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Your Library

By Naomi Rosenthal CC, CL

At Chatswood Communicators, we are fortunate to own a vast and rich resource that is our Library with many books, audio CDs and videos having been collected over the years and now available for your use.

A recent addition to our collection is the incredible 6 Audio CD pack from David Brooks (1990 World Champion of Public Speaking) showcasing 6 hours of great instruction from 6 world champions and a bonus disc "Mentors made the difference".

These are "how to" audio discs helping you succeed in becoming a better speaker with such topics as,

- How to speak to heads, hands and hearts
- How characters can bring your speech to life
- How to tap the #1 secret to rapid speaking improvement

A great benefit of audio discs is the ability to listen to the author while doing another task such as exercising, house work or driving.

A book in the collection "Think On Your Feet" by Ken Wydro provides steps to superlative interpersonal communication skills that lead to a successful, healthy, stress - free, abundant, and on-purpose life. The author, Ken Wydro, synthesized the wisdom from the stages of ages into very practical, easy to implement steps.

These items and many more are available for you to borrow at any time.

How to Borrow

Step 1: Check out our library catalogue available for download at www.chatswootm.org.au/library.

Step 2: Choose your book/s.

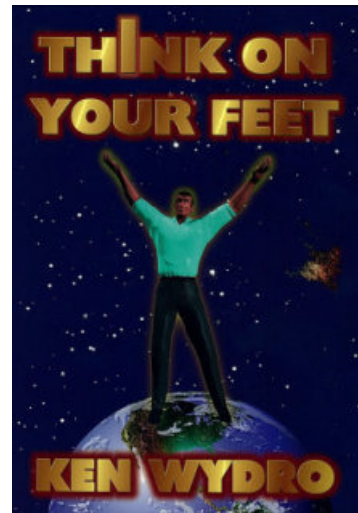
Step 3: Email secretary@chatswootm.org.au

to request your book and check it's availability.

Step 4: Collect your book at the next Toastmasters meeting.

Step 5: Read your book and enjoy!

Step 6: Return your book within 4 weeks to avoid penalty.



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Upcoming Events

- **SpeechCraft—May 15th & 29th**
Your assistance is required!
- **Club Meetings—12th & 26th May**
- **District 70 Annual Conference 2010**
21st to 23rd May 2010 at Bankstown
District Sports Club

Visit of Toastmasters International President Gary Schmidt By Alison Lavick

Gary agreed to pass through Sydney for just 24 hours en route to the Queensland (District 69) Annual Conference.

Our District is entitled to a visit from a Toastmasters International President once every 17 years. We have enjoyed a visit from the International President 3 years in a row. This has partly been as an apology because the plans to hold the Toastmasters International Convention at Sydney's Darling Harbour in 2010 were cancelled due to the global economic situation.

Gary spoke about the TI membership and the new district alignment. Currently membership is 35% rest of world, 65% US/Canada. The new alignment of all 81+ Districts to regions [we are District 70 (NSW/ACT)] and as of July 1 will be in Region 12. This will give an equal chance to all World Contest competitors. Every **district** winner (81 of them) goes to the International Convention (US or elsewhere). There is a random draw for 9 inter regional contests each of 9 speakers and

those 9 **semi final winners** go forward to the World Championship Final. This year's regions draw is now on the TI website.

One critical factor that has changed for the US contestants ... the 8 US regional winners previously had 2 months to prepare for the International contest final, whereas the two overseas contestants had just four days. Now all winners have only 2 days and with the equal favouring of regions, it is an equal playing field.

Question time

- During question time with Gary it was suggested that before too many years the International Convention may well be planned to take place in Sydney. This would bring many thousands of International Toastmasters to Sydney.
- The International website will be upgraded from July 1. Changes will include the ability to log on with your personal password and if you are a club or district officer, you will have access to those special areas of information. This

means our club will not need its own password for the committee.

- From July 1 committees will also be able to process on line new members who are dual, reinstated or transferred from another club (currently posted or fax).
- Taking Toastmasters to yet more countries - Arab cultures to comply with TI guidelines.
- The CL Manual is under review.
- The leaders' planning of goals for Areas, Divisions and Districts will be aligned with the aims of the DCP (Distinguished Club Plan).

There was time to mix and mingle. Of our District's over 5,000 members (260+ clubs), around 100 people attended (3 were not yet members). Personally I felt it was a poor showing to an International leader who took the trouble to come to Sydney -- it was a public holiday and it was not so much an educational visit as a 'nice to know you' visit. Erica Jankus, her friend Brent and I represented our club.

Committee Meeting Update

At our last executive committee meeting held in April, we discussed the following issues...

To centralise our documentation and make it easy for transitioning Committee members and sharing of information, we will now use the GoogleDocs facility.

We will incorporate more educational sessions into our Toastmasters meetings (once a month) to assist members in understanding key assignments.

A formal letter of offer will be sent to StreetWork (a local charity) offering 2 places in our Speechcraft course to a staff member or volunteer and youth who would benefit from our programme. (For details on StreetWork visit: www.streetwork.org.au)

Minor adjustments will be made to our supper menu providing more sandwiches and less fruit.

A penalty of \$1 per week will be imposed on library book borrowings if not returned after 4 weeks.



Awards Board



Meeting # 596 14th April 2010

Best Speaker: Yvette Kosch
 Best Evaluator: Alison Lavick
 Best Table Topics: Megan Ash
 Best Assignment: David Chippendale

Meeting # 597 28th April 2010

Best Speaker: Erica Jankus
 Best Evaluator: Naomi Rosenthal
 Best Table Topics: Fred Pentecost
 Best Assignment: Graham Stoney

The power of PowerPoint

“PowerPoint can be a presenter’s powerful ally, if used with judicious restraint”, says David Brooks (1990 World Champion of Public Speaking) in an interview with Steve Pavlina (www.stevepavlina.com).

PowerPoint is a powerful tool with almost limitless design and production possibilities — and therein lies the danger. With so much to choose from in PowerPoint, it’s possible to overwhelm your content with your dazzling presentation. And it’s so easy to create slides, that you can quickly make more than you’ll ever have time to show.

David’s tips to a successful PowerPoint are:

1) Don’t substitute PowerPoint for practice. Bad PowerPoint users think “My notes are on the screen—I’ll just read my slides instead of learning my message.” The audience won’t listen because they know you didn’t care enough to prepare.

2) Do use PowerPoint to illustrate or reinforce the point you are speaking about. Your slide should be a summary or a reminder of your point, not the verbatim message you are delivering.

3) Don’t commit typographic atrocities just because the program lets you. The “Word Art” button is a feature that allows you to compress, expand, elongate, stretch, spin, skew and swirl type...and all of them are bad. Typography is an art; respect the artistry by leaving it the way the typographer intended.

4) Don’t use “Random” slide transitions; they create a visual circus. Slides zooming or sliding in from all directions call attention to themselves, and as soon as the audience starts noticing the motion, your message may be lost.

5) Do limit your transitions to no more than two styles in each presentation. I use one as the standard transition from slide one to two to three, etc., and a second style to reveal key words within a slide. The best slide transitions are the least noticeable.

Our Vice President Education, Alison Lavick has been teaching effective PowerPoint presentations for years. She concurs with David and adds, “It is important that a presenter focus on putting short, relevant and readable text on the slide, then expand each point verbally. Follow

the KISS principle—‘Keep it Simple, Saint!’

Also, “be prepared for technical failures. It’s a good idea to have your files on multiple media, such as USB drive and CD. Consider taking some overhead transparencies for your key slides, in case the data projector fails. Be prepared to speak without the PowerPoint if necessary.”

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This information was compiled from articles at www.stevepavlina.com, office.microsoft.com and notes written by Alison Lavick.

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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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Member News.



Congratulations Erica Jankus.

At our meeting on 28th April 2010, Erica Jankus successfully completed her 10th Speech and is now a Competent Communicator. Well Done!

Last month Erica told us how much her time at Toastmasters has contributed to obtaining a new job. Now, in her role as Partner Engagement Manager, Erica will be travelling to Las Vegas and San Francisco for a conference. Enjoy!!

How to contribute to your newsletter.

1. Think of a story or article you'd like to let people know about.
2. Write up to 250 words on your chosen topic.
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