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**End of year
celebration**

CHATSWOOD COMMUNICATORS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

A Special Guest, A Special Night

By Naomi Rosenthal

At our end of year meeting number 601, held 23rd June 2010, we had the pleasure and privilege of Greg Kennedy from Miranda Club, our District 70 International Speech Contest winner and representative in the Regional Semi-Finals present his winning speech to us, "Which one wins?"

Greg drew us in with a pregnant pause before plunging us into the depths to deliver a well-rehearsed and polished speech about courage and following through on your promises.

Afterwards, the audience was invited to ask Greg some questions about his speech and it led into an insightful discussion on how Greg writes and rehearses with some valuable information for all our members to take home.

Member Terri Nixon provided entertainment in the form of limericks, giving these old Irish poems new life and colour. With extraordinary memory, Terri recited her limericks with skill



Megan Ash, David Chippendale, Graham Stoney & Naomi Rosenthal receiving their Excellence Awards.

and adeptness and showed her mastery of public speaking.

The Committee provided brief annual reports and member achievements were announced.

New member Carol Lear then led the Table Topics inviting us to describe our thoughts and feelings when we hear a song title. It was a well-constructed, easy to follow theme that all participants enjoyed.

For the first time in Chatswood Communicator history, we indulged in a 3 course sit down Italian style dinner. It provided our members an opportunity to practice presenting in front of an audience focused on food!

After the break, Petros gave a unique and philosophical speech about time using a wonderful parable about a king. It was an engrossing and

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Upcoming Events

- **Club Meeting— 14th July 2010**
- **Club Meeting—28th July 2010**
- **Club Leadership Training—29th July 2010**
- **Club Meeting—11th August 2010**
- **Club Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests—25th August 2010**

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A special guest, a special night (cont.)

interesting story that allowed Petros to explore the use of gestures.

Peter McCarthy then launched into his speech, an impassioned plea for all of us to be so much more accountable for our actions and to especially be aware that our inactions are also cause for lack of accountability.

Finally, Graham Stoney presented the Annual Awards (see page 4) and handed over to our new committee for 2010/11, introducing David Wilkinson as our new President and his theme "Educating Excellence".

It was a full, vibrant and enjoyable meeting with a record number of visitors.

Thank you to all those who worked hard in the background to put the evening together so seamlessly; thank you to all of you who participated in the night; thank you to all our visitors who made the evening all the more enjoyable and a special thank you to Greg Kennedy for sharing your speech with us.



Petros Nikoloudis receiving his Most Improved Speaker Award from Graham Stoney

NEWSFLASH

Are You Prepared for the Toastmasters International Web Site Update?
The way members log in will change when the Toastmasters Web site is upgraded in July 2010.
Visit <http://www.toastmasters.org/SSOclub> for more details.

Hello Sydney!

By Chris Daly

"Good afternoon, this is Radio Northern Beaches and this is "Sunday Roast". These were the velvet tones of Anne Rafferty as she introduced her husband Steve and our small group to the audience in the warm studio on a chilly 4th July. I had agreed to do a speech on air - just for the experience, but what presented was a mini Club-like meeting complete with warm up introductions, an off the cuff segment, smile time and group evaluations interspersed with musical interludes.

It was unfamiliar territory for me and I presented a speech from the "Humorously Speaking Manual" based on my early hitching round the world experiences. I thought it had gone rather well until I listened to the tape of the show that Anne

kindly sent to me later in the week. On listening to my performance my opinion changed and I thought, I hope no one hears that, but of course it was too late.

After a long-lasting cold, my throat clearing though slight was quite distracting and my decision to read my speech since no one was watching made any breaks in continuity very obvious, since there were no visual distractions for the audience.

The feedback for the rest of the group was very helpful and with that I have decided to do the speech again at the club.

If anyone is interested the new experience of speaking on radio, see me for Anne's details, as I certainly learnt a lot.

(Also visit: www.radionorthernbeaches.org—Ed.)

Awards Board

Meeting #600 2010

Best Speaker: David Chippendale

Best Evaluator: Graham Stoney

Best Table Topics: Fred Stzo

Best Assignment: Robyn Greaves



Meeting # 601 23 June 2010

Best Speaker: Peter McCarthy

Best Evaluator: Chris Daly

Best Table Topics: Megan Ash

Best Assignment: Terri Nixon

Word of the Day

By Naomi Rosenthal

What's in a word? A single word can change your mood. It can lift your spirits or make you feel glum. At our End of Year dinner, Word of the Day Master Fred Pentecost had selected a most appropriate word—**CONGENIAL** (adj). It had all the markings of what makes a great word of the day and here's a few reasons why...

The purpose of Word of the Day is to introduce new words to the members. I'm sure a number of you aren't quite sure what this word is all about, even if you've heard it before.

'Congenial' is a word that we can easily incorporate into everyday conversation but is different from the way people usually express themselves.

It's an adjective, making it easily adaptable and usable.

Fred gave us some great examples of how to use the word and defined it for us in an exemplary manner.

[If you've forgotten— agreeable, suitable, or pleasing in nature or character, as in, "the congenial surroundings were perfect for our end of year dinner."]

Thank you Fred, for such an appropriate and lovely word of the day.

**"A congenial evening
was had by all our
members."**

Club Member News

- **Congratulations to Annie Richards. She was birth partner at her daughter's delivery and is now the proud grandparent of a beautiful baby boy, Lachlan.**

2009-2010 Chatswood Communicator Club Awards

Overall Meeting Awards.

These are awarded to those members who received the most meeting awards in each category throughout the Toastmaster year. Congratulations to:

Best Speaker: Michael Ogg
 Best Evaluator: Toni Eatts
 Best Impromptu Speaker: Terri Nixon
 Best Assignment: Robyn Greaves

There were also some outstanding Toastmasters this year who had achieved a number of awards in many of the categories and were overall worthy of accolade. This year, we awarded our **Excellence Awards** to:

Megan Ash
 David Chippendale
 Graham Stoney
 Naomi Rosenthal

The **Most Improved Speaker Award** was this year given to:

Petros Nikoloudis

The **Toastmaster of the Year Award** is given to that member who has excelled in both Leadership and Communication. Congratulations to:

Naomi Rosenthal

Congratulations!

We achieved
**Select Distinguished
 Club**
 having achieved 8 out
 of 10 goals. Well done
 to all of you who also
 achieved your personal
 goals and your next
Toastmasters Award.
 What's next for you?

Distinguished Club Programme Update—30 June 2010

	GOAL	ACTUAL	ACHIEVED
[1] CCs	2	2	*
[2] Additional CCs	2	2	*
[3] ACs	1	1	*
[4] Additional ACs	1	2	*
[5] CL, AL, or DTM	1	1	*
[6] Additional CLs, ALs, or DTMs	1	0	
[7] New Members	4	4	*
[8] Additional New Members	4	10	*
[9] Officers Trained (both required)			
June-August	4	2	
and December-February	4	1	
[10] Submitted on time (both required)			
October or April Renewal	1	2	
and Officer List	1	1	*

Total Goals Achieved To-Date: **8**

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“ Raise Your Voice ”

Meeting Venue: Club Willoughby, 26 Crabbes Avenue, Willoughby NSW 2068

Meeting Dates: 7pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

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**A message from our incoming
Vice President Public Relations**

Greetings readers of The Flying Toaster from your incoming editor, Chris Daly. As the new Vice-President of Public Relations I will be taking over from the past office holder and recipient of the Chatswood Communicators Toastmaster 2009/2010 Toastmaster of the Year, Naomi Rosenthal. Congratulations Naomi for the excellent job you have done in producing the newsletter over the last term.

While looking closer at the magazine, from the perspective of my new role, I could see just what Naomi has created, with the stylish design, layout and innovative regular features and do you know what? I wouldn't change a thing. It works very well and is testament to the creativity and diligence that earned Naomi her award. I may add here that our website also managed by Naomi won a merit award at District. What an act to follow!

Unlike my predecessor, I am new to computer publishing, in fact new to the regular use of computers per se, but in the spirit of Toastmasters I have taken on this position to learn and develop new skills. Any help and advice will be appreciated and of course your written articles and comments are always welcome.

My aim for my term is to keep the quality of the production high and to encourage greater participation from all our members. I would particularly like to see more material from our newer members.

Thank you for your tireless efforts for The Flying Toaster Naomi and all the best for your Masters of Applied Finance Degree.



Alison Lavick, DTM with her “thank you” bunch of flowers, given in appreciation for organizing the end of year meeting.

Welcome to our newest club members.

Congratulations to the following new members.

- Christopher Davis
- Anita McDonnell
- Brent Plimpton

We welcome you to Chatswood Communicators and wish you the best for achieving your Toastmaster goals.