

ASK Newsletter May 2013

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NEXT MEETING NOTICE



FRIDAY JUNE 28, 2013

COME CELEBRATE OUR THEME OF RAISE THE FLAG

CHAIRPERSON: SUANN HOSIE
TOPICMASTER: JAN MIKO
TOASTMASTER: DIANA DEL NEGRO
JOKEMASTER: DOUG ANDERSON
SPEAKERS: PADDY KENNEDY, ALAN SUNG, JOHN NOONAN
EVALUATOR: CATHERINE ASHFORD, MARILYN KNOCH, HELEN DUTCH
GENERAL EVALUTOR: JOANNE MORRISON
VENUE: EdgeCeptional CATERING
LOCATION: 2450 YUKON ST. VANCOUVER BC

This location is located at the corner on Yukon close to 8th Avenue. These streets are one block east of Cambie and half a block south of Broadway, close to transit. Buffet dinner, price is \$25. Be sure to wear your flags or bring them to the meeting.

Please sign up on our website at: <http://advancedspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org/agenda-211133.html>

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Highlights of our May ASK Meeting

Co-Chairs **Marg Hope & Marilyn Knoch** – after valiantly but unsuccessfully doing battle with the Antojitos Mexicanos Restaurant to give them our business – invited us to dine at a cliché of a family diner....the ABC Restaurant in Burnaby.

Sergeant-At-Arms **Ken Batty** squawked the meeting to order using a plastic horn.

As chair, **Marg Hope** started the evening proceeding by releasing a torrent of clichés so thick that the English Language immediately lodged a complaint with the Galactic Language Council. Their decision is still pending.

Our Guestmaster **Joanne Morrison** warmly greeted our many guests: Ciara Halloran, Narinder Lal, Paddy Kennedy, Rita Pollak, Gerry Randall, Barb Rolly, Bob Miller and Dawn Miller.

Inspiration was provided by **Catherine Yeung** who challenged us to open our eyes, ears and heart when we write evaluations so that we can all inspire each other.

Joke Master **Darren Frew** reminded us that the cliché ‘father knows best’ is not always true and left an indelible image – at least in this scribes mind – with the words “.....the axe left his hand....”

Business Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Club Secretary **Catherine Ashford** in hi-tech fashion (from her iPhone) and accepted as read.

Officer reports – None

Club Officer Elections – **Reamick Lo** adeptly handled the club officer elections – with **Marg Hope** nominating **Narinder Lal** (a new member for all of 5 minutes) to fill the vacant Club Secretary role. Welcome Narinder to the club and the club executive.

We also had four guests (**Narinder Lal, Paddy Kennedy, Bob Miller, Dawn Miller**) join ASK during the meeting....and achieved the (4 additional members) DCP point.

Table Topics Master **Margaret Li** used clichés as Table Topics questions: **Doug Anderson** ‘dead as door nail’, **Fred Aham** ‘busy as a bee’, **Richard Ko** ‘low hanging fruit’ and **Channy Chow** ‘Time of your life’.

Table Topics evaluator **Merrilee Miller** (introduced by **Marg Hope** as ‘a dog with a bone’) demonstrated superb listening skills and offered helpful suggestions....and ended her evaluations with the cliché ‘all in all’.

Toastmaster **Marilynn Knoch** – sporting a real Stetson cowboy hat – informed us that the proper way to store a Stetson is upside down so it does not destroy the brim.

Speeches

Suann Hosie – Delivered a spellbinding story titled “A Horse is a Horse” (from the TV show Mr. Ed) and ended with a Mr Ed cliché “Always look a gift horse in the mouth”.

Diana del Negro –shared her trials and tribulations regarding cleaning out all the stuff she has collected over the past few years. Gifts from friends, charities and the ‘woops I did it again’ purchases. Diana left us with some words of wisdom – when you want to buy yet another bit of stuff get someone to look you in the eye and say ‘Really?’

Ken Batty – called on us to be good citizens and encouraged us to become informed, get out and vote, get involved and hold our politicians to account. With a show of hands it turns out that most ASK members voted in the recent provincial election!

All three evaluators, **Margaret Page**, **Catherine Ashford** and **Candida Livera** delivered fast paced and insightful evaluations. General Evaluator **Rodney Denno** encouraged them to summarize their suggestions at the end....otherwise the valuable suggestions get buried in the fast paced delivery of their evaluations.

Harkmaster **Alan Sung** adeptly challenged our listening skills by asking us about some of the ‘he said, she said’ details of the meeting.

Closing comments were provided by **Fai Murray** who left us with the acronym EOSSI (Evocative, Original, Simple, Smart, Inventive)

Award Winners

Best TT – **Channy Chow**

Best Speaker – **Suann Hosie**

Best Evaluator – **Margaret Page**