



# CHATTER ON A PLATTER

JUNE - JULY 2013

## Northern Beaches Toastmasters Club

*Moving forward, getting ahead*

### CHANGEOVER DINNER

#### THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Remember why we are in Toastmasters. We are here to learn communication and leadership; we are here for our own personal development. Yet it is not just about us as individuals. Our purpose is to support other members so that they can improve communication and leadership and become better people.

*Jan Vecchio*

#### PLATTERS KITCHEN

### ***Brookvale Chinese Seafood Restaurant***

Level 1, 676 Pittwater Road, Brookvale  
(enter via Chard Road)

**Mixed Entrée**      Spring Roll  
                                 Samosa  
                                 Sesame Prawn Toast served with  
                                 Sweet & Sour Sauce

**Mains**                      Honey Prawns  
                                 Garlic Seafood with Broccoli  
                                 Satay Combination  
                                 BBQ Pork with Plum Sauce  
                                 Crispy Skin Chicken  
                                 Seasonal Stir Fried Vegetables  
                                 House Fried Rice

Served with Fortune Cookies



## JUNE AND JULY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

18<sup>th</sup> June Guy Loucks    5<sup>th</sup> July David Tomlinson



### WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Phil, Maree and Tony

District Governor Jan Vecchio

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

**Jan Vecchio**

Congratulations to all who have contributed to the Club Area, District and NBTC goals.

These people have been an inspiration to others in achieving their goals.

Congratulations to Reg Stewart the club president and his executive committee and all members who have achieved their goals during the year.

Purpose: To learn communication and leadership.

Passion: Always do your best, for yourself and your club.

### CONGRATULATIONS

**President**

**Reg Stewart**

To committee members who have attended and supported the needs of the NBTC

To Errol Byrnes – presented with Toastmaster's Badge New Member Kit.

Highs and lows of the year -

The loss of Richard Sami came too soon.

Greg Holterman has joined another Toastmasters Club.

Hugh Barber now lives in London.

Our best wishes to the boys.

Graham Blandy unfortunately works on Tuesday evenings but has attended when he can.



### PRESENTATIONS

#### Appreciation Award

Beverley Barber

#### Mick Renvoize Award

David Tomlinson

#### The Vecchio Toastmaster of the Year Award

Steve Barber

#### Advanced Communicator Silver Award

Steve Barber

#### Competent Communicator Award

Frank Elmes

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR 2012/13

Sue Loucks

Guy Loucks

Errol Byrnes

George Lenon

*"Developing excellent  
communication skills is absolutely  
essential to effective leadership."*

Gilbert Amelio

## SPEECHES OF THE EVENING

**Speaker 1:** Guy Loucks**Evaluator:** Laurel Holterman**Title:** The Correct Politic?

“The notion of political correctness declares certain topics, certain expressions, even certain gestures, off limits. What began as a crusade for civility has soured into a cause of conflict and even censorship.”

[George Bush quotes](#)

Here we can show where the politically correct terminology has been used.

1. The BBC has dropped the use of the terms Before Christ (BC and Anno Domini (AD) on one of their programmes and decided that the terms ‘Before Common Era’/‘Common Era’ are more appropriate
2. Throughout several US councils and organizations, any terms using the word ‘man’ as a prefix or suffix have been ruled as not being *politically correct*. ‘Manhole’ is now referred to as a ‘utility’ or ‘maintenance’ hole.
3. A school in Seattle renamed its Easter eggs as ‘Spring Spheres’ to avoid causing offence to people who did not celebrate Easter.
4. A UK council has banned the term ‘brainstorming’ to replace it with ‘thought showers’ as local lawmakers thought the term may offend epileptics.

**Speaker 2:** Deanna Morpurgo**Evaluator:** Frank Elmes**Title:** “After All, It Is An Abstract Concept.”

What is an abstract concept you may ask? It is having the ability to solve any thought - an example is modern art or heaven. It means the ability to solve anything without the human ways of using sight, hearing of sound and smell.

Without it we would not have what man has to-day. It is a means of thinking outside of the square.

The Big Bang theory is the biggest abstract concept the study of the origins and eventual fate of the universe by Hubble.

Cosmology - is the study of the origins and eventual fate of the universe.

## CHATTERS GALLEY

Steve Barber's delight is the thought of a Rum and Raisin Chocolate Toasted Sandwich! Beverley's choice is a Cherry Ripe Toastie. Delicious. Any chocolate will do.

## 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.



*Condense some daily experience into a glowing symbol and an audience is electrified*

*Ralph  
Waldo Emerson*





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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Congratulations to the outgoing team and welcome to the incoming executive officers – each has special attributes and skills to make the team efficient and effective.

NBTC 10<sup>th</sup> year celebrations will be held in November. We will be organizing a major event to be held on our meeting night.

The goal this year is to achieve Presidents Distinguished Status -all 10 goals in the Distinguished Club Program.

Northern Beaches Toastmasters Club is moving forward & getting ahead.

Congratulations and welcome to our new committee

President: Jan Vecchio  
VPE: Reg Stewart  
VPPR: Guy Loucks  
VPM: Denise Tomlinson  
Secretary: Kathy Stewart  
Treasurer: David Tomlinson  
SAA: Steve Barber

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Meet 6.45pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month

**NEXT MEETING**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013**

Humorous Speech  
and  
Table Topics Contest

Thup Tim Siam  
Thai Restaurant  
151 Pittwater Road,  
Manly

Guests Welcome

