



Chatswood Early Risers Toastmasters Newsletter



Club 7123 – Area 34 – District 70

August 2010

Meet the new executive

Our club has a new management team as of the 1st July 2010. The new team is:

President:	Clare Gallagher
VP Education:	Darin Bodilly
VP Membership:	Melanie Cheong
VP Publicity:	Charles Cave
Treasurer:	David Greenwood
Secretary:	Davida Liang
Sergeant At Arms:	David Nixon

The great debate

We held our annual debate against Chandos Challengers on the 20th July arguing the topic “that modern life is not worth the cost”. Our team of Paul Dower, Stephanie Boyd and David Nixon took the opposing view and won the competition.

A practice club debate was held on the previous week with the other debaters being Julie Macken, Jill Lamond and Clare Gallagher.



The Opposition Team known as the Tony Abbott team: Paul Dower, Stephanie Boyd and David Nixon

Club Calendar

August 3 rd - Meeting Theme: Sport
August 10 th - Table Topics Competition
August 17 th – Meeting Theme : Federal Election
August 24 th – Humorous Speech Contest
August 31 st – Meeting Theme: Spring
September 2 nd (Thursday) – Area 34 Humorous and Table Topics Contest hosted by our club.

Meet the Area Governor



Theresa Han (Area Governor) and Clare Gallagher (Club President)

Chatswood Early Risers Toastmasters meets every Tuesday morning at 7.15 am at the Dougherty Centre (Victor Street) in Chatswood. It is part of Area 34 with the other clubs being Killara, Ku-Ring-Gai, Chatswood Communicators and Yes Optus.

The Area Governor is Theresa Han. I interviewed Theresa by email following her recent visit to our club. Theresa is a member of Turrumurra Toastmasters and joined in August 2005. She achieved her Competent Communicator and Competent Leader awards and was voted the Turrumurra Toastmaster of the Year in 2008. Theresa also won her club evaluation contest in 2010.

Theresa is from China and joined Toastmasters to help improve her English skills as well as to make more friends. What she likes about Toastmasters is the structured educational program in the manual and the constructive feedback given by fellow Toastmasters.

I asked Theresa about her experience as chief judge of our club debate: “I enjoyed it very much. It was good to see such a good turnout on a cold early morning. Club members are very enthusiastic. The judging was very hard and it was a very competitive debate”.

I asked about her role of Area Governor: "I see my job as a facilitator. Area 34 is a strong group of clubs with many talents and I want club members to enjoy their Toastmaster experience, learning and having fun. I welcome feedback and your ideas and suggestions."

If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Theresa, introduce yourself at the Area contest.

The Yak Yak Award

A tradition of our club is to vote for your favourite Table Topic speaker at each meeting. Voting is done by writing your choice on a slip of paper and passing to the Chairman during the money collection.

Shown in the photo is new member Jacqui Finch who answered the topic of explaining the meaning of the word *manometer*.



Jacqui Finch

Grammarian Corner

In each issue of this newsletter I will introduce two grammatical terms. This month I explore alliteration and assonance.

Alliteration is the repetition of the beginning consonant sound of two or more words that appear close together in speech. Alliteration is used to add poetic pleasantry to a phrase and grabbing attention or focus. For example: *Some say sunshine soothes the soul.*

Assonance is the repetition of vowel sounds in two or more words that appear close together in speech. Assonance is sometimes used as an alternative to rhyme in verse. An example is *Sighing silent cries.*



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Area 34 Speech Contest

Chatswood Early Risers will be hosting the Area 34 Humorous and Table Topics Contest on Thursday 2nd September at the Greengate Hotel. A special committee has been created to organise this project with Melanie Cheong in charge.

Did you know that helping with the organising and running the Area Contest can be evaluated as part of the Competent Leader manual?

The importance of timing

Everything we do in a Toastmasters meeting is allotted a certain amount of time. The Chairman of the meeting is regularly checking progress against the agenda, and speakers watch the timing lights to ensure they speak to their allotted times.

The person assigned to the role of Timer takes note of the elapsed time for each assignment and reports on the overall time usage during the meeting.

Shown in the photo is new member Arjun Avinash presenting his Timer Report for the meeting of 2nd July, with Darin Bodilly listening carefully!



Arjun Avinash and Darin Bodilly

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