

Saturday April 26, 2008

Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter

Who was there?

In Renfrew – Marg Solar, Jack Stekelenburg, Ryan Stuart, April Cappel, Becca Platthy, Val Brohart, Lynne Kobus, George Hooper, and Fran Watson

In Pembroke – Bill Halkett, John Munkittrick, Angie Goudie, Debra Lloyd, Ellen Vandersleen, Jane Dougherty, JoJo Burgess, Fran Watson

What happened?

In Renfrew our theme was Spring, our Toastmaster and Table Topics Master was Jack Stekelenburg. Lynne Kobus gave a very interesting toast, followed by Jack's word of the week – Eagles – and Ryan with his Lemonade story and Marg with an Educational Tip. Our timer was Lynne Kobus, our Ah Counter Val Brohart (boy oh boy, can she count them!!), Becca was our Quizmaster, while Fran took on the role of Grammarian and General Evaluator.

There were two speeches – George and Becca and two evaluators – Marg & George. We learned about why our gas costs so much and will go higher and how to preserve our memories digitally..

In Pembroke the theme was Challenges. JoJo offered an excellent toast on the theme and John's word Cantankerous fit in well. Debra talked about her first Toastmaster Conference and Jane gave some tips on becoming a confident speaker. John filled in as Timer and also took on the role of General Evaluator while Angie was the Grammarian, Jane the Ah Counter and Bill, our Quizmaster, tested our listening skills with his questions. Fran was the Toastmaster and talked about the challenges our club faces with elections coming up in two weeks and Debra gave each of us a fortune cookie for our Table Topic.

We had two speeches – Ellen with her Ice Breaker and Bill's on Body Language. Bill in a cap as a 5 year old with his twinkling eyes had everyone chuckling.

What's next?

The theme for Renfrew is Gardening George will be the Toastmaster, Marg is doing the Word and Becca the Joke/Story. Lynne has signed up for Timer, Jack as Grammarian, Val will be increasing our cofferes again as Ah Counter and Marg will be our General Evaluator. Lynne will be our Table Topics Master and we will have two speakers – Ryan and April.

We still need a Toast, an Educational Tip, a Quizmaster and two evaluators.

Pembroke's theme is Gardening The role of Toastmaster has not been filled, but Jane will be doing the Toast, JoJo the Joke/Story and Fran an Educational Tip. Jane will be the Ah Counter, Debra the Quizmaster and JoJo the General Evaluator. Angie will take on the role of Table Topics Master and Debra will be giving her 2nd speech.

We still need someone to do the Word, Timer, Grammarian and Evaluator and Toastmaster is open.

What's new?

According to the Toastmasters International directives, Elections must be held the first week of May. This will be May 5th in Renfrew and May 6th in Pembroke. The theme for both meetings will be Mother's Day, but the elections will take place prior to the general meeting. If you have a particular executive role you would like to take on, please contact Fran. (Fran will be contacting you about this in the next week.) So far Marg and Angie have both confirmed their interest in staying on in the position of Sgt. At Arms.

The District 61 Toastmasters Newsletter is available online. It is an interesting read: <http://www.toastmastersdistrict61.org/eng/members/leader.htm>

Special Events –

1. Jack is putting together 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.**

2. **Toastmasters Spring Conference** – was attended by Debra Lloyd and Fran Watson where they saw Fred Schuck and Lynne Zander compete. Lynne came away with 3rd place in both the French and English Evaluation Contests. We will try to get Lynne up to Renfrew and Pembroke to give us some tips on Evaluations. We had been asked to bring something from each of the clubs to be given as a prize. I took down a couple of Jack's Sunbursts and they were a big hit.

3. **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 24th** 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. If you have some ideas on how to increase our visibility, please let me know.

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.

Publicity If you would like to write an article about Toastmasters or about why you joined Toastmasters for publication in the local paper and/or on our web page, please send it to me.

Webpage – Debra attended some workshops at the conference and will be working on some things we can add to our webpages. Is there anything you would like to see on our webpages?

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 and
www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersPembroke.html
www.toastmastersdistrict61.org
www.toastmasters.org

See you soon!!

Fran Watson, ATM-S, CL
President

P.S. We are starting to think about our Charter Party for Renfrew, but in the meantime, here is the info on ABOVE AND BEYOND CHARTER PARTY
Saturday, May 24th, 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.

For more information contact Bill Bishop at 613 825-2363 or Gord Bell 613 825-9682. You can also email us at info@aboveandbeyondtoastmasters.ca