

Analysis of Survey Monkey results

Conclusions:

There were 29 responses in all, most of which came in on the 12 of May. This would imply that those who responded wanted to have their say and those who didn't will go with the flow.

With regard to the overall event, it would seem that the majority (20 out of 29) liked the meal. Some people mentioned the friendliness of the gathering, the company, the table clothes and two people mentioned the entertainment by the Graduates.

When asked what they didn't like, ten said they had no complaints and 21 made comments, so another 8 didn't answer this question. There were 4 comments about the slow service, a couple mentioned that they didn't like the desserts, there was a comment about the salads and the buns and one commented that there wasn't enough dancing.

Suggestions on how to improve the event were – 3 people saying more dancing and others made comments which followed up on the negative feedback e.g. make entertainment by Basics optional, offer quality and choice in the food, speed up service, and no buns in bags. A couple of comments were unrealistic e.g. allow people to choose what they want ahead of time, or to hold the event at the RA Centre.

In general people like the overall event and few commented here. It would seem that people enjoy seeing the grads, the demonstration of their creativity (6 mentioned that they liked the entertainment by the grads) and to see them given recognition. They also like to see the EOSARDA reps.

Ideas for how the ceremony could be improved were varied. One felt that the evening felt rushed which must be balanced by those who want to do more dancing. At least two suggested that we should eliminate the tradition of entertainment by Basics. On the other hand someone suggested that we allow more time for the entertainment so we could see more of them. Another suggestion was that rather than the Basics thinking up a skit, they could dance to a call by Wendy which would demonstrate what they had learned. An interesting idea was to have a 'Welcome Tip' in which Mainstream and Plus dancers would ensure that Grads danced with them.

Regarding the coffee break - 71 % said they liked the break as it is and 29% said they didn't like it. The 'Nos' suggest eliminating it all together or having it available the entire evening allowing people to graze. This group wants to dance more and include comments about shortening the amount of time given to announcements and having the announcements at the beginning of the evening.

Finally, use of the website. Only 3% look at the site daily, 10% weekly, and 34% monthly. 51% never look at the website. This does not make it a great means of passing on information to

members. However, if announcements were minimized at the club, as many as 46% would check it, but 54% said they would not.

Appendix A

Responses to questions

1. I dance
 - a. 74% dance on Tuesdays and
 - b. 51% dance on Thursdays.
 - c. Since there 34 responses that suggests that 5 people dance both nights.

2. What did you like about the Graduation Dinner?
 - a. Food – 20
 - b. Friendly – 4
 - c. Company – 4
 - d. Entertainment by Basics – 2
 - e. Service – 2
 - f. Price – 2
 - g. Table clothes – 2
 - h. Everything – 1
 - i. Getting a certificate - 1

3. What did you not like about the Graduation Dinner?
 - a. No complaints – 10
 - b. Slowness of service of desserts and clean-up.- 4
 - c. Desserts – 2
 - d. Quality off salad and food – 2
 - e. Not enough dancing – 1 (too much talk)
 - f. Bun not fresh – 1
 - g. Food not good – 1

4. Please provide your comments/suggestions on how the dinner could be improved.
 - a. More dancing – 3
 - b. Make entertainment by Basics optional
 - c. Better quality and choice in food
 - d. Timing with caterers
 - e. No buns in bags.
 - f. Buffet at RA Centre
 - g. Speed up service.
 - h. A food choice to be made ahead of time.

5. What do you like about the Graduation Ceremony?
 - a. Entertainment by Basics – 6
 - b. Seeing the grads – 3

- c. Seeing the EOSARDA reps
 - d. Recognition for Grads'
 - e. Seeing creativity of new grads.
 - f. Relaxing evening
 - g. Everything fine.
6. How could the ceremony be improved?
- a. Evening rushed
 - b. Eliminate tradition of Basics entertaining
 - c. Allot more time so longer term members can see new dancer.
 - d. Have Basics dance to a call by Wendy.
 - e. A specific welcoming tip-make sure each grad dances with a Mainstream or Plus dancer.
 - f. A short group activity rather than a total show
 - g. Ensure we thank John for calling Mainstream and Plus
 - h. Do handouts more quickly.
 - i. Eliminate skits.
7. Do you enjoy the coffee/tea/cookies format for our main dance break?
- a. Yes – 71.43% (20 people)
 - b. No - 28.57% (8 people)
8. If no, please indicate how to improve it.
- a. Allow grazing - 4
 - b. Eliminate break - 2
 - c. Keep announcements short and related only to dancing, not books or silent auction etc.
They should be less than 5 minutes.
 - d. Dance more
 - e. Bring our own drinks and make water available.
 - f. Put announcements at the beginning of the evening.
9. How often do you check the Meri Squares website for updates and announcements?
- i. Daily – 3.45% or 1 person
 - ii. Weekly - 10.34% or 3 people
 - iii. Monthly – 34.48% or 10 people
 - iv. Never – 51.72% or 15 people
10. If announcements were minimized at dances, would you check the website for updates and announcements?
- a. Yes – 46.15% or 12 people
 - b. No – 53.85% or 14 people