

Message from the President

Smash Repairs

Have you ever dented your car? How do you feel about your car after seeing the damage?

This is how I feel whenever a member leaves a Toastmasters Club because of a “dented” self-esteem. Most “newer” members would somehow feel the same way as how the dented car owner would feel when it was caused by a “careless” or “accidental” Evaluation.

The words we choose are so important to the Speaker and the Evaluators as well. The Speaker needs to be encouraged to do more speeches. While the Evaluators need to learn how to encourage Speakers to do more speeches. The formula of PIP or the 3 Ps (PPP) – **P**raise, **P**oint for Improvement and then end the evaluation with a **P**raise is a good formula for Evaluation.

The Educational about Evaluation with **Ian Chick**, DTM from District 70 also gave us a guide on what to look for in the Evaluation process. I believe one point for improvement is more than enough to encourage members. Improvement process in the art of Speaking should be done in a step-by-step manner to minimise the “dented” self esteem. Let us all remember that Smash Repairs are very expensive.

I wish to welcome our new officers for the coming term 2008-2009.

May Mitchell

President
2007-2008

Thoughts for the month:

*To handle yourself, use your head.
To handle others, use your heart.*

40th Anniversary Celebration 19 May 2008



Greg Hayes with his “Mug of Honour” Award

For more photos check out our website:

http://www.geocities.com/illawarra_toastmasters_club/

The Courage to Continue

We have several different types of membership in Toastmasters: the regular member who is always there to attend the meetings and activities; the enthusiastic member who always offer help in any way; the ‘cold’ member who just want to observe what is happening; the ‘fly away’ member who after tasting the benefits of TM steps back and retire into oblivion & the hot active member who lead, encourage, and inspire. Which one are you?

If we get all the benefits of the learning environment in Toastmasters, it is just reasonable to not waste time by non-participation in the activities of the club.

Every step, even how little, is important in enhancing our skills. Every feeling of success in delivering a manual speech is one brick in building ourselves.

**Success is just the beginning.
It is the courage to continue that counts.**

June Calendar

- **1 June**– Officers Training Bankstown Sports-9.45
- **28 June** – Area Gov- Change Over Dinner

Bad Speller

Aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mtttaer waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoeintn tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be at the rghit pclae. The rset can be a total mses and you can sitll raed it wouthit porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe.