

Wednesday April 16, 2008

## **Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter**

Just a reminder, please let me know if you have a role and are not going to be able to make it to a meeting.....my cell # is 613-312-9921. I turn it on Monday and Tuesday nights and check for messages. During the day, please call and leave a message. I don't always get a chance to check my home email during the day and I don't always check my home phone till later. Thanks

Once again we had another great week with visitors in both locations.

### **Who was there?**

In Renfrew – Marg Solar, Jack Stekelenburg, Becca Platthy, Val Brohart, Lynne Kobus, Fran Watson and guests Carolyn Gervais, Chris Hopewell and Karen Hopewell.

In Pembroke – Angie Goudie, Debra Lloyd, Ellen Vandersleen, Jane Dougherty, Fran Watson and guests Robert Ficek, Tim Summers and Jennifer Fluegal.

### **What happened?**

**In Renfrew** our theme was Earth Day and, of course it seemed appropriate that our outhouse be returned for the Table Topics. Where oh where was April??? Even our guests got into the act (or the outhouse) for some fun. Marg offered the Toast and Educational Tip on “Taking The Terror Out Of The Talk”, while Jack took on the role of Word (Imagination) and Joke/Story as well as Toastmaster for the evening. Chris Hopewell filled in as timer and Val counted our ahs. Becca kept track of our grammar and also quizzed us to test our listening skills. Fran gave speech #1 from the Humorous Speaker Manual despite an inauspicious start. .

**In Pembroke** we had the theme of Collections. A few of our members were missing so Fran filled in as Toast, Word (Bloviate), Toastmaster and Table Topics Master (I noticed that the roster is full for next week...\*laughing\*) and Angie took on the role of Joke/Story and Timer in addition to being our Sgt. at Arms and being the Evaluator for Jane's Icebreaker. Debra kept us on track as she counted ahs and noted grammatical slip ups while Ellen tested our listening skills with her questions. We got to know Jane a little better with her Icebreaker and the three guests got to hear what an Ice Breaker is all about.

Debra came away with the Spark Plug award for her “collection”. If you weren't there, you'll have to ask.

## What's next?

**The theme for Renfrew is Spring** Jack will be the Toastmaster, Marg is doing an Educational Tip, Lynne the Toast, Jack the Word, and Ryan the Joke/Story. Jack is also going to be the Table Topics Master while Lynne takes on the role of timer and Becca challenges herself by doing her speech and the role of Quizmaster. Val is going to catch us on our "word whiskers" and Marg will be evaluating George's speech. The role of Grammarian and Evaluator for Becca's speech are still open.

**Pembroke's theme is Challenges** Debra will be our Table Topics Master and will also do the Word, Jane is taking on the Educational Tip and Ah Counter, Ellen is going to do her Ice Breaker and Bill, speech #5. Angie will be doing Bill's evaluation. That leaves room for a few more volunteers **Please let me know by email or leaving me a message as I will be at the conference til Sunday night.**

## What's new?

**The District 61 Toastmasters Newsletter** is now available online:

<http://www.toastmastersdistrict61.org/eng/members/leader.htm>

### Special Events –

1. **Home Show this past weekend** – was quite successful as we had 6 or 7 people sign up for more information. I also had a phone call from someone from Eganville who had been given my name.

2. **Toastmasters Spring Conference** – April 18-20<sup>th</sup> in Pointe Claire Quebec. Check out the agenda and other information on the District website <http://toastmastersconference.com/spring/2008/english/index.htm>

Our local winners – Fred Schuck and Lynne Zander will be competing on Saturday and Sunday.

3. Jack is putting together a plan to host a **special event** to teach people how to do toasts and specialty speeches for the wedding season. We will try to put this together in such a way that it can be presented in both Renfrew and Pembroke, or that members of both communities will be invited to attend. Jack will be looking for some helpers for this event. **Date May 10 at 236 Hall Avenue.**

4. **Charter Party** - Elizabeth Wiebe, who came to speak to our Renfrew Club in November has asked us to help the Above And Beyond Advanced Toastmasters Club celebrate their chartering at a party which is being held on **Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** in Ottawa. The tickets are \$25.00 each which includes the meal. Tickets need to be ordered in advance. Elizabeth would like to know asap who will be

attending. If you want to go, please let me know and I will collect your \$25 to give to her. I am planning on attending, and can take people with me. See the end of this email for additional information on the Above and Beyond Toastmasters Club.

### **Other Items of Note:**

**PR/Membership** - Please continue to invite your friends and family members to attend our meetings.

**Educational Awards** - How are you doing with your Competent Leadership Manual? If you have a role in the meeting, check your manual to see if it can be evaluated, then ask someone to do so. All of us should be able to complete our Competent Leader manual (including me – remind me to give someone my manual when I do a role!!!) by the end of June.

### **Educational Tips:**

Each week we present an educational tip. The reason we do this is to help us in our speeches as well as in our clubs. There are many areas to choose from and I would encourage you to take a look at the list below and think about what would help you to learn. Then choose that one to present. The format is in place, the introduction and everything is in the package. You can present it verbatim or paraphrase it – your choice.

Some of the topics are: From the Better Speaker Series we have: Beginning Your Speech, Concluding Your Speech, Take the Terror Out of a Talk, Impromptu Speaking, Selecting Your Topic, Know Your Audience, Organizing Your Speech, Creating an Introduction, Preparation and Practice.

Finding New Members for Your Club, Evaluate to Motivate, Closing the Sale, Creating the Best Club Climate, Meeting Roles and Responsibilities, Mentoring, Keeping the Commitment, Going Beyond Our Club, How to be a Distinguished Club, The TI Education Program (all from the Successful Club Series).

There are also a number of other modules in the Success Communication and Leadership Modules.

Please let me know which topic you would like to present and when you would like to present it. I would like to see one of these presented every week, or every other week. They are available for you to take home and prepare. I have copies of all of them.

### **Newsletters**

Any comments on the newsletters? Things you would like to see in them? Things you want me to leave out? Anyone like to take them on?

**Webpage** – Anything you would like to see on our webpages? There are some things we can not include because they are copyrighted, but let me know what you would like to see and I will see if it can be done. Remember to check out our webpages and to refer people who are interested in Toastmasters to them. Perhaps after they read a few newsletters they may decide to check us out. I try to get our newsletters posted soon after I send them out.

WEBPAGES:

[www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersRenfrew.html](http://www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersRenfrew.html) and

[www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersPembroke.html](http://www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersPembroke.html)

[www.toastmastersdistrict61.org](http://www.toastmastersdistrict61.org)

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See you soon!!

Fran Watson, ATM-S, CL  
President

**P.S. It's time to start thinking about our Charter Party for Renfrew, but in the meantime, here is some info on ABOVE AND BEYOND CHARTER PARTY** Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Churchill Community Hall, Corner of Churchill and Richmond Road. Cost is \$25.00 per person which includes a catered meal. You can contact Elizabeth Wiebe directly at 613-274-0489 or let me know. I told Elizabeth that there might be 4 of us attending. It would be great if more of us were able to make it.

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