



THE PARRA-NATTA

PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS CLUB

January Edition

Parramatta Toastmasters Club

Club Number: 00002274, District 90, Area W13

Charter Date: June 1, 1966

Parramatta Club has always been a very large and successful one and has had a major influence on the Toastmasters movement in Australia, where there are now over 750 Clubs. Through the achievements of our Club and of the Clubs we have formed, we have provided communication and leadership training directly and indirectly to over 10,000 people. Our aim is to satisfy each member's need for friendship, recognition and respect, in a community organisation, as well as his/her need to learn and to make a creative contribution. A strong spirit of camaraderie has always existed in the Club. This helps us enjoy ourselves even while we are learning, since Toastmasters recognises that people learn best in moments of enjoyment.

Meeting 1417

On the 5th of December we had our first meeting at Rydges Parramatta. As Ian Lipski said in his role as General Evaluator "the meeting ran like clockwork". And contrary to the theme "Losing your way" no one lost their way on the night! Michael Fong ran the Table Topics on the night keeping to theme. The table topics included:

- Tell us a time you have lost your way.
- When you did wind up lost how did you find your way?
- When you get lost—do you ask for directions or do you find your own way.
- Have you ever lost something only to find it later on?
- If I gave you a street directory. Would you be able to use it?
- Part of losing our way is helping people find their way. How would you help visitors/guests into Toastmasters?
- There are two people in the world. Leaders or followers? The sheep or shepherd. Which one are you?
- You find yourself in a foreign country and you don't speak the language. What do you do?

We had five prepared speeches on the night including John New's "Moments in history" where he recounted key historical moments in his life from the Moon Landing, Apartheid, the dismissal of Gough Whitlam, the Franklin Dam controversy, Lindy Chamberlain on trial. Karl Pereira presented a speech "Helping you to find your way" as a part of the Humorous pathway—he spoke about his jobs and what he has learnt along with the way. Tom Woods spoke about Leadership in Toastmasters and Corrective Services. Elizabeth Wilson's speech was entitled "Bad luck, Good luck" where she chronicled major events in her life and how her perspective towards these situations are important. Matt Tonkiss presented a speech that detailed how the Reticular Activating System. The ribbon winners of the night were for Table Topics Linda Said, Best Speaker Matt Tonkiss and Best Evaluation Edim Hudjur. The Stirrer's Spoon was awarded to Sabesh Sitabesan.

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Meeting 1418 Christmas

On the 19th of December we had our Christmas meeting! We speeches, games and Santa joined us for the festivities! On the night Dale Rees-Bevan also presented a wonderful poem which featured Parramatta Toastmaster members. Thank you all for a wonderful night!



It was a restless night in the safari tent
The day before our tour
And on the other side of the fence
We could hear the lion roar

There's something scary lurking outside
Said Michael Fong as he picked up a boot
Damn right that's scary, Suben cried
It's Ian in his pirate suit.

Soon it was day, hot and bright
We'd made it through alive
Barbara had had a peaceful night
And said that she would drive

We set out on a beaten track
Where John New we'd find giraffe
Karl thought the lion was back
But it was Tom Woods having a laugh.

There goes a gazelle, Michael Said
As Linda spotted the herd
But apart from that, the place was dead
Not so much as a warthog turd.

Mandy and Edim were driving fast
To the other neck of the Woods
Juliana said "Our water won't last

But Kirsten has got the goods."

An hour later, near the lakes
Mike Kano was doing a dance
I don't think those are jelly snakes
And I'm too scared to take a chance!

Rob lamented "This Christmas trip
Is not what I was thinking
It's hot and boring, I'm going to flip
In fact, it's downright stinking!

Matt took Karl down a side path
In pursuit of some possible bushmen
Karl thought it was just for a laugh
And we never saw him again

John Taylor weighed in with a stern voice
I think we've lost the Lipskis
"We need to go, we have no choice,
This trip is giving me the shitskies!"

Wait, look over there, straight ahead:
An animal lithe and sleek
It could be a cheetah Vivek said
Oh no, I think it's Monique.

No animals! Would Sally Lai?
There was nothing there to see

Something had clearly gone awry
And everyone was blaming me!

Sabesh was puffing, patience low
Sue was starting to yawn
The only people with any get up and go
Were as usual, Alicia and Sean.

And just as we abandoned hope
Christine let out a blood-curdling scream
Because there in a circle, on the slope
Was the strangest sight ever seen.

Elephant, warthog, baboon, crocodile,
Giraffe, hippopotamus too
Rhino and lion with menacing smile
Zebra, buffalo, kudu.

The lion looked at us and raised a paw
As if in some kind of greeting
And what he said made us drop our jaw
"Welcome to our Toastmasters Christmas Meeting."

We stayed for the speeches and evaluation
But we left before the lunch break
When you're on a safari vacation
Some risks you just don't take!!!

Evaluation Contest

The Evaluation contest is coming up! It will be the second meeting in January. Evaluations are an important part of Toastmasters as they give our speakers opportunities to learn and grow on their journey as they are provided with positive points and recommendations for their next speech. Have you thought about entering the contest? You should! It is a wonderful opportunity to work on your evaluation skills!

How does the Evaluation contest work?

1. Contestants are briefed by the chief judge and the speaking order is determined.
2. The contest begins with a test speaker which contestants watch and listen to.
3. Contestants are given a sheet on which they can write their notes and observations during the speech.
4. Contestants then leave the room and one at a time are brought back to the room to deliver their evaluation.
5. Judges score the contestants and the scores are tallied to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Note: Contestants are judged on four items: Analytical Quality (Clear, Focused), Recommendations (Positive, Specific, Helpful), Technique (Sympathetic, Sensitive, Emotional) and Summation (Concise, Encouraging)

Please refer to material from the Judging form from Toastmasters International below for more detail on these items:

JUDGING ITEMS	SUGGESTED POINT VALUES													
	E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y G O O D	G O O D	F A I R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Analytical Quality Clear, Focused	40	28-39	17-27	0-16										
Recommendations Positive, Specific, Helpful	30	22-29	13-21	0-12										
Technique Sympathetic, Sensitive, Motivational	15	11-14	6-10	0-5										
Summation Concise, Encouraging	15	11-14	6-10	0-5										
TOTAL SCORE (100 Points Possible)														

JUDGING CRITERIA

Analytical Quality refers to the effectiveness of the evaluation. Every evaluation should carefully analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the speaker's presentation. Were the evaluator's comments clear and logical? Did the evaluator identify specific strengths and weaknesses of the presentation?

Recommendations are an important part of an evaluation. An evaluator not only points out the strengths and weaknesses of a speech, he/she also offers specific recommendations for improvement. Recommendations should be practical, helpful and positive, and they should enable the speaker to improve his or her next presentation.

Technique refers to the manner in which the evaluator presents his/her comments and recommendations. An evaluator should be sensitive to the feelings and needs of the speaker, yet inspire and encourage the speaker in his/her future speaking efforts.

Summation is how the evaluator concludes the evaluation. The conclusion should briefly summarize the evaluator's comments and suggestions, and be positive and encouraging.

2019-2020 Executive Team

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We meet every fortnightly on Thursday evenings between 6:30pm and 9:30pm at Rydges Parramatta.

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Club Mission

We 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.

Contribute to the Natta!

Would you like to contribute to the Natta? Do you have a speech? Do you have an upcoming event? Please email Christine Huynh VPPR—vppr@parramattatm.org.au

Awards

In December there were a number of Education Awards!

Congratulations goes out to:

Edim Hujdur, DL3

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John New, DTM

Vivek Singhal, IP2

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Dynamic Leadership 2 (DL2)

Dynamic Leadership 3 (DL3)

Presentation Mastery 1 (PM1)

Innovative Planning 1 (IP1)

Innovative Planning 2 (IP2)

DCP Points:

DCP Points are recognition of the club's achievements. Distinguished Club Program (DCP) includes 10 goals that your club should strive to achieve each year. The club is currently half way to achieving our goal of 10/10.

Goals to Achieve	Goal	To Date	Status
Education (A maximum of 6 will count toward DCP credit.)			
1 Competent Communicator (CC) awards	2	0	2 CCs needed
2 More Competent Communicator (CC) awards	2	0	2 CCs needed
3 Advanced Communicator (ACB, ACS, ACG) awards	1	0	1 AC needed
4 More Advanced Communicator (ACB, ACS, ACG) awards	1	0	1 AC needed
5 Leadership Awards (CL, ALB, ALS) or Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) awards	1	1	✓
6 More CL, ALB, ALS, or DTM awards	1	3	✓
P1 Level 1 awards	4	4	✓
P2 Level 2 awards	2	2	✓
P3 More Level 2 awards	2	1	1 Level 2 needed
P4 Level 3 awards	2	1	1 Level 3 needed
P5 Level 4 awards	1	0	1 Level 4 needed
P6 Level 5 awards	1	0	1 Level 5 needed
Membership			
7 New members	4	1	3 New Members needed
8 More new members	4	0	4 New Members needed
Training			
9 Club officers trained June-August	4	7	First Training Period Achieved
Club officers trained December-February	4	0	Second Training Period 4 needed
Administration			
10 Membership-renewal dues on time	Y	1	✓
Club officer list on time	Y	1	

Goals
Goals Met
5
Distinguished
5
Select Distinguished
7
President's Distinguished
9

Important Dates:

- **Speechcraft:** Speechcraft is resuming on the **11th February 2020**. Barbara Mifsud took on the leadership opportunity and co-ordinated the last course and will be continuing the co-ordination this quarter. To register for the course: https://parramattatoastmasters.corsizio.com/c/5de00a1cef56bb31f157890e?fbclid=IwAR3MPRh6lPyhl7fVVOGQ4XFC_pMA64Nw9rnTJb6YFYI_RUAjtUO4Hgiani4U
- **Area 13 International Speech and Evaluation Contest: Saturday February 29th 2020.**
- **District 90 Annual Conference: 28th May 2020—30th May 2020.**