

## Area 37 Governor's Report

As I closed the District Training weekend with my session on 'What's in it for me', I looked out over a sea of excited faces as the District team readied themselves for a great year ahead. *Little did I know that by the close of July I'd be on that team!!!*

To become the Area Governor for Area 37 was not part of my plans for 2012-13, but as time wore on & all 'hopefuls' for the role were exhausted, I felt that my time had come!

*It has been a roller-coaster ride so far as I've tried to catch up, yet fulfill previous life commitments.*

My first hurdle was organizing a Council meeting. Time was running out as we (frustratingly) all tried to set a date where we could have a reasonable attendance, so I made the decision to cover the basics via email. Within a very short time my amazingly supportive Presidents had taken requests to their clubs and had agreed to my proposals for the **Area Conference to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

- Venue is the Kenmore Library & I have now been able to book all three rooms so we have heaps of space. Serendipity will take care of the catering for afternoon tea.
- The four clubs have agreed to take care of the four contests:- **Forex**-International, **Kenmore**-Table Topics, **Serendipity**-Evaluation & **Alpha-Endeavour**:-Humorous.
- Pam Greenway has kindly accepted my invitation to be our Chief Judge. (her 'yes' was part of my acceptance of the role of Area Governor!)
- The theme of 'Dare to be Different' has been embraced & on the 27<sup>th</sup> we'll prove that we can!.
- Being a new club, the Perpetual Trophies *were* going to be a financial challenge, but all four have now been donated (Suzy Molloy, John Wells & myself from Serendipity & Carolyn Phillips from Indooroopilly)
- Division Treasurer Terry was quick to order our new banner & we should have it in time for the Conference.

**Club Visits:-** All clubs have given me a date for my club visit & they will be concluded by the close of September. I'll use this visit to promote a strong attendance at the conference as well as address any other areas the club requests. *I've been overwhelmed with the warmth & enthusiasm that the Presidents of all clubs have shown me in our communication.*

**New Clubs & Speechcraft:** At this stage I have not spent time considering these. Once the Conference is over I'll have time to settle down to other areas in my role and they will be included in my thinking.

**Club Reports:-** As we will now have our first council meeting at the Conference in October, I will not have reports from clubs until then. From what they have shared with me, all four clubs are healthy & strong with the usual challenge of keeping meeting attendances high.

I'm excited about the up-coming visits to my clubs. I originally accepted the role of Area Governor to 'help out', but I'm now grateful for the opportunity to make new friends, help clubs if help is requested & to explore my creativity when planning the Area Conference where I'll 'Dare to be Different'. Go Area 37 !!

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*"Life is a helluva lot more fun if you say 'yes' rather than 'no'."* Richard Branson.

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