



THE PARRA-NATTA

PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Parramatta Toastmasters Club
January Edition

Welcome to the January edition of the Parra-Natta where we revisit the highlights and club achievements that have occurred throughout since December. We have had an exciting month with our Christmas Party and then with three meetings this month!

January News

Our Evaluation Contest was held on the 24th January! We had Gerny Hernandez come and deliver a speech about how to improve your memory through novelty and nutrition. Twelve members evaluated Gerny and Vicki Sheehan took first place, Ron Marriott second and Michael Fong third place! It was a fantastic contest that was chaired by our recently returned Wendy Lipski! Mike Kano-McCallum and Elizabeth Wilson also did wonderful jobs as timers (they have been our resident timers for the last four contests)!

Make sure you RSVP to The Area 13 International Speech and Evaluation Contest to watch Vicki Sheehan evaluate and present her International Speech!

When: Saturday 23 February 2019

Where: The Hills Club

6/18 Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills (Parking onsite)

RSVP: 15 February 2019

Entry: \$15 Door payments or direct deposit accepted

Account Name : Justice Toastmasters Club

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Reference your name on the payment and send confirmation email to the treasurer, Rhoda Case (rhodacase@gmail.com)

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Upcoming Meeting Dates and Themes

- February 7: Year of the Pig
- February 21: Never forget your roots
- March 7: Sell Yourself
- March 21: The Great Debate

"What I can do without" was our first meeting for the year! It was a great night as usual! Matt Tonkiss took the ribbon for the Best Table Topic, Ron Mariott won Best Evaluator, Monique Tonna won Best Speaker and Vivek Singhal was awarded the Stirrer's Spoon!



Our second meeting of the month "I could have invented that" saw a variety of speeches which revolved around inventions. In the first half Celine Liang took us back ten years and told about inventions prompting us to think about developments and encouraging us to think about our own developments, Ron Marriott spoke about Life Hacks for your phone and John New spoke about Australia's greatest inventor Kia Silverbrook. The table topics as usual reflected the theme with Table Topics Master Edim Hujdur asking:

- What personality trait is most important to discover something
- What business what idea do you wish you had? -
- What invention could you not live without?
- If you could quit your job safely—what would you like to do?
- When you want to laugh—who or what do you turn to?
- What invention do you think has changed the world?
- Tell us why you would make an incredible inventor
- What invention are you most thankful for?
- What invention would you like to invent yourself?
- And one that wasn't on theme...What do you love most about myself? (This was asked to Summer Leise)

In the second half of the meeting Larfmaster Karl showcased his accents—there was a surprise Japanese accent! This was then followed by Allie Marriot presenting the Myths of drowning, Christine Huynh with The Hand Maiden, Alicia Leise with Listen to Michael Said you will become a better listener and speaker, Sean Leise's tribute to Joey and Tom McDonald HPL Speech for DTM— Growing with the project.



Our ribbon winners for the second meeting included Nick Bertram who took our Best Table Topic, Christine Huynh took out Best Speaker, Rob Tibbertsma took Best Evaluator and stirrers spoon was awarded by Wendy Lipski to Ian Lipski!



JANUARY MEETINGS

Our third meeting of the month was themed Impressions! The first half of the meeting was full of impressions as Elizabeth presented her impressions of Australia, Michael said interviewed Monique Tonna for the getting to know you segment and Mike Kano-McCallum presented a toast to contests. The theme of impressions was particularly explored in Michael Fong's round of table topics which saw the following questions asked to members:

1. Why do first impressions matter?
2. When is a time you have made a bad impression?
3. How do you impress your first date?
4. If you were an outsider looking at your family—what impression would you get?
5. What impression did you give your parents when you were growing up?
6. How have you made a great impression in front of someone?
7. What impressions do you get from your favourite artists/celebrities/musicians?
8. With Australia day coming, what impressions do you give our visitors?
9. What is the first impression that you look for when you meet someone for the first time?
10. Give us your best impression Michael Said.

There were some fantastic responses but the most interesting presentation (arguably) was Michael Said coming up and giving us his best impression of Michael Said. Anu Vijayan also presented on the night! She gave us a talk about the Coelacanth! An interesting speech indeed! This of course then led to our Evaluation Contest which took up the rest of the night!

Our contestants...



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Meeting on the 1st
and 3rd Thursday of
the month between
6:30pm and 9:30pm
at Parramatta RSL

www.parramattatm.org.au

Club Mission

We provide a supportive
and positive learning ex-
perience in which members
are empowered to devel-
op communication and
leadership skills, resulting
in greater self-confidence
and personal growth.

Santa came to Parramatta RSL...

Christmas! A Parramatta Toastmasters Christmas Party wouldn't be complete without a professional Santa! I mean the real deal coming in and giving out presents! If you missed Christmas don't worry there are only 11 months to go! In the meantime you can relive the experience through our photos!



Speechcraft

Our first round of our Speechcraft courses for 2019 starts 5th February. Sabesh Sitsabesan is co-ordinating the course and will be working with other Toastmasters to ensure that our Speech crafters develop confidence in their public speaking over six weeks. Our February course is full with a waiting list. If you are interested in joining a course our friends Parramatta Pioneers and Winners Circle are also holding a February course. Registrations can be made online: <https://parramattatoastmasters.corsizio.com/c/5c1c2ef21785cfbdef8aeda8>