

NEWSLETTER

The Ghostly Hallows

Toastmasters barely escape haunted meeting



Glenbrook Toastmasters Club celebrated Halloween with a themed meeting on the 24th October 2012.

The haunted skeletons, banshees, witches and a hand carved Jack-O-Lantern adorned the room.

All members and guests came dressed in theme outfits. Special mention goes to Rick who came as “Stanz” from Ghostbusters fame, fully accessorised with a fully operational proton pack!

Table topics had numerous haunted themes. Everyone rose to the challenge with aplomb.

We were chilled with a recital of Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Raven” by Kevin and Dave as well as there were some unnerving and blood-curdling manual speeches.

The night was completed with a wonderful halloween supper. It was a very fun and enjoyable evening. A big thanks to all those that contributed on the night to make it such a success.

10 Tips for Public Speaking

1. Know your Material
2. Practice Practice Practice
3. Know the Audience
4. Know the Room
5. Relax
6. Visualise yourself giving your Speech
7. Realise that people want you to succeed
8. Don't Apologize
9. Concentrate on the Message - not on any anxiety you might have
10. Gain experience by coming to Toastmasters



GLENBROOK TOASTMASTERS SHINES AT SPEECH CONTESTS

Martin Rogers and Mark Walker recently competed at the Area 38 Humorous and Table Topics Speech Contest. The contest was held at the Springwood Sports Club on the 25th August 2012.

Martin’s Humorous Speech titled “Large Families are Awesome” was a fantastic example of a contest winning



speech. Martin won first place in both contests and thus he was selected to be Area 38 representative at the Western Division Speech Contests.

At the Western Division Contests on the 23rd September 2012, he placed 3rd in the Humorous Speech Contest and 2nd in the Table Topics Speech Contest.

DISTRICT 69 HOSPITALITY - PIONEER TOASTMASTER STYLE



In July, our newly elected Area 38 Governor, Geoff Manzi, got to witness first hand the culture of the Pioneer Toastmasters (Club No.5843) in Mackay, North Queensland.

Geoff said “It was great to be so warmly welcomed so far away from home. The same feeling of having fun while learning was as apparent in Mackay as it is in the Blue Mountains”.

Members and guests welcomed and included Geoff in an eventful night of entertainment made up of speeches, evaluations, impromptu table topics, educational pieces and a round robin fun session.

Pioneer Toastmasters meet on 1st/3rd/5th Mondays at 60 Wellington St, Mackay.

Pioneer Toastmasters are part of District 69 that spans all of Queensland, Northern Territory and Papua New Guinea



Top: Pioneer TM Club President Colin Cameron meeting with Geoff Manzi

Bottom: Pioneer Toastmasters Meeting Room

STRIVING FOR CLUB EXCELLENCE

Glenbrook Toastmasters Club is on track for another highly successful year.

Congratulations the following members for achieving communication and leadership awards over the last four months; Mark Dickinson CL Award, Kevin Debeck CC Award, Vebe Simmons CC & CL Awards and Mark Walker ACS & ALB Awards.

These educational and leadership awards contribute directly to the club achieving its Distinguished Club Goals.

With the aid of an August Speechcraft course, the Club has already achieved its membership goals for the DCP!

Thank you also to the Club Executive Officers who recently attended District 70 Club Officer

Training held at Bankstown Sporting Club and at Cambridge Park Church Hall.

In total the Club has already achieved 7 goals for the year 2012-2013!.



CLUB WINS MEMBERSHIP AWARD



Glenbrook Toastmasters Club has recently won another membership building awards. The Smedley Award is named after the Founder of Toastmasters International, Dr Ralph C. Smedley. The award recognised the Club’s membership in the months of August and September. A big welcome to our newest members Heather, Julie, Jenny, Cameron, Vanessa, Ruby, Mohan, Bryce, Lauren, Denis, Rick, Phil and Michelle. Welcome back to Colleen who has rejoined the club.

SPEECHCRAFT - AUGUST 2012

The Club recently conducted its successful public speaking course - Speechcraft. There was strong interest in the course with over thirteen enrolments.

Participants gained valuable skills and confidence in all aspects of communication, including written and impromptu speeches.

Topics covered include speech construction, impromptu speaking, being a Master of Ceremonies, proposing a toast, gestures and body language and the importance of vocal variety.

All found the course helpful in developing their public speaking skills and their confidence.



Top: Speechcraft Participants: Bryce, Mohan, Michelle, Ruby, Vanessa, Michalina and Peter with their certificates.

GLENBROOK V'S SPRINGWOOD INTERCLUB DEBATE - THE RIVALRY CONTINUES



Wednesday 3rd October 2012 saw the return of the first Glenbrook Toastmasters v's Springwood Toastmasters interclub debate in over ten years.

To recognize the efforts of two outstanding DTM's from both clubs, Ian Schleter and Frank Higgins, a perpetual

trophy named in their honor, the Schleter Higgins Debating Trophy, was donated by Area 38 Governor Geoff Manzi.

The scene was set for a show down of epic proportions. And yes, there was some pre-debate trash talk being thrown around amongst the competitors, and the audience members.

We were outnumbered, we had to deal with on the night hiccups to the agenda, but we fought a good fight. The speakers representing our esteemed club were, in order, Drew Fitzpatrick, Geoff Manzi and Mark Walker. Their argument, the affirmative

for – “Advertising creates artificial needs”, was well developed and convincing.

Alas, the win was not to be ours. The victorious Springwood club was successful in their bid to be the first club to have their name engraved on the winner's trophy. They celebrated their win with humble good grace, well – kind of!

Glenbrook Toastmasters, I implore you all to get involved and support your club at the next debate to be hosted by Springwood in April 2013. Let's bring our trophy home!

Vebe Simmons CC CL

Happy Birthday Glenbrook TM!

On the 1st September, Glenbrook Toastmasters Club celebrated its 22nd year since its charter. Since 1990, people have benefited from Club assisting them to become better communicators.

For the history buffs, Springwood Toastmasters were the host club. Trevor Lloyd was the founding Club President. Ian Schleter was the founding Vice President Education. The first meeting was held at Glenbrook Bowling Club.



THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP AWARD CHALLENGE

Glenbrook Toastmasters next membership drive will centre around the “Talk Up Toastmasters” Award. The Club's goal is to recruit 5 new, dual or instated members in February and March 2013. So lets get talking Toastmasters and sell the benefits of belonging to our great club!



GLENBROOK TOASTMASTERS SPEECH CONTESTS WINNERS

Club Table Topics Speech and Humorous Speech Contests 2012/2013

On the 26th July 2012, the Club held both its Table Topics and Humorous Speech Contests. Congratulations to Martin Rogers who won the Club's Table Topics Speech Contest. Second Place went to Kumar Rethnasamy. Congratulations to Mark Walker ACB ALB, who won the Club's Humorous Speech Contest. Second Place when to Martin Rogers. Well done to both all who participated in the two contests.

Calendar

December 13th, 2012
Club Meeting and Christmas Party

Christmas Break

January 9th, 2013
Club Meeting including Famous Speech Contest

January 23rd, 2012
Club Meeting and International Speech Contest

January 26th Australia Day, 2013
Visit the Club Stall at the Australia Day celebrations at Glenbrook Park

February 7th, 2013
Speechcraft Course begins

March, 2013
Glenbrook Toastmasters Club will host the Western Division International and Evaluation Speech Contest. Date and Venue TBA



It is time to start preparing for the international speech contest next year.

Don't forget that Norman Priestly's DTM, helpful tips on how to prepare for the

International Speech Contest and hints on how to write an award winning speech are on the club

Speechcraft Course February 2013

Glenbrook Toastmasters Club will be commencing its next speechcraft course on the 13th February 2013. Invite your friends or family to enrol to become a better speaker. Please email the club to reserve your place:
speechcraft@glenbrooktm.org.au

Glenbrook Toastmaster Gnome

GNOME DISCOVERS HIS CONFIDENCE TO SELL THE BENEFITS OF TOASTMASTERS

Glenbrook Toastmasters Club together Blue Mountains Toastmasters Club will be sharing a stall at next year's BMCC's Australia Day celebrations that will be held at Glenbrook Park.

Our Toastmaster Gnome will be assisting the other gnomes at the Gnome Convention to find their voices.

So come along and help us sell the benefits of Toastmasters membership and promote the club to the public.

For further information on how to help the club on the day, please contact Geoff on 0419 158 499. For further about the Gnome Convention <http://australiangnomeconvention.com.au>

GLENBROOK TOASTMASTERS CLUB ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB



Have you recently checked the Club's website? It is full of information for visitors and members. It has helpful guides to the minor assignments for members as well as all the latest information about up coming events. It can be found at <http://glenbrooktm.org.au>