverson
- Lyn Ling
- Bob Hince
- Ken Bernard
- Desiree Eddigehausen
- Syed Ahmed
- Ralf Genuttis
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We look forward to your next visit.

New Club's Mission

The Mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and per-

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To share any exciting news or to submit an article for Parra Natta, contact VPPR vppr@parramattatm.org.au

Photos for Parramatta Toastmasters photo album



President's Encouragement Award
Natasha Chan

Toastmaster of the Year Award
Jeeven Jayanathan



Parramatta Toastmasters Changeover Branded Photo 2013

Our Newest Member—by Rob Tibbertsma

Our newest member, Rob Tibbertsma, says that joining Parramatta Toastmasters was clearly part of his destiny.

Find out why when he delivers his Ice Breaker speech on July 4. Rob and his wife Julie live in Beecroft and have three adult children. Their domestic situation has changed dramatically in the past month, with their youngest daughter moving out and their two older children (+ grandchild) moving back in.

Rob calls it a case of "Human Tetris." Rob completed his Speechcraft program in November 2012.



Join Us For Our Next Meeting

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