



The Raconteur

Newsletter of Lilydale Toastmasters Club 4731 District 73

SUMMER - 2008

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President's message

What a time we Lilydale Toastmasters have had since last report ... Our joint meeting with Healesville will be long remembered as a highlight of my Presidential year; a wonderful night that included a debate. **Bill Farman** was an outstanding and confident Chair who directed the debate with authority and panache. No-one disputed the end result ... a drawn contest. The humour and enjoyment was evident throughout the program devised by **VPE Suzanne O'Dowd** and **Judy Murphy**. Thank you girls. We look forward to another fun joint meeting with Healesville early in the New Year.

District 73 meeting held in Melbourne had a very full and interesting agenda. The business session was well chaired by **District Governor Bernard Marmion**, who completed business within agenda time frame - quite a feat! That evening a Dinner Presentation and "Roast" for **Marlene Sinclair** was held - a very grand affair held at 126 The Avenue at which three presenters shared many exaggerated and hilarious anecdotes attributed to Marlene's long and distinguished service to District 73. Marlene, in response, gave as good as she got! A wonderful night that gave opportunity to recognize and celebrate a committed and fun-loving Toastmaster.

VPPR Kim Harris involved willing helpers in Lilydale Show promotion, the first for many years; a venture well supported by the Executive Committee and members. Kim is very keen to embrace and expand the concept next year. Just love enthusiasm that drives positive action; the report given of the promotions success by Kim to the Club was an absolute classic. Congratulations and thanks Kim.

In December we welcomed **Kelvin Pattle** and **Mike Nechwatal** with a new version of the Induction ceremony. Bill Farman enthusiastically offered to mentor both and was heard to comment after their amazing Ice Breaker speeches "Weren't my boys fantastic!" ... and they were. Well done to both of you.

VPM Adele Fielding is doing a marvelous job in warmly welcoming and arranging club members to introduce each visitor with a short profile. Ongoing positive results.

ATMS for Joy Harte ... an award that required Joy to give presentations from advanced manuals that she admitted were "challenging". I had the honour to present Joy with her award and give an overview of her membership and commitment to Lilydale Toastmasters thus far. An impressive list of years in which both service and contribution to the club's agenda filled with her humour and quirky way of seeing fun in the ordinary. A valued member who adds strength to the fabric of our club. Congratulations Joy.

Area Contest hosted by Lilydale Toastmasters to support **Area Governor Raj Bhide** was a memorable day. The standard of competition was extremely high and strongly contested. My thanks to all who assisted on the day, or came to support our members who competed so well. Congratulations to **Kim Harris, Judy Murphy, Dennis Curyer** and **Adele Fielding**. Our best wishes to all who will represent our Area at Division Contests in the New Year.

Received a lovely "Thank you" from Area Governor Raj the next day, who was delighted with all aspects of the day.

Bill Farman again coordinated **Taming the Butterfly** program this year with the assistance of Jan Burford, Louise Andrew, Kay McCartney and myself at The Patch Primary School; two sixth year classes were involved. Two separate certificate

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Flying Together In V Formation

presentation nights were held when the children ran the entire program, fulfilling each role with confidence and presenting well-crafted speeches, empathetic evaluations that amazed, entertained and delighted the audience, teachers and proud Toastmasters.

And so to **Christmas** ... our final meeting for the year with our angelic Toastmaster, Father Christmas, a few unlikely looking angels and Mummy Claus; it was a fun night. Mummy Claus enjoyed terrorizing the "young" and "not so young lads" who sat on my knee for the Kris Kringle. I really like this Presidential gig ... you can get away with almost anything!

Breakfast at 24 Rue de Gar ... it was such a pleasure for my Les and I to have you as our very welcome guests. Delighted to have past members Penny and Corina, with Geoff (toting his guitar) and Phil also joining us. The carol singing (carol song sheets supplied by Penny) was delightful. The friendly atmosphere you all helped to create in our home was very much to our liking. Thank you all for a wonderful Toastmasters year ... see you on February 8th 2009.

Hugs to all ... President *Nola (Sharp) CTM*

Be still:

And let the real joy of Christmas
steal gently into your heart.

Editor's jottings

As a participant in the recent Area Contest, which was hosted by Lilydale, the disappointment of my inability to finish my speech was profound.

Thankfully, the memory that has stayed uppermost in my mind is the concern and support extended by so many - not only from the Lilydale members, but guests from other clubs.

What helped me greatly, as I tried to recover from my unfinished project, was the way in which other Toastmasters empathized with my despair, also their support given so generously.

The importance of being supportive to those who have tried their utmost, as well as singing the praises of those whose dreams are realized, cannot be underestimated. Not only do we grow from success, but also from failure.

We have some promising new members: Alister, Grant, Wav, Mike and Kelvin. It is exciting to watch them improve each time they speak; we all want them to succeed.

So, to our newest members - take note! Lilydale Toastmasters not only rejoice in your successes, but are there for you when you need support. I can vouch for that!

As you read the following contributions to this issue the warmth that exudes from each page is testament to the strength of support that exists within our club.

I do hope you and your families enjoy your Christmas festivities. If you are travelling, take care, have a safe journey, enjoy your holiday and commence 2009 with a speech already in your back pocket.

Wishing you all a successful 2009.

Jan Burford ACB, CL
Editor

Results of Area 2 Contest held 29th November

HUMOROUS CONTEST:

- 1st Beverley Blannerhassett (Croydon-Yarra Valley)
- 2nd Beth Pardoe (Ringwood)
- 3rd Greg White (Croydon-Yarra Valley)

TABLE TOPICS CONTEST:

- 1st Beth Pardoe (Ringwood)
- 2nd **Dennis Curyer** (Lilydale)
- 3rd Blair Short (Croydon-Yarra Valley)

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST:

- 1st Debbie Bumpstead (Croydon-Yarra Valley)
- 2nd **Kim Harris** (Lilydale)
- 3rd **Judy Murphy** (Lilydale)

EVALUATION CONTEST:

- 1st **Judy Murphy** (Lilydale)
- 2nd Marlene Sinclair (Croydon-Yarra Valley)
- 3rd **Adele Fielding** (Lilydale)



The Lilydale winners (Dennis Curyer was elsewhere)

Welcome Mat

Kelvin Pattle
Mike Nechwatal

How to agree to be clowns

The last project Joy required to complete her Advanced Communicator Silver award was The Technical Presentation. Joy asked Trish and me if we would like to be included on the panel and to think about a possible subject. Ever practical and sane, Trish and I agreed a topic of evaluation would serve two purposes; it would help newer members and wouldn't require much preparation on our part.

On a bus shopping tour, Joy revealed her idea of a presentation around a business proposal incorporating our knowledge from our day jobs. It was to be centred on an airline called Cheatah Airlines combined with an Echo Tour. The dafter the ideas, the better according to Joy. The subject was decided when I found and purchased a leopard print top for \$5. A couple of weeks later Julie Neale from Knox wore a leopard print hat and scarf for Marlene Sinclair's roast. I snaffled that for the presentation too.



Joy Harte (centre) with her Presentation Team
Judy Murphy and Trish Brown

Then came the hard part: crafting the presentation. In the week prior, Joy came down with a really bad cough which laid her up, I had a death in the family and Trish was trying to work out what she had to present on the financial side. I had offered to Joy that she replace me or if she could write my lines, I would deliver them. A flurry of emails back and forth resulted in an outrageous hilarious proposal. Here's an excerpt from an email of ideas from Joy:
"Enough I think you get the drift, the sillier the better."



Joy Harte (above) receiving her
Advanced Communicator Silver award from President Nola Sharp

On the night, for love nor money and even with the PowerPoint guru, Bill Farman's help, we couldn't get the overhead projector to talk to the laptop. So we did leave something for the evaluators to recommend! Any newcomers must have thought we were totally mad.

If you want to be a clown, just help Joy with a speech.

Judy Murphy DTM

Table Topics: 24th November T T Master: Louise Andrew Theme of the night: Clichés

Louise Andrew, as a result of the response she received after filling the role of Table Topics Master for the first time, has provided her notes for inclusion in The Raconteur.....

My role as Table Topics Master is to challenge those members not already allocated a speaking role, to be able to *think on their feet*. Then, *having been given enough rope*, and *feeling as if they are clutching at straws*, or *digging themselves into a hole*, will hopefully come to their senses, and *quit while they're ahead* before *shooting themselves in the foot*.

As we *kick off* another session of Table Topics, all those who so far have not been allocated speaking roles will be *shaking in their boots* and *shivering in their seats* wondering *who will draw the short straws* tonight, because Table Topics is like a *box of chocolates*, you never know what you're gonna get. But it's *all in the game* my friends and you have to be in it to win it!

And those of you, who are not selected to participate, while *heaving sighs of relief*, will be *glued to the edges of your seats*, anticipating the responses with *baited breath*, to see whether they will have us *rolling in the aisles*, *gasping with horror*, or *shaking our heads in disbelief*.

So let the games begin!

Questions:

The question was the same for each respondent - To explain the ORIGIN or the MEANING of clichés selected by the Table Topics Master:

Mutton dressed as lamb

A real cliff hanger

The final straw or The straw that broke the camel's back
It's a bottler!

There was a minor dispute between the T.T. Master and Max Lamb over the origin of the cliché *It's been raining cats and dogs*, but of course the T.T. Master is always right!

Louise Andrew

When do you decide to become a Distinguished Toastmaster?

When you join Toastmasters all the acronyms associated with the educational award system seem a bit daunting, as does understanding the pathways along the Communication and Leadership program. But don't worry, things do become clearer. My goal when I first joined Toastmasters was simply to improve my communication skills and working on that first speech manual to become a Competent Toastmaster was the main focus. At that stage looking at all the steps to become a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) seemed like something I could not hope to achieve. Something that might happen perhaps, maybe at some stage in the future, but certainly did not register on the radar as an actual goal.

My journey to DTM happened in a series of steps. I had not planned when I would help sponsor a new club for instance; it happened when Judy asked me to assist with setting up a club at Ansett Airlines. Nor had I actually planned when I would look at running a Youth Leadership Course. After assisting Judy with the first course held for Mount Lilydale Mercy College it was a logical step to run the course the following year. When I took on the Area Governor role it was perhaps a little more planned in the sense that I felt I might be ready to do that role and there was an opportunity to take on the role in the Metro Division. Completing my speeches did have a much more organized approach. I was always looking through my manuals and thinking about ideas and as soon as I finished a speech I started working on the next one. I didn't actually set a goal of doing a speech every 2 months for example, I just made sure I had one ready and took advantage of my turn to speak (being in 2 clubs helped) and also took advantage every time there was a gap. Most of the leadership requirements were met in a similar way. Club executive roles were done because they needed someone, not just to tick off a requirement.

Some members decide very early in their membership that they would like to be a DTM and set their targets accordingly - planning out how many speeches to deliver each year, when they want to achieve each leadership goal with an actual end date in sight for completion of their DTM. Some members set their targets against each step and only plan for that step; when that goal is completed they plan for the next one. Some go for a combination of both approaches and some don't plan at all.

My advice to members is to think about aiming to be a DTM and to take advantage of any opportunities that come your way that might help you achieve that goal. Think about why you joined - to improve your communication skills - and then look at each stepping stone as another opportunity to improve and polish those skills. Achieving a DTM is a great accomplishment and certainly adds the icing to the cake. Don't dismiss the notion, rather explore the possibilities that the Toastmasters Communication and Leadership Program has to offer and if a DTM happens to be the end result you will be much richer for the experience.

Trish Brown DTM

Update from VPE

This past 6 months has been the last half of a great year for us with Helen's DTM (Distinguished Toastmaster), which is the top achievement in the Toastmasters awards' system. Dennis and Joy have their ACS (Advanced Communicator Silver) and Jan ACB (Advanced Communicator Bronze).

The club has gained 5 new members: Grant, Alister, Wav, Mike and Kelvin.

We have had a joint meeting with Healesville and an enjoyable night of self-expression in Member's Choice.

Here are some highlights to kick off the next 6 months:

March 9th will be a Competent Communicator night. On this night 10 of our newest members will each present a speech to be evaluated on this night.

March 16th is a Debate Night with Ringwood (which is a standard meeting night for Ringwood but not for Lilydale). There will be 4 or more debates, allowing a fun night speaking in a different format, using Table Topics timing.

March 30th will see a Tall Tales and Dramatic Reading contest. This is the 5th Monday of the month so Marvelous March's Meeting Marathon is Meeting Members Monumental Moments and Movement.

There is also the Ranges Division Contest, which will be hosted by Lilydale.

It is anticipated that all members will present a speech in the first 3 months of 2009 - so be prepared.

Suzanne O'Dowd ACB, CL
Vice President Education

TEQUILA AND SALT:

1. *There are at least 2 people in this world that you would die for.*
2. *At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.*
3. *The only reason anyone would ever hate you is because they want to be just like you.*
4. *A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.*
5. *Every night SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.*
6. *You mean the world to someone.*
7. *You are special and unique.*
8. *Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.*
9. *When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good comes from it.*
10. *When you think the world has turned its back on you, take another look.*
11. *Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.*

Get Trish Fit Campaign goes to Central Australia

So, how did the “get fit” campaign help me on my recent trip to Central Australia I hear you ask? Well, I was able to do all the walks we planned, but there were some interesting aspects to walking in the Red Centre. Whilst we were there the temperatures every day were around 36°, which meant we had to start our walks around 7am to avoid the heat of the day. So much for the usual best thing about holidays - sleeping in. However the early start did mean that we could spend the afternoon around the pool.

Our first walk, which was at King’s Canyon, involved quite a steep start and a bit of up and down climbing. It was also very windy, so standing on a couple of the cliff edges was fraught with danger. That walk took us 3 hours and 15 mins, which was within the average times advertised for the walk. There were 2 advantages to the strong breeze - it kept the heat at bay for a while and also blew a few flies away. The disadvantage was that my hat did not stay on my head. One of the other highlights at King’s Canyon was spotting a family of dingoes with 2 puppies from our unit window early one morning.

The 3 hour base walk around Uluru was very enjoyable - no hills, plenty of flies and a steady breeze when we started. It had rained overnight so there was a bit of cloud cover and we even had a short rain shower. Toward the end of the walk the clouds disappeared and the sun blazed down in all its glory. David was very disappointed to discover that the walk up the side of the rock was closed due to the heat. I took one look and decided that there was no way I would have gone up, even if the walk had been open.

The third major walk was at the Olgas. We started a little later in the morning around 8am and it was already 25°. The posted sign said the walk would be closed from 11am due to the high temperatures expected. There was no breeze, no cloud cover and plenty of rocks and steep sections to scramble over. By the half way mark I’d had enough; by the three quarter mark I was nearly out of water and it was an effort just to put one foot in front of the other, or even to lift my head to admire the scenery. I developed blisters on my feet and could hardly walk by the end. I vowed there would be no more walking for me; but promptly did another walk about an hour later.

So I’m not sure whether the heat or my level of fitness was to blame, but obviously the training needs to continue.

Trish Brown DTM

Dear Toastmasters 2008...

This is a letter to thank all the members of the Lilydale Club 2008.

When I joined Toastmasters earlier this year it was to gain experience in public speaking so that I could appear (and feel) more relaxed in front of an audience.

After delivering 4 speeches, and performing various other roles at club meetings, I am starting to feel more relaxed as a speaker, and so, can appreciate that (although only in baby steps) I am heading towards realising my goal.

What I DID NOT EXPECT was to find myself being “adopted” into a family of people who are prepared to support and encourage me every (baby) step of the way. Thank you all SO much for the Speech Evaluations, emails, feedback sheets and verbal comments which have encouraged me to press on to improve and build on my skills.

Thank you also to Suzanne and Bill who invited me to take part in Taming the Butterflies Programs during terms 2 and 4 of the school year. These experiences did not only help the children to grow in confidence, but me also. I am grateful to have been witness to the success of these programs and to see the children “shine” on their award nights. It was a privilege to be invited to share their success, even though I feel my contribution to the programs was minor. In addition, my life has been enriched through the camaraderie developed with the fellow Toastmasters who led and helped assist in these programs. I now feel a sense of belonging and connectedness because of our association, and for my part at least, friendships which bring warmth, inspiration and joy.

I very much enjoy the company of our Toastmasters at each and every meeting and miss those who have left the club this year.

One may expect to be “inspired” by the more seasoned Toastmasters. However at times I have felt awestruck, not only by the more experienced speakers, but also by our newest members (and have had to prompt myself to shut my jaw).

My life this year has become richer, happier and more fulfilled because I am a member of the Lilydale Toastmasters.

I warmly and sincerely thank you and wish you all God’s blessing at Christmas time and always.

Louise Andrew

P.S. See you next year!

KYEEMA Airline Tragedy 70th Anniversary

On the 25th of October 1938 at 1:45pm with Melbourne's Mt Dandenong Ranges shrouded in cloud, Australia's political and aviation history suddenly and dramatically changed direction. ANA's new "state of the art" airliner, *KYEEMA*, on a routine flight from Adelaide, without warning, slammed into the mountain peak, killing all on board.

One of the passengers, Charles Hawker MHR, was a leading politician who many people were expecting to become the next Prime Minister. The incumbent Lyon's Government was in its last days. The world was slipping into the shadow of WW2 which was about to begin. Charles Hawker, a hero from WW1, was held in high esteem by both sides of Parliament and was seen as potentially the ideal leader of the country for when the inevitable war broke out. But all that changed in a split second as the airliner disintegrated on the fog-bound slopes of Mt Dandenong on that fateful day.

Also killed were the leaders of Australia's wine industries: Thomas Hardy, Hugo Gramp and Sidney Hill-Smith, along with a team of prominent lawyers and accountants returning from a Royal Commission, plus several other passengers, including a honeymoon couple and the crew.

The nation was in shock; Federal Parliament was suspended. How could such a thing happen to a fully laden new large modern sleek airliner? The resultant inquiry established the crew had made a simple error in navigation. This error was compounded by the fact that development of navigational aids on the ground had not kept pace with the advancement of aircraft.

The recommendations of the inquiry were the complete overhaul of aviation regulations, the establishment of the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), equipping the flight paths with accurate navigational aids and the beginning of the control tower system.

No other Australian aircraft crash before or since has had such a major impact on regulations.

Seventy years later, on the 25th October 2008, 500 people gathered at the site to remember the tragedy; a ceremony was held; in attendance were many relatives of the victims. Brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren came from many parts of Australia to pay their respects and to lay wreaths.

The Police Pipe Band played Amazing Grace in the forest setting; it sounded eerie, but appropriate. The young cadets of the Australian Air League looked resplendent in their uniforms as they marched past the official dais and escorted the relatives to lay wreaths. Speeches were made by many, including The Honourable David Hawker MP, Federal Member of Parliament and relative of Charles Hawker MHR, James Merlino, State Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs, Tim Heenan, Mayor of Yarra Ranges and Sir James Hardy, son of victim Thomas Hardy.

At the conclusion, at 1:45 pm, a DC-3, a similar aircraft to the *KYEEMA*, did a low level flyover salute. The Australian flag was lowered, ceremoniously folded and presented by a Cadet of the Australian Air League to Colin Gramp, son of victim Hugo Gramp.

The relatives returned home with the knowledge that their loved ones did not die in vain but helped to make Australian skies safe.

The Master of Ceremonies for the day, *Dennis Curyer*, and the organizer of the event, *Max Lamb*, are both members of Lilydale Toastmasters. Also in attendance were several other members.

Max Lamb



Australian Air League Cadets prepare to march



Flyover salute



The gathered spectators



The Police Pipe Band

Top Secret Report: Kim Harris (VPPR)

Operation: Lilydale Show
Operation Objectives: Infiltrate event and gather intelligence for further missions
Operation Outcome: **SUCCESS**
Operation Debrief: Twelve fearless soldiers engaged the discerning public to bring a message of hope... that the fear of public speaking can be overcome! The selfless efforts of the twelve may never be

Operation Visuals: Base of Operation



fully realized, but we know and trust that the rewards of this mission will be plentiful. The look of surprise and gratitude to receive our promotional materials, and the thought-provoking questions were evidence that the seed of possibility has been planted.

Due to the success of this mission, future missions are sure to be planned and executed with strategic perfection. And with this, there will be opportunities for more of our members to step out of their comfort zones and speak in a community forum, showcasing all that is possible from the education we receive at Toastmasters and having fun in the process.

More on Operation Visuals: Soldiers who accepted the mission



Report Conclusion: The vision and objectives of Toastmasters have yet again emerged victorious. To the soldiers serving in this mission, we salute you!

Kim Harris CC

The Roast

I was invited by Mike Landry to roast Marlene Sinclair at the District Council meeting dinner in November. Marlene Sinclair is a former District Governor of D73 and a well-known identity in Eastern and Ranges divisions. I was thinking hmm, okay until Mike then mentioned that there would be four other roasters as well. Boy Marlene would be well and truly cooked. When I remarked that this sounded odd, Mike assured me that it is often done on TV. Still skeptical, I agreed to give it a go.

The dinner was preceded by the District Council meeting where Presidents, VPEs and District Officers voted on district business. It was agreed that the 2010 Annual Convention be hosted jointly by Essendon and Williamstown Toastmasters in Ballarat 2010. Now that the International Convention has been cancelled in Sydney, our host clubs know they will have excellent attendance.

Nola, Suzanne, Di from South Australia and I had a few hours to kill before the dinner. Nearby Lygon Street beckoned with wonderful cafes, coffee, food and wine. It was the Lygon Street Festival, so we had an added bonus of street entertainment. As we left a very talented, young and handsome Italian began singing opera. Since there was no audience, what else could we do but stop, listen and provide encouragement. Nola and Suzanne unashamedly danced in Lygon Street. The passers-by were quite amused when I had to drag my reluctant charges off to the dinner.

The Roasts were amazingly varied, considering we were all talking about the same person. There were some common threads about how Marlene throws herself into every activity, her penchant for feather boas and her sense of fun. Investigative powers, imagination and exaggeration were the key to the Roasts. Not only did we do our research, but Marlene did hers for the right of reply. Marlene had rung Trish Brown for the dirt on me. So Marlene's return Roast was equally entertaining. It was all done in good fun of course.



Thank you to Nola and Suzanne who attended the dinner with me. It was lovely to have their support.

Judy Murphy DTM

An ode to English Plurals—Part 1

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

An ode to English Plurals—Part 2

Let's face it - English is a crazy language.
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;
Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes
we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are
square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea, nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers
don't groce and hammers don't ham? Doesn't it seem crazy
that you can make amends, but not one amend? If you have a
bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what
do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?
Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English
should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a
recital? We ship by truck, but send cargo by ship. We have
noses that run and feet that smell. We park in a driveway and
drive in a parkway. And how can a slim chance and a fat
chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are op-
posites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in
which your house can burn up as it burns down; in which you
fill in a form by filling it out; and in which an alarm goes off
by going on.

And in closing, if Father is Pop, how come Mother's not Mop?

Submitted by *Penny Barrington DTM* (Author unknown)

Goals for 2008/2009

There are 10 Goals in the Distinguished Club Program - 5 goals for a Distinguished Club, 7 goals for a Select Distinguished Club, 9 or 10 goals for a President's Distinguished Award. The Club has completed 6 goals to date.

	GOAL	TARGET	ACHIEVED
1	CCs	2	0
2	ADDITIONAL CCs	2	0
3	AC	1	1
4	ADDITIONAL ACs	1	1
5	CL, AL, or DTM	1	1
6	ADDITIONAL CLs, ALs, or DTMs	1	1
7	NEW MEMBERS	4	1
8	ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS	4	0
9	OFFICERS TRAINED June - August December - February	4 4	0
10	SEMI ANNUAL DUES & OFFICER LIST	1 1	1

Total Achieved to date: 6 (Distinguished Club attained)

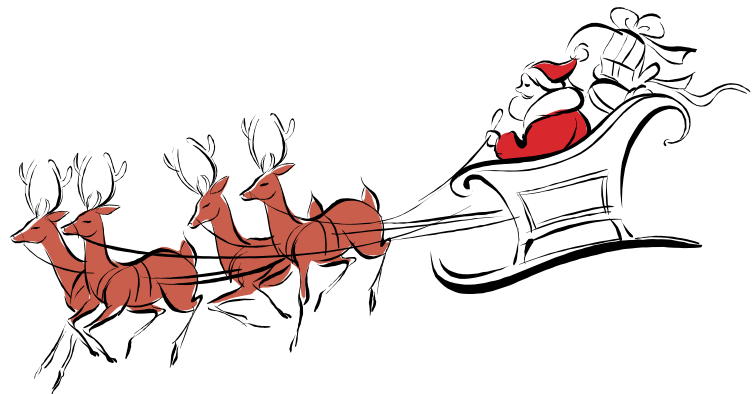
1. CC's - Proposed member's to attain their CC's - Adale and Kay
2. Additional CC possibilities - Julie, Scott, Eric
3. Already achieved - Jan Burford
4. Already achieved - Dennis Curyer
5. Already achieved - Helen Allely
6. Already achieved - Helen Allely
7. Achieved (Grant, Alistar, Wav & Kelvin)
8. Additional new members required - 4 (On our way - Mike, only 3 more to go)
9. A minimum of 4 officers to be trained in both halves of the year - 5 trained in Feb, but we will still need 4 to be trained at the next training session to achieve that point.
10. Already achieved - completed both requirements on time (counts for 1 only)

And one more from Trish...

Try this version of **The Twelve Days of Christmas**:

An Aussie version taken from a children's video in which Mabel sends her true love (Dave) an emu, which gets stuck up the gum tree and the rest of the animals are trying to tell Dave that the emu is stuck. Eventually the wombats build a ladder and the nagging of the numbats finally alerts Dave to the emu's situation. The emu is rescued and Dave sends Mabel a photo of all the animals:

1. an emu up a gum tree
2. two pink galahs
3. three jabirus
4. four kookaburras
5. five kangaroos
6. six platypuses
7. seven koalas climbing
8. eight possums playing
9. nine wombats working
10. ten lizards leaping
11. eleven numbats nagging
12. twelve parrots prattling



*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2009.
Thank you for your good humour during my endeavours
to gather contributions to The Raconteur this year.*

Jan

*Merry
Christmas*