

# NORTHERN BEACHES TOASTMASTERS CLUB MINUTES

Club No: 609136

Area 8 Hawkesbury Division

District 70

Meeting No: 157

On: 28 October 2014

At: Ironbark, Pittwater Road Manly

**Meeting Opened:** 7.00pm

**Sergeant At Arms:** Steve Barber

**Present:** Sharon Austin, Steve Barber, Beverly Barber, Errol Byrnes, Kevin Huang, Muriel Jones, Sue Loucks, Brian Paull, Denise Tomlinson Jan Vecchio, (10)

**Apologies:** Graham Blandy, Francis Elmes, John Inglis, Guy Loucks, *Andrew Mills*, Deanna Morpurgo, Suzanne Shallvey, Keren Snell, Kathy Stewart, Reg Stewart, David Tomlinson, Antonio Vescio (12)

**Guests:** Linde Macpherson, Jonathan (Jay) Gibson (President – Sociable Seafarers), Lindy Carter (3)

**Quorum:** Yes - 22 financial/graced members less 7 inactive = 15. Quorum is 9. 10 members present.

## **President's Opening**

**Remarks and Welcome:** Welcomed everyone – a special welcome back to Steve and Beverley after their trip to Europe, and Sharon after her trip to Ireland. Guests Lindy and Jay were welcomed with Brian introducing his guest Linde.

**Chairman:** Sharon Austin

## **Program**

**Alterations:** There were no program alterations.

## **Word For The Evening:**

Jan Vecchio – OPULENT – luxurious, sleek, affluent.

## **Toast:**

Sue Loucks – TEAM SPIRIT

## **Round Robin:**

Sharon Austin- SUMMER TIME

## **Table Topics:**

Denise Tomlinson - Odd Evaluator Jan Vecchio, Even Evaluator Errol Byrnes. Denise asked a group of questions from cards she procured when in Malaysia at the time of the Toastmasters conference.

## **Tonic Surprise:**

Steve Barber – Holiday of a Lifetime

## **Business Session:**

Jan Vecchio –

Advised that we had 18 members renewed – need a minimum of 20 to achieve DCP status. The club has achieved 3 goals in the Distinguished Club Program.

Thanked Sharon for the Newsletters that she had done.

Advised that the contestants representing Area 8 in the Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests were not placed – Humorous Speech winner was Christ Davitt and Table Topics winner was Jeanine Scaccia.

Minutes of meeting 156 - Moved **THAT the minutes for meeting dated 23 September 2014 as circulated be approved.** Seconded by Sharon Austin. Motion carried.

District 70 Semi-Annual Conference to be held on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November at Liverpool Catholic Club with accommodation at the Mercure. Registration cost is \$200.

Club Executive Committee meeting deferred to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Dinner Break:** 7.55pm-8.25pm

**Speech Toastmaster:** Sharon Austin

Speaker	Title	Manual	Evaluator
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Errol Brynes 5-7 (10.42)	Speak	Competent Communicator No 4	Steve Barber (2.50)
Kevin Huang 5-7 min (6.55)	Every Workplace Needs a Ritual	Competent Communicator no. 2	Brian Paull (4.13)
Sue Loucks 5-7 min (6.59)	Seriously Ornerly Senior	Humorously Speaking No. 2	Denise Tomlinson (3.50)

**Grammarian:** Jan Vecchio – all of our guests used the Word of the Day – most of our members used OPULENT. Some great word usage and phrases to create images. Watch pronunciation of camaraderie (cam/rad/er/ee).  
*Pronunciation later researched by Sue and found to be correct as cam/ar/ard/er/ee.*

**Timers Report:** Beverley Barber

**Listening Post:** Muriel Jones

**General Evaluator:** Steve Barber – thanked the venue for providing a fabulous meal.

**Excellence Award:** Denise Tomlinson - Table Topics Master

**Best Speaker:** Sue Loucks

**Comments - Guests:** Linde Macpherson felt relaxed and enjoyed the natural behaviour of the

group; Jay enjoyed the intellectual lessons and great atmosphere; Lindy chose to visit our club because of the friendly atmosphere.

**Promotion Next Meeting – President’s Closing Remarks:**

Jan Vecchio - club meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November – Out of the Bag – come along prepared for any role although speakers can book in advance – Steve Barber is scheduled as a speaker. Please advise if going to be an apology. Most likely Red Onion in Dee Why.

Denise advised she will be an apology for 2 months – going to New York. Muriel advised she will be in hospital for a knee operation and will miss the next meeting.

John Maxwell quote - *Express your belief in people’s potential. Today create a pivotal moment for someone by expressing your belief in him or her.*

**Meeting Closed:** 9.35pm

**Secretary:** *Sue Loucks*

**President:** *Jan Vecchio*