



PARRA NATTA

Newsletter of Parramatta Toastmasters Club No 2274, Area 13, Western Division, Dist.70

Meeting no 1241

15 Aug 2013

Theme

'Humour me'

AWARDS

- ◆ Humorous Speech Contest
 1. Michael Said
 2. Ron Marriot
 3. Monique Tonna

- ◆ Best Table Topic
Tom Woods

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 personal growth.

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Make 'em Laugh!

Having a great sense of humour is one of the greatest assets that a person can have. With a great sense of humour, not only will you be prone to spontaneous laughter, it will lower your stress levels and help you to interact more freely with others. What is not commonly understood is that you don't have to be funny to have a sense of humour. But rather just the ability to see the lighter side of things in life! The contestants in this year's Humorous Speech contest were Peter S, Ron M, Michael S, Monique T and Cheryl P. Christine P was the Contest Chief Judge and Robyn P Contest Chairman.



Peter S cannot stand 'Alarms'. According to him, we need an alarm for almost everything today. There are a myriad of alarms out there. House alarms, toaster alarms, washing machine alarms, alarms for seat belts, etc. With so many alarms, we are becoming oblivious to them. There are some practical alarms too which should be invented. Alarms for cold beer, ice cubes and of course an alarm for the car to alert us when a pretty girl walks past!

Ron M with 'The Competent Fiancé'. Ron asked Ally to marry him at a house warming party. And they could even have a toastmaster style wedding, where the vows could be prepared speeches. Good for him that she accepted. Ron will now be working on his Advanced Husband Bronze for his marriage. TM International are already busy designing his new badge.

WELCOME VISITORS (20)

Trevor Dirckze
Tam Dirckze
Kumi Matsunobu
Betty Wang
Monica Zheng
Ralf Genuttis
Michael Knight
Durgesh Sarde
Sachin Pathak
Desirée Eddigehausen
Lyn Ling
Stephen Lui
Mallikarjun Pandey
Sandra Bond
Andrew Iverson
Ben Gersbach
Carla Villarroel
Bakous Makari
Yash
Pat Gilbert

MEMORABLE QUOTES

'Amazing how you can get laughs without saying a word'.
David G

'A clean house is a sign of a wasted life'
Cheryl P

'Diana was still alive hours before she died'
David G

'The bigger the bag, the thinner you look'
Monique T

'Obesity study looking for a larger test study group'
David G

Humour me... (cont)

Michael S speech was 'All In the Family'. He accidentally caused a few accidents in his family over the years when he was a young boy. He accidentally stabbed his sister in the jugular vein, smashed his sister's finger, accidentally cut his brothers wrist. In every case he was more concerned about 'getting a flogging from his dad' than the welfare of his victims!

Monique T and 'The BS Effect'. Oversized handbags are common-



ly carried by women and as a general rule, should weigh no more than 10% of your body weight. So for a woman who weighs 70kg, this equates to 7kg, which is also the carry-on luggage limit for an aircraft. But the bigger the bag, the thinner you look right? Kate Moss has it wrong! Make your bag big and you can eat whatever you like!

Cheryl P had a dilemma with 'Trash or Treasure'. Do you have a lot of stuff in your home or just junk that is cluttering things? A clean house is a sign of a wasted life! We are all guilty of hoarding things, but how do we sort out the trash from the

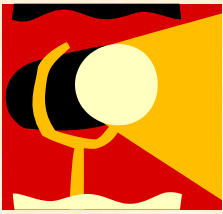
treasure? Whilst we are sorting through this, we should probably keep some of our treasures to remember precious memories. And the trash we throw out could be someone else's treasures!

After much deliberation and 'One Minutes Silences' the judges came up with **Micheal S** as the winner, **Ron M** as runner up and **Monique T** third place .

In the 1st half of the meeting **David G** gave us a Table Topics session with a difference. Like the Lateral Thinker Edward de Bono, **David G** always thinks outside the square!. 10 victims were asked to become news-readers in front of a mock camera and were given 1 minute to come up with a news bulletin on the spot to one of David's 'genuine' news headlines. Whilst trying to keep a straight face, all of our toastmasters excelled at the task, delivering quick witted, humorous news reads that gave us a belly laugh. And in one case, words were not required at all for the full minute of his table topic on Tiger



Woods golf balls. Ian L's reaction was priceless. Amazing how you can get laughs without saying a word!



MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Mrinal Sarkar

Resident of: Parramatta

Family Details:

Married , in-laws, 1 brother and sister in law. Can I ask or anything more?

Where You Were Born? UK

Current or Past Occupation?

IT professional

Proudest Achievement at Work or Home?

My cooking skills, honestly I never knew I could be quite good at cooking chicken dishes.

Favourite Food?

It will be a close fight between Roast chicken with vegetables and a well done chicken biriyani.

Favourite Place? Pelling



When & Why You Joined Toastmasters?

I joined Toastmasters in 2011 to improve my communication skills and earn 50% more salary. Warren Buffet once commented that "If you improve your communication skills, I guarantee you that you will earn fifty percent more money over your

lifetime." That's the carrot which did it for me.

What You Have Gained From Your Membership?

Confidence and good bunch of friends having the single most objective which is to help one another to be a better leader.

Hobbies & Special Interests?

I would have liked to mention reading, but my decreasing attention span due to frequent glances to check FB status is slowly killing my hobby.

Goals for Next Year?

To be happy come what may.

Favourite Movie?

Born Free

Favourite Song/Music?

Come Undone, Robbie Williams

Finally, how would you spend your last \$5?

I would buy a lotto ticket, you never know what happens

Upcoming Events

◇ **Area 13 Humourous Speech & TT Contest**

Sunday 15 Sep 2013 at 1:00- 5:00 pm

Parramatta RSL Club

◇ **Western Division Humorous Speech & TT Contest**

Sunday 13 Oct 2013 at 11:15 - 4:00 pm

The Hills Club - 2 Jenner Street - Baulkham Hills

◇ **District 70 Sunday Seminar**

Theme: Change? It Ain't Broke!

Sunday 15 Sep 2013 at 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

◇ **2013 District 70 Semi Annual Conference**

Theme 'Unmask the Magic of Toastmasters'

8th-10th Nov 2013

Location: Ettalong Beach Club

Club Executive Officers for 2012/2013

President: Alicia Denis

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VPM: Monique Tonna

VPPR: Malkit Banwait

Treasurer: Tom Cummins

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Join us for our Next Meeting on 22 Aug 2013 with theme 'Supernatural Phenomena'



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