

Good evening fellow toastmasters and honoured guests.

Today, I would like to do a spot turn or a 360 degree turn in one spot. Ivan and Jay have both finished their 10<sup>th</sup> speech in the CTM manual and I would like to dedicate this toast to Ivan.

I first met Ivan early in Term 1 of this school year. Many speakers start off slowly, learning the basic steps of a speech – however, when Ivan started off with his salsa speech, I was amazed. It was as if he had already learned all the basic steps and had moved onto advanced steps in his speech. To this day, I remember that he was telling us about how salsa dancing involves looking into your partner and being very passionate, very emotional and finally when the song ends, you abruptly thank your partner and move onto the next person. His speech topics have included salsa dancing, the moon landing, financial information on websites and World War 2.

I will end with a story that solidifies his place as the cynosure every time he gets up to speak. One meeting, I was chair and was faced with a problem of having no prepared speeches at all. Jay and Ivan both volunteered to do speeches almost extemporaneously. I was amazed that Ivan could do a speech so well in so little time. Both that speech and many others speak volumes about Ivan's confidence, his natural speaking ability and his passion for communicating. Please join me in raising a glass and wishing Ivan continued confidence, passion and success in speaking and in dancing alike.