



PARRA NATTA

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

Meeting no 1263

22 May 2014

THEME

'Brazilian Gala'

AWARDS

- ◆ Best Speech
Tom Woods
- ◆ Best Table Topic
Michael Said
- ◆ Best Evaluator
Tom Cummins

WELCOME VISITORS

Toru
Penny
Reji
Nicole
Karl

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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Kuala Lumpur, Here I Come!



Yes, David Griffiths is the WINNER of the 2014 District 70 International Speech Contest.

This win will now see him represent our District in Kuala Lumpur at the Semi Finals during the International Convention and he will putting his best foot forward to win the Semis and secure a place at the 2014 World Championship of Public Speaking Grand Finals. Here is what our club **President Alicia** had to say about David's win:

'David can go all the way and be crowned the 2014 World Champion of Public Speaking. Go David! Whilst for the sake of this contest, he is representing Stagetime Toastmasters in Phillip Division, he is an

active and role model member of our beloved Parramatta Toastmasters Club.

What a golden opportunity also for our members to come along and support him, to be there in the audience and see him live. If you'd like to attend, its not hard. What you need to do is register. Find out more at:

<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/2014InternationalConvention.aspx>

David Griffiths works hard, is selfless and generous with his knowledge. During contests he is applied and extremely focused. Qualities that, based on his results over the weekend, clearly pay off. Also his evaluation placed him second in the District Evaluation Finals.'
CONGRATULATIONS & Good Luck David.

Dist 70 Annual Conference News

Wendy Nielsen was outstanding!

Representing Parramatta Pioneers in the Evaluation Contest, we were all very proud of her analysis of the Test Speaker's speech: her delivery, her smoothness and her growth were evident to all. President **Alicia** described Wendy's performance as:

'She delivered an evaluation that the speaker, the audience and I'm sure all Toastmasters ought to be in ore off. Wendy to me exemplifies all of Toastmasters International core values of service, excellence integrity and respect. Her performance goes to show that our program truly works. She was constructive, helpful and



encouraging. Congratulations Wendy. Today she did not place but the judges results did not reflect the high level of

performance and contest winning quality of her output today'. Well Done Wendy & good luck next time round.



Tom Cummins Shines!

Composed and engaging, he was not put off by technical difficulties with the audio during his speech, delivering another personal best but in this instance did not place. Tom was speaker number three and his performance raised the bar and positioned him as the one to beat. Says Alicia "An impressive effort and many people throughout the weekend have commented to me that he did well and that they could relate to his content and his message". Congratulations Tom.



Now That's What We Call a STRONG SUPPORTIVE Club!

Club members turning out in full force to support David, Wendy & Tom:

Pictured left to right are: Gary, Alicia, Jeeven, Monique, Linda, Michael, Wendy, Ian, David, Kirisha, Joan, Lyndal, Tom, Malkit & Melanie.

A Brazilian Gala



With the 2014 Brazilian Carnival over and FIFA Soccer World Cup only weeks away our VPE Ian decided to get us all in the right mood by having a Brazilian Themed meeting. The celebrations commenced with Education & Fun at our regular club meeting and continued with a Social & Fun at Tom & Elaine's house at Rydalmere. Thanks to Monique's and your committee's meticulous planning, both functions were a resounding success. Those who turned up to the social were treated to a most enjoyable Brazilian BBQ Buffet with plenty of food choices while mingling with fellow members and guests.

Our President Alicia opened the meeting as members dressed in true Brazilian and various World Cup team colours eagerly waited for the kickoff. In keeping with the meeting theme most speakers presented their assignments on Brazil or the World Cup. Even three speeches in the second half were on the theme.

When Demian is feeling down, he looks on the Brazilian economy to inspire him, which in the 80's, was a laughing stock of the world. It's inflation in 1993 hit 5,000%, but

within 20 years achieved an economic miracle, to now being the 7th largest economy in the world! Just in time for the World Cup.



Amutha K delivered her Icebreaker titled 'Things Happen for a Reason'. It was a touching story of her family and childhood growing up in Sri Lanka. Not only did we get to learn a bit more of Amutha but also about her family. Amutha is a nurse. So with a dentist and a nurse in our club, they could now present a 'CC Manual Speech using Props' on Tooth Implants!!



Malkit's Humorous Speech 'The Things We Do For Love' was a lesson

for all fathers to be of teenage daughters, on how to survive their daughter's Year 10 Formal. Warning, only send your daughter to a private school if you have fat wallets and fast cars, and don't forget to hide your credit cards when relaxing in a good mood. His daughter's Y10 formal was more like a wedding. You have The Dress, The Car and . . . The Stressed Father! Especially when his daughter's party dress cost more than his most expensive suit as a Project Manager, which he 'wore every day for 5 years'. Will his next speech be on 'How I Survived My Daughter's Year12 Formal?' Watch this space!



Kim Gosper's Speech titled 'The Selecao' (Portuguese word for Selection) was all about the greatest soccer team of all, of course Brazil. He presented every fact and figure one can imagine on Brazil and the World Cup. All with little use of notes. There was no doubt about Kim's dedication and passion of the game that is played in heaven. He finished by reminding us that 'football was invented by England but perfected by Brazil'.



Elizabeth Wilson Battling Cancer



Elizabeth Wilson was diagnosed with cancer on Tuesday 13th May 2014. She is now stable and receiving the treatment she needs.

On behalf of Elizabeth, the Wilson

family would like to thank the community for all the support from beloved friends.

It is a great support for her to know so many care and are wishing her a

speedy recovery. Results showed that she had liver, breast and spinal cancer.

The specialists there were extremely concerned that any movement could turn her into a quadriplegic. Elizabeth had surgery to remove a cancer tumour from her spine. It turned out to be a very successful operation, with the surgeon using the latest scans to impress all his students.

The recovery through intensive care went fine. Elizabeth was then in a general ward and had chemotherapy. Elizabeth will probably to spend a month or so in Lady Davidson Rehab hospital at Turramurra.

Professors looking after her do not expect a full cure, but hope to control the cancers to give her a future life.

A Brazilian Gala (cont. . .)



Winner of Best Speech of the evening was Tom Woods with a story titled 'Invulnerable'. It was an inspiring life story about the importance of Teamwork in our

lives. Starting with playing soccer in a park in Scotland as a 4yr old, to a somewhat rough and dangerous sport boxing.

In Corrective Services, where strong teamwork plays a big part, he continued coaching soccer. But after a soccer accident resulting in knee reconstruction, his soccer and boxing days were over. But Tom being a team player, discovered Toastmasters, another team activity. And joined Parramatta which for him is a fantastic Team, just like Brazil.

Final speaker for the night was Rudolf Wiraween with 'Winning with Dignity'. He was not in Brazilian colours for a good reason. Dressed smartly in business attire, he tackled an importance issue facing today's corporate world, that of IP or Intellectual Property rights. All inventors in the audience listened



attentively as Rudolf gave some solid tips for protecting their creativity and IP rights.

D70 Annual Conference



For Your Diary

- ◆ **Thu 19 June 6:30pm: Club Changeover Dinner** Join us as we celebrate the achievements and highlights of the Toastmaster Year that was and welcome the new Executive! See flyer at last page.
- ◆ **Sun 22 June 1-4pm: Sunday Seminar & Speakers Forum** at Bankstown Sports Club, Greenfield Parade, Bankstown. Another great event to learn more and to deliver a speech to a brand new audience to be evaluated by from outside our Club.
- ◆ **8-9 Nov 2014: District 70 Semi-Annual Conference.** At Liverpool Catholic Club more info at: <http://www.d70toastmasters.org.au/district-70/events/>
- ◆ **Speechcraft Update:** 6 weeks from 6th May - 10th June, every Tue 6:30pm at 'Roland Hassall Public School', Hassall St, Parramatta. Club members are encouraged to assist in running the speechcraft course - contact Wendy Nielsen (Speechcraft coordinator M 0439 614 214). Take the opportunity to put into practice your communication and leadership skills by helping new Speechcrafters achieve their public speaking goals.

Club Executive Officers for 2013/2014

President: Alicia Denis **VPE:** Ian Lipski **VPM:** Monique Tonna **VPPR:** Malkit Banwait **Treasurer:** Tom Cummins
Secretary: Mrinal Sarkar **Sergeant-At-Arms:** Wendy Nielsen **Webmaster:** Gary Wilson
Speechcraft Liaison Officer: Tom Woods **Executive Support Officers:** Melanie Wilson,

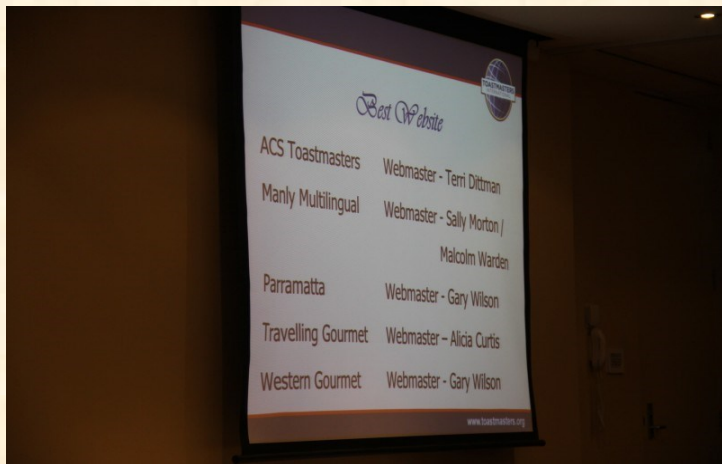
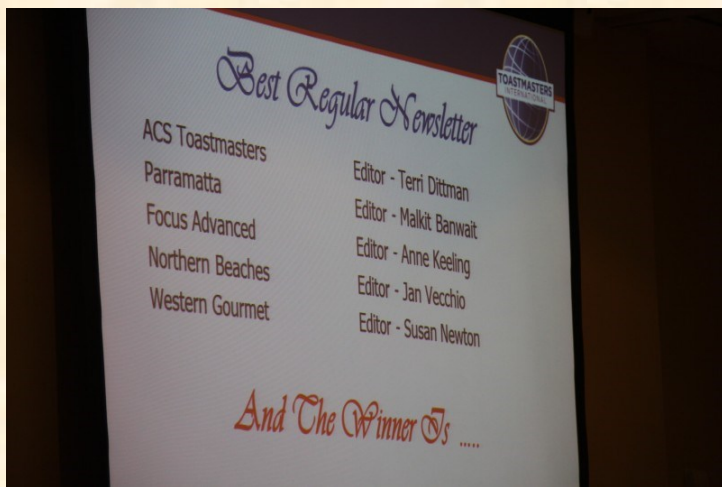
Join us for Next Club Meeting Thu 5 Jun 2014 Theme "The Good the Bad and..."



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WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

Club Members at the D70 Annual Conference



Gary Wilson's Toastmasters Service



Gift of the gab: Gary Wilson puts his public speaking and leadership skills down to his time with Toastmasters. Picture: Geoff Jones

Despite his 44 years with Toastmasters, Gary Wilson still thinks he's gained more out of his service than the organisation has gained from him.

On May 2, the Oatlands residents was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia by NSW Governor Marie Bashir for his community service through Toastmasters International, an organisation devoted to developing leaders.

Mr Wilson, now retired, credits his success in his former career to the club and puts his sharp leadership skills down to its special training in public speaking. "The catchphrase is it's the organisation where leaders are made," Mr Wilson said. "It's about training people in communication and leadership skills."

The movement exists in more than 120 countries, with about 700 branches in Australia, and turns 90 this year.

There are three main things we do.

- ◆ One, prepare speeches
- ◆ Two, impromptu speeches
- ◆ Three, evaluation of these

Mr Wilson said. "To be a good leader, you have to be a good communicator first."

A member of Parramatta Toastmasters for more than 40 years and its president on three occasions, Mr Wilson also served as the organisation's NSW district governor and on the Toastmasters International board of directors.

In the past he's been president of the former Parramatta Kindergarten in

the late 1960s and president of an Adelaide hockey club. But Mr Wilson joined Toastmasters at 32 as a shy engineer with limited people skills.

"So from being an engineer in a technical environment, I became a people-person as well. "It shaped me and changed my career. "I ended up as the national service manager for Sony Australia for nearly 20 years.

"Toastmasters was the key to helping me get that career move." Today, Mr Wilson is the daytime bridge director for both the Carlingford Bridge Club and the Pennant Hills Bridge Club.

From an article by Vanessa Watson published in The Parramatta Sun on May 14, 2014

<http://www.parramattasun.com.au/story/2281568/gary-wilsons-toastmasters-service/>



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PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS Club Changeover Dinner

Join us as we celebrate the achievements and highlights of the Toastmaster Year that was and welcome the new Executive!!

Cost: \$25 per person

Thursday 19th June 2014 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start.

*Parramatta RSL Club
Corner Macquarie and O'Connell Streets
Parramatta NSW 2150*

Covered parking is available opposite the RSL club.

Please RSVP by 12th June
with any special dietary requirements and number of guests
to Michael Said at michael.said@optusnet.com.au or M 0419 522 949.

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