



PARRA NATTA

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

Meeting no 1246

17 Oct 2013

Theme

'My Perfect Job'

AWARDS

Best Speech

Nirish Shakya

Best Table Topics

Steven Cox

Best Evaluation

Demian Coorey

WELCOME VISITORS

Tram Dirke

Trevor Dirke

Kumi Matislinobu

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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Monique Runner-Up at the Western Division Contest!



Monique with Ian Chick (Western Division Governor) and David Fisher (District70 Lt. Governor Education and Training).

2013 Western Division Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contest was held on 13 Oct at The Hills Club, Baulkham Hills. Our Area 13 was represented by our very own club members, Michael Said in the Humorous Speech Contest and Monique Tonna in the Table Topics Contest.

With the question 'Vision without action is' the winner was Martin Rogers from Glenbrook, **Monique** was the runner up and Dale Rees-Bevan coming 3rd. Congratulations to all and Well Done Monique. You did everyone in the club proud. 'As speaker #3, I got to listen to the majority of other speakers in the contest and was surprised and extremely excited to receive 2nd place' said Monique. 'I appreciated the random questions members had sent me over the last month, and this assisted in my preparation for the Contest'.

The Humorous Speech Contest showed the high caliber of Toastmasters we have in the Western Division, and the competition was extremely tough with Craig Morris of Dural Club winning. Although our **Michael** was unplaced, it was obvious that so much work had been put into his speech since the Area 13 contest. One could sense the engagement he had with the audience as he drew us into his family stories. 'I was unplaced but I delivered the best yet' said Michael. We congratulate you Michael on your performance and for doing the Club & Area proud.



The District Conference will be held on the 9-10 Nov, where the winners of both these contests will represent our Division. Both contests are guaranteed to be extremely competitive if Sunday was any indication, and 'I would urge all members to take the opportunity to head up to Ettalong Beach for the weekend to attend' said VPM Monique.

Members at the Western Division Contest

Meeting no 1245

3 Oct 2013

Theme

'My Kitchen Rules'

AWARDS

Best Speech

Gary Wilson

Best Table Topics

Monique Tonna

Best Evaluation

Robyn Peck

WELCOME VISITORS

Kumi

Michael

Ben



Ride to Conquer Cancer!



Cancer is the number 2 killer in the world, after heart disease. In Australia alone, 15,000 women get breast cancer each year. That's 300 per week or around 41 per day. And this number is not coming down. Quite frightening really, especially with no cure in sight. This is despite \$millions being spent on cancer research.

You may have noticed **David Griffiths** missing from club meetings recently. That's because he is doing his part in the fight

against cancer. He has just returned from overseas endeavors, in particular a European adventure which was in part preparation for the **Ride to Conquer Cancer**, which he will complete in, along with some additional charity events over the next month. 'My ride across the Alps was one of the most grueling physical challenges I have experienced since being in a combat regiment and my training program is a large part of the reason I have been less active in the



club this year' said **David**. It would be great if members can support his efforts in raising money for this highly worthwhile



charity. It's easy; just like his **Facebook page** (search for Daves Triple Charity Challenge).



You can also make donations through website (search for his name).

www.conquercancer.org.au

Good on you Dave, keep on riding!



'QUESTIONS' by Sam Ekinici



Clarity, focus, diversity and challenge are the words that come to mind when I think about what draws people to a thriving successful business?" or in our case a progressive toastmasters club. What is the driving force that allows each person to step out of their comfort zones and take ownership, accountability and challenge themselves. What "value" are they looking for?. Is the environment one that is nurturing? and how will

this benefit the individual. Is there a systemic process for leadership development and a proven educational program able to be measured with clear and defined outcomes.

Is there a strong executive and is individual and group performance measured at all levels. What is the distinction?.

Regardless of the environment you are immersed in, Corporate

club members develop quickly by taking on additional responsibilities such as club executive roles, speech craft or be involved in club contests or in committees within the club. I often sit back at our meetings, in Orr of the quality of preparedness, confidence and delivery from members, especially from our newer members.

My congratulations and utmost respect goes out to members who continue to support the growth of Parramatta Toastmasters brand and their individual pursuits for ongoing growth and contribution. The quality of standard and delivery continues to build on Parramatta Toastmasters culture of excellence.

Good questions keep us focused on things that matter.

Better questions allow us to review, reflect and realign our priorities and our goals, creating a powerful foundation to build your vision..

Extraordinary questions make extraordinary lives.

It's now up to you to define the distinctions and ask yourself the questions that could set new life and delivery standards.

From a very proud member!

Club Executive Officers for 2012/2013

President: Alicia Denis

VPE: Ian Lipski

VPM: Monique Tonna

VPPR: Malkit Banwait

Treasurer: Tom Cummins

Secretary: Mrinal Sarkar

Sergeant-At-Arms: Richard Aitkins

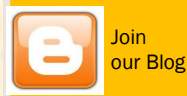
Immediate Past President: Linda Snalam

Webmaster: Gary Wilson

Speechcraft Liaison Officer: Tom Woods

Executive Support Officers: Melanie Wilson, Natasha Chan, Clare Walker

Join us for our Next Meeting with the theme *'It's Magic - Hocus Pocus'* on 24 Oct 2013



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WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE