



CHATTER ON A PLATTER

December / January 2013

Northern Beaches Toastmasters Club

Thought of the month

“Christmas”

Peace on Earth it is often said at this time of the year
To bring people Good Will and Cheer.
Yet Love between many People & Races seems to be lost
For it is only with Love could we have Peace on Earth.
Love is for Giving and always remembering,
Love is Forgiving

Platters Kitchen

At the home of

Denise & David Tomlinson

A smorgasboard of various styles of delicious salads,
Salmon, warmed Ham, Chicken

Delicious sweet Christmas style desserts followed by
Tea and Coffee.

QuickTime™ and a
decompressor
are needed to see this picture.

January Birthdays & Celebration

18th January Sharon Austin Wedding Anniversary

20th January John Inglis Birthday

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Welcome to our Guests

Carol & Rod Blackwell
George Lenon
was given by Reg Stewart.

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Something New About Me Or Tonic!

Greg Holterman
Chose to read a Tonic to us all.

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Toast

This evening the toast was to
"Our Children"
*May all Our Children
grow, develop and learn in safety.*

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presentations

by Reg Stewart with the New
Members Kit for
Guy Loucks.

Then the CL Certificate for
Laurel Holterman.

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Table

Topics

With a difference was lead by Sue Loucks, with a lucky dip which had to be described for sale:

1. Beverley: La Miserables double CD
2. Greg: DVD of Pavorotti
3. Reg: from The Body Shop Brazil Nut Body Butter
4. Keren: Microfibre Towel Pack
6. David: Creative Jelly
7. Carol: A Loufer
8. Rod: Candle Extinguisher
9. Kathy: Mini Vacuum Cleaner
10. Sharon: 4 Little Pigs
11. Muriel: Naturally Fresh & Delicious Cook Book

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WORD

Laurel Holterman spoke of the words we use which have a double meaning and in this case as it was our Christmas meeting, she requested that we do not use the word merry which can be taken to be disorderly and instead use the word meaning joyous Happy .

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Speeches of the Evening

Speaker 1: Guy Loucks.

Title: "Ice Breaker."

Evaluator: Deanna Morpurgo

Guy was born and educated as an Electrical Engineer in Canada then following his career arrived in Australia. That was 20 years ago and he has lived in Sydney for the longest time anywhere in the world, making Sydney his home. On arrival he worked with BHP and had the pleasure of visiting Broken Hill.

Computers and the Network are his speciality. Computers are not pervasive as it was once said.

So important is this means of communication taking only 45 minutes within the fire zone a couple of years ago for everyone to know what and where it was happening.

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Title: "First Christmas Memory.

Speaker 2: Frank Elmes

Evaluator: Kathy Stewart

Frank's earliest memory of Xmas was when he was about 10yrs old, where he lived with his family at Seaforth and walking to St. Celas Balgowlah for Mass. Back home he and his brothers received dinky toys that year.

When Frank's son was 7 his Christmas gifts were all Tonka Toys. Imagine the joy Frank received to find his son still has all the Tonka toys and still in the Boxes in which they were packed.

Frank is bursting with joy having all his gifts wrapped and is looking forward to seeing his family and giving them their presents.

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Speaker 3: Keren Snell

Evaluator: Muriel Jones

Title: "Christmas."

Keren was disillusioned at the age of 5 yrs, when attending a Christmas party at the 16ft skiff club.

Santa arrived with his sack on his back and all the toys for the boys and girls in a little boat then climbed up a ladder onto the deck. It was that year that she recognized her Grandfather as Santa Clause and on telling him he threatened her.

Of recent times Keren has been making jewelry and has given 40 pieces to Angla Care to be placed in their gift bags. Also 36 pieces for the Far West Home.

Keren then presented the gift of a bear to Jan which was a duplicate of a bear that was being given (DYRSL Club) □

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Let there be Peace on Earth

And

Let it begin with me!



Platter's Gallery

Meal Evaluation



Sharon Austin.

Our newest club members bought feast to surprise, with Trout
& Asparagus & Mushrooms so wild
The Chicken & Leek were a joy to behold
The Gingerbread House was so spectacular and bold.

An assortment of Nuts from our favourite young lad, with the
Hommus from Karen made our taste buds so glad.
Our hosts David & Denise supplied a selection of food with
Deanna's Salmon was both tasty & good.

A smorgasbord of salads were supplied by the guests
Too many to mention just can't say which was best
The quiche & Pasta & the Ham were all great
Despite the great volume nearly all it got ate.

Dessert was supplied by our members so nice
with Shortbread & Choc Pudding & Cake which was iced.

So thanks to our Hosts, now be happy & gay
and I hope your meal is just as good when you enjoy it on

Christmas Day

*Whatever you can
do or dream you
can do, begin it.
Boldness has
genius, power and
magic.
Begin it now."*

Thought of the Day

Look well to this day, for yesterday is a dream
& tomorrow is a vision.

Yet today well lived, makes every yesterday

A dream of Happiness
& every tomorrow a Vision of Hope



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With Thanks.

Denise and David Tomlinson
for having our Christmas
meeting in their home.

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Awards of the Evening.

Presented by
Denise Tomlinson

Speech of the Evening award
to Sharon Austin

Excellence Award to
Hospitable Karen

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Please let Steve know if you
wish to be scheduled for a
particular role."

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Northern Beaches

Moving Forward
Getting Ahead

Toastmasters Club

Meet 6.45pm
4th Tuesday of the Month

22nd January, 2013

Theme :

"International Speech
Contest."

Thup Tim Siam Thai
Restaurant
151 Pittwater Road
Manly

Guests Welcome

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Thought of the Day

Life is like a camera.
Just focus on what's important
Capture the good times
And if things don't turn out
Just take another shot.

