

## CHATTER ON A PLATTER

FEBRUARY 2014 – MARCH 2014

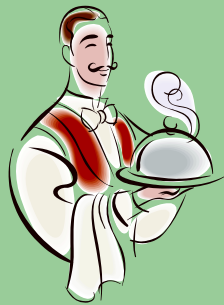
### Northern Beaches Toastmasters Club

*Moving forward, getting ahead*

#### THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Goals give direction and purpose and a sense of optimism. But paint with a broad brush. Fill in the details as needed. Plan for tomorrow but live a day at a time.

*We never prepared one battle plan without at least one alternate plan*  
General George S Patton



#### SPEECHCRAFT COURSE

Thank you  
Reg  
for coordinating  
our Speechcraft  
Course

Thank you  
Errol, Deanna,  
Kathy and Steve  
for assisting.

Congratulations to  
our Speechcraft  
participants who  
graduate on  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Suzy Louella  
Kevin Rachael  
Andrew Michelle

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS

March 20 – Deanna Morpurgo  
March 20 - Sue Loucks



Dear Members,

I am sure I missed a fabulous meeting in February. In place, I visited an advanced Toastmasters Club in Denver – Evening Stars. It is interesting to compare how other clubs operate. Evaluations were given in the second person. The evaluation is directed to the speaker and not to the entire audience. I have found this is the norm for clubs outside our district. At

Evening Stars, each Toastmaster was asked to complete the evaluation guideline from the relevant manual for each speaker. After each assigned evaluator had spoken, each toastmaster was given an opportunity to make a 60 second additional comment and to pass his/her written evaluation to the speaker. Timing was announced after each segment on the agenda. Any speaker outside the time limits became ineligible for an award. The General Evaluator was responsible for the entire evaluation team – introduced the speech evaluators, the timer and grammarian and then made comments about the meeting overall. This is compliant with the Competent Leader Manual. It was a fabulous meeting. Visiting Toastmasters clubs is part of the learning experience and a wonderful opportunity to extend the network of friends around the globe.

*Jan*



Thank you  
Sue Loucks  
for contributing to  
the club  
Distinguished Club  
Program  
Goal # 5  
Competent Leader

## Facilitation ~ Project 7 Competent Leader Manual

A facilitator's primary job is to make the team's job easier. More specifically, a facilitator guides discussions among group members and manages and resolves conflicts. Conflicts are not unusual any time two or more people are required to work together and good facilitation skills can help the group reach a resolution.

Guidelines for a facilitator –

- ❖ Keep a respectful, empathetic, caring and neutral attitude toward everyone.
- ❖ Be a good listener.
- ❖ Allow others to speak without interruption.
- ❖ Acknowledge what they say and repeat their key points to prevent misunderstanding.
- ❖ Ask questions if needed.
- ❖ Prevent the discussion from dissolving into accusations, blame, or debates over who is right or wrong.
- ❖ Limit the discussion to the facts and the present situation.
- ❖ Help the group focus on solutions once the issues have been identified.

At the end of the discussion, every group member should be able to make the following statements honestly –

I had the opportunity to voice my opinions.  
I believed my teammates understood my opinions.  
I can support the final decision.

## TEN WAYS TO WIDEN YOUR TOASTMASTERS HORIZONS

- Be a speech contest judge
- Attend Area Speech Contests
- Become a club officer
- Organize a membership campaign for your club
- Attend a Division Contest or District Conference
- Contribute an item to your club newsletter
- Be a test speaker for an Evaluation Speech Contest
- Promote Toastmasters at your workplace
- Organize/participate an inter-club debate
- Sponsor or mentor a new Toastmasters Club



Congratulations  
to  
Steve Barber  
Representing our  
Club at the 2014  
Area 8 International  
Speech Contest

The Four  
Agreements

*Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you will help them become what they are capable of becoming.*

*Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe*



## CLUB LEADERS 2014-2015

Contact the Nominating Committee Chairman, Reg Stewart (0408 200 947 or email [regstewart@bigpond.com](mailto:regstewart@bigpond.com)) to nominate for a position on your club executive for the coming Toastmaster year.

This is your opportunity to learn new skills and to be responsible for the running of your club.

**Become the leader that you are capable of being.**

### REVITALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

In the 2010 Strategic Plan for Toastmasters International, the Board of Directors called for a renewed focus on leadership and a modernized communication program. The REP is designed to meet those goals. Members will benefit from the program improvements such as:

1. Greater use of technology to boost self-directed learning, to access educational materials and to connect with other members around the world;
2. A clearer path for achieving education awards;
3. Opportunities to develop real-world communication and leadership skills in a globally evolving market place.

The program is scheduled to launch in the second half of 2014.

In November last year, Learning Masters conducted club visits to help identify member needs and collect feedback. Members' feedback is critical to the development of the REP. During their visits, the Learning Masters observed how clubs put the current education program into practice and conducted an informal discussion with club members.

This month, our club will be visited by REP Ambassador, Sally Morton. Sally will give a presentation about the REP, answer your questions and explain the program's benefits.

2014  
HAWKESBURY  
DIVISION  
INTERNATIONAL  
SPEECH AND  
EVALUATION  
CONTESTS

SUNDAY 30  
MARCH  
2.00PM  
(BRIEFING AT  
1.00PM)  
\$20.00

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TERREY HILLS

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ACC 145302  
(FORESTVILLE  
TOASTMASTERS  
CLUB) OR PHONE  
PAULINE  
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0404 665 413



**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.*



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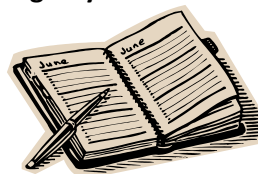
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Meetings are held at various restaurants on the northern beaches of Sydney on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month – 6.30pm for 7.00pm

*Leadership is an enabling process causing followers to own responsibilities and accountability for assigned tasks*

**FORWARD PLANNER – TO 30 JUNE 2014**

- 16<sup>th</sup> March – Speakers Forum and Sunday Seminar – Bankstown
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – club meeting – Ajmers – Frenchs’ Forest**
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Hawkesbury Division International Speech and Evaluation Contests
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – club meeting – announcement of nominations for elections in May**
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May – District 70 Annual Conference (including finals of the International and Evaluation Speech Contests) – Bankstown
- 24<sup>th</sup> May – Train the Trainer (for Club Leadership Trainers)
- 27<sup>th</sup> May – club meeting – Club Officer Elections – Area 8 Governor Visit**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Speakers Forum and Sunday Seminar
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – club meeting – Changeover Dinner**
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – Area Governor Training Day and District 70 Changeover Dinner**



**CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- President: Jan Vecchio DTM
- VPE: Reg Stewart DTM
- VPPR: Guy Loucks
- VPM: Denise Tomlinson DTM
- Secretary: Kathy Stewart ACG, ALB
- Treasurer: David Tomlinson ACS
- SAA: Steve Barber ACS

