



Chatswood Early Risers Toastmasters Newsletter



Club 7123 – Area 34 – District 70

November 2010

Melbourne Cup Meeting



Australia’s most famous horse race is held on the first Tuesday of November. As we meet on Tuesdays, the race has become an annual fixture in our club calendar.

Dress up for the event, wear a hat and make a fashion statement. We have sweepstakes, and a prize for the best dressed Toastmaster. Have fun!

Welcome New Members

Our club continues to grow and I just learnt that we received another Beat the Clock award for adding five new members in July and August.

At a recent meeting, our President Clare Gallagher presented membership certificates to three new members.



Clare Gallagher presents membership certificates to Vatche Pailagian, David Cruwys and Kerwin Bougaard.



Well dressed Toastmasters at Flemington

Grammarians Corner – Malapropisms

A **malapropism** is a word that sounds like another word with a totally different meaning, used by someone who has mistaken the sound-alike words, or is not aware of the spelling. Malapropisms are a great tool for humour.

Examples: For all *intensive purposes* (For all intents and purposes). In the Australian comedy, Kath and Kim, Kim tells her mother, “Mum, we’re *effluent!*”. She meant affluent (meaning financially well off) instead of effluent (meaning liquid discharged as waste).

A former British politician said “It’s great to be back on *terra cotta!*” but he really meant terra firma which means firm ground.

My favourite malapropism was used by the character Wayne in Wayne’s World when he says “Baking Powder? Squeeze Me?” instead of “I beg your pardon, excuse me?”

Club Calendar

Meeting Themes

- November 2nd - Melbourne Cup
- November 9th – Pets and Animals
- November 16th – Friends
- November 23rd – Mobile Phones
- November 30th – Summer

New Members – meet Arjun Avinash



Briefly introduce yourself.

I arrived in Sydney in 2007 from Brisbane for career opportunities. I was born and brought up in Nepal. Kathmandu is the capital city of Nepal, and situated in a valley naturally gifted with mountains, valleys and rivers. I am fascinated with technology, digital media and changing online trends. I love challenges, and fast moving demanding environments. I like to keep up with the latest technologies and gadgets.

When did you join Chatswood Early Risers?

I joined Chatswood Early Risers on 22nd of June 2010 after attending a few meetings.

What were your main reasons for joining Toastmasters?

I want to become a Search Analyst to be able to work with the search engines like Google, Yahoo and Bing. I have been preparing and have been looking for better opportunities. No matter how much I prepare I miss out on putting the message across in the interview and hinder while communicating. I want to be confident and make my message structured to make it clear and understandable.

Before Toastmasters, did you have much experience in public speaking?

I have never spoken publicly. I am a soft-spoken person and hinder while speaking in front of unknown people.

Tell me about your experience of delivering your icebreaker speech.

The Ice breaker speech was the beginning of my journey as a Toastmaster.

It was a great experience to deliver information about myself within the set criteria, mentorship and without fear. I am glad all the members liked my presentation and I heartily thank my evaluator and mentor who are the seniors and experienced members of Chatswood Early Risers.

Now that you have participated in table topics and given speeches, do you prefer impromptu speaking or prepared speaking?

Both impromptu speaking and prepared speaking are great experiences. I come across both these situations and since I have participated in both it makes me more confident with prepared speaking. I would not miss a chance with impromptu speaking.

Successful speeches usually contain three main ideas. If you had three words to describe yourself, what would they be?

Energetic, enthusiastic and a person with a “can-do” attitude.

Is there anything else you would like to say about Toastmasters and your public speaking goals?

I really enjoy the presentations every week and try to learn from other experienced speakers. I understand what I am working towards and the Toastmasters manual gives clear direction for the next stage. I have been able to capture my goals and an achievement that helps me identify what the journey is about since I joined the club.

I have also seen positive side of rewards and recognitions is a large part of the vision and not hidden in the background. I once won the Yak Yak award and it has encouraged me to become more actively involved. The club supports every member to achieve their goals and involvement as well as future participation in public speaking with other clubs.

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