

April 26th, 2007

Hi, I hope everyone had a great week so far, enjoying this wonderful weather (well, it was good after the rain!!)

### **Weekly Newsletter for Renfrew & Pembroke Toastmasters Club Members and Friends of Toastmasters**

We had two really great meetings this week with our Tips on Toasts. Both meetings saw visitors in attendance thanks to Lynne's articles in the paper. Keep up the good work Lynne. People are talking and they are saying good things! It was good to see that the pictures finally made it in too of Chris and Candice and Marg and George! Now to get Kevin's picture developed and get it into the Pembroke paper.

Both clubs saw an unexpected change in venue and, unfortunately it meant that we didn't have the pleasure of Candice's presence or Chris's - both got thoroughly soaked and the stairs were too much for Candice. Luckily, we will not have to worry about this again as Chris has offered her office should we ever have to vacate 236 Hall at the last moment. Thanks Chris!

**Who was there?** In Renfrew we had a great crowd - 3 brand new visitors - Frances, Gen, and Betty, 3 invited guests - Bob Brousseau, Tony Smith, and Lynne Zander, and club members - Marg, Lynne, George, Don, Joan, John, and Fran rounded out the crowd.

Pembroke saw the addition of two guests, Joan and Nicki. Both were interested in learning more about toasts. They were joined by Nigel, Maria, Kevin, John and Fran.

**What happened?** In Renfrew, after the quick move from 236 Hall to 231 Argyle, and the confusion caused by someone giving half the people the wrong address, we had a great meeting learning about Toasts, how they originated and then getting a chance to break into groups to write out a toast which each person then presented later in the meeting. It was amazing to hear how well everyone did with only 15 - 20 minutes of preparation time. Each participant in both clubs was given a handout to use and keep for future reference.

In Pembroke, we followed the same procedure, although our circumstances were a little different - our two groups had to remain in the same room, just at different ends of the table and we were in a small room, not the Library as there was a parent teacher meeting happening when we arrived.

In both clubs refreshments of coffee, juice and donuts were available and a good time was had by all.

**What else?** Fran encouraged everyone to bring some friends to the Speechcraft session and to talk it up among their friends. Lynne is writing an article for the local paper (actually, she has already written it and it is ready to go). Maria will get some information to the church in Pembroke for the Marriage classes and Chris sent information out to the Renfrew churches. If anyone knows of any organizations they belong to that could use some help with speeches, please mention it. We will need to know numbers for materials.

Due to the fact that John, Nigel and Fran are all away next week, we had to cancel the Pembroke meeting for May 1. We will begin the Speechcraft the following week.

In Renfrew, George will be Acting President and Chris will take care of getting the agenda prepared. Please contact Chris to volunteer for a role.

The theme for April 30 is "Be Prepared"

See you in two weeks.

Fran