

NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES - MEETING 171

Club No: 609136

Area 8 Hawkesbury Division

District 90

Held On: Tuesday 22nd December 2015
Held At: The McKimmie Resort
Barrenjoey Road
Palm Beach
Commenced: 7.00 pm



SERGEANT AT ARMS Steve Barber – opened the meeting, hosted by June McKimmie.

PRESENT Sharon Austin, Beverley Barber, Steve Barber, John Inglis, Muriel Jones, Sue Loucks, June McKimmie, Kathy Stewart, Reg Stewart, David Tomlinson, Denise Tomlinson, Jan Vecchio (12)

APOLOGIES *Graham Blandy*, Errol Byrnes, Luke Donabauer, Deanna Morpurgo, Brian Paull, Keren *Snell*, *Antonio Vescio* (7)

GUESTS Mandie Spooner, Carol, Jenn-Lee (3)

QUORUM Yes (12 present – 3 inactive – quorum 9) – total membership = 19

PRESIDENT’S OPENING REMARKS Sue Loucks – thanked June for hosting the meeting and welcoming the members into her home – welcomed the guests to our Christmas themed meeting.

CHAIRMAN Steve Barber

APOLOGIES AND PROGRAM ALTERATIONS Jan Vecchio –
Moved **THAT the apologies as noted be accepted. Seconded by Kathy Stewart.** Motion carried.

Noted that there was only one gap on the agenda which had been filled by David and Denise Tomlinson (Tonic).


CHAIRMAN Steve Barber – the Christmas crackers were handed out - all linked hands to pull the crackers.

TOAST June McKimmie – **FRIENDSHIP**
How do you make friends – need to be kind, supportive, open, non-judgemental (amongst other things).

ROUND ROBIN

Steve Barber – it's Christmas time – how lucky are we to be? What good things have happened to you during the year?

MEAL BREAK

Pizzas, garlic bread and salads... 

POETRY READING

Jan Vecchio –

Christmas Comes but Once a Year

by Greg North

Read using accents –

1. Steve – Australian
2. Carol – English
3. Muriel – Italian
4. June – French
5. Sharon – Scottish
6. Jen-Lee – Indian
7. David – Australian
8. Reg – Irish
9. Sue – Indian
10. Jan – Australian
11. Kathy – French
12. Denise – Irish

Kathy had the best accent and won a box of chocolates for her talent.

Toasties in the Bush

Read by Mandy, Beverley and Sharon

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Denise and David Tomlinson –

The computer purchase – Mac – Office – Windows.

TABLE TOPICS

Reg Stewart – asked us to take on a character and talk about what it would be like at this time of the year in the lead up to Christmas.

1. Sharon – Mrs Claus
2. Denise -Rudolph
3. Muriel – Santa
4. David – a four-year-old
5. Jenn-Lee – local minister
6. Beverley – Australia Post worker
7. Carol – a customer at the fish markets
8. June – highway patrol officer

PREPARED SPEECHES

| Speaker | Manual Reference | Speech Title | Evaluator |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Sue Loucks | #2 Entertaining Speaker | Abundant Gratitude | Sharon Austin |
| Kathy Stewart | # 4 Interpretive Reading | Cats | Sue Loucks |
| John Inglis | #1 CC | Ho Ho Ho – I'm Santa Claus | Beverley Barber |

- DESSERT BREAK** Very yummy trifle !!
- GIFT EXCHANGE** Sharon Austin –
Creative rhyming couplets which had us exchanging gifts. (see attachment to the minutes).
- MEAL EVALUATION** Muriel Jones –
The pizzas were great, the trifle was excellent and the salads were fabulous ☺
- PRESIDENT’S CLOSING** Sue Loucks –
1. Presented Sharon with her new club badge ACB/CL.
 2. Asked whether the members would like to bring forward the scheduled meeting date in January (which happens to fall on Australia Day) – all agreed to bring the meeting forward to the third Tuesday – 19th January.
 3. International Speech and Evaluation Contests will be held at the February meeting – David Tomlinson announced his intention to enter the IS contest.
 4. Speechcraft will be held at Club Totem commencing on Tuesday 9th February -it will incorporate 2 club meetings with the March meeting being the graduation – we already have one registration.
 5. Forestville Toastmasters Club is conducting a SOAP BOX event at Davidson Park on Sunday 17th January -details are on the District 70 and District 90 websites.
 6. A promotional banner has been purchased and will be hung on the corner of Lawrence and Oliver on 4th January until 18th January and then at the corner of Pittwater and Condamine from 25th to 8th February – some help may be required to put the banners up.
 7. Enjoy the feast, festivities and fun of the festive season.
- MEETING CLOSED** 9.55 pm

Secretary *Jan Vecchio*

Chairman *Steve Barber*