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Lady toastmasters *excel*

Sigal Nassimov-Geva

Protea Toastmasters in East London has once again been recognised as a top performing "President's Distinguished Club. This makes it three years in a row that the club has achieved this prestigious distinction!

In addition to achieving the goals which Toastmasters International sets, the club achieved 2 other significant goals this past year. Two local businesswomen raised the bar for Toastmasters in the Border region by taking the club into new territory and new heights of achievement.

Win Codukes co-ordinated and ran a highly successful 8 week Speech Craft programme for Arcus Gibb consulting engineers. Speech Craft is a short in-house development programme targeted at business people and run by a local Toastmasters club. Win's passion helped to inspire the 10 Gibb

participants rise to the challenges of public speaking.

Shirley Renwick, the club President for 2010-2011, won the Divisional speech contest and then competed in the International Toastmasters Speech Contest at District (Southern Africa) level in May 2010. Win and Shirley both achieved their Competent Communicator awards (10 Speeches presented) during the year.

Althea Van Der Merwe and Sigal Nassimov-Geva also completed their Competent Communicator level.

Club president, Shirley Renwick, says that for modern businesspeople and professionals, high levels of confidence and ongoing personal growth are not

optional, but rather essential for success. Renwick adds that Protea Toastmasters provides the ideal environment in which to develop in these areas, whilst offering individual members encouraging feedback. "Protea meetings are a lot of fun, and represent a broad range of people in terms of age, gender, occupation, cultural background. We are proud to boast a mix of 7 different mother tongues amongst their members."



Members of the Protea Toastmasters Club reflect on their success

