

April 9th, 2007

Hi, I hope everyone had a great Easter. Apologies for the lateness of this week's newsletter.

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

**Who was there?** In Renfrew - Marg, Lynne, George, Chris, Don and Fran rounded out the crowd.

Pembroke saw the addition of two guests, Anne & Uli. Anne was visiting us from Victoria BC where she attends as a Toastmaster and she brought her sister along. They were joined by Nigel, Maria, Kevin and Fran.

**What happened?** In Pembroke, Anne took on the role of General Evaluator and did an excellent job. She also told us of some of the differences in our club and hers. She went on to take awards as Best Evaluator, Best Table Topic, Spark Plug and the winner of the 50/50. Nigel won the remain award of Best Speaker as he did an impromptu speech.

Nigel was the Table Topics master for the evening and challenged us to describe our commitment in a number of areas. Fran presented the Educational Tip on Keeping the Commitment. Maria took on multiple roles - Word, Timer and Quizmaster and Kevin did the joke/story as well as Grammarian. The word of the week was "steadfast".

In Renfrew, George presented our Educational on Keeping the Commitment and Lynne demonstrated her latest new product idea in the joke/story portion, using George as a prop. (If you weren't there, you will have to ask, although there will also be pictures...LOL) Don took on the role of General Evaluator and did an excellent job while also taking on the role of Timer. Marg took on Grammarian and Quizmaster and challenged us with some of her questions. Chris was our "Ah Counter" and she also did the Toast. The word was "pogonotrophy"... If you don't know the definition, ask anyone if they remember, \*hint\* it has something to do with Lynne's latest business endeavour....\*grin\*.

Don won both the Best Table Topic and Best Evaluator, while Chris and Lynne won the Spark Plug and Fran won for Best Speaker (having taken on all the roles that vie for this title, guaranteed her the honours...LOL)

**What else?** We confirmed the intent to have special events in both Renfrew and Pembroke and have set the dates for the 23rd and 24th of April which will be open to the public to learn how to present a toast - Tips & Techniques for Toasting?? Chris will prepare a blurb to go to the Renfrew area churches and will forward it to Fran to send to the Pembroke area churches. Fran will also ensure that the information is forwarded to the radio stations and will get in touch with some of the Executive Committee who have offered to help out.

Please keep in the mind the 4 week Speechcraft. Each session will be limited to 15 participants and will be held the week of May 7th to May 29th, leaving us 3-4 weeks to

finish up our year. In Renfrew it will go one extra week because of the holiday Monday in May.

We also need to decide if we want to continue on a bi-weekly basis through the summer. Please think about this and let me know.

There will be no meeting in the Renfrew on the 9th due to it being Easter Monday, however the theme for Pembroke is Easter bunnies, chocolate, etc. For both clubs, the following week, the theme is Travel.

There is still time to register for the spring conference which is in Gatineau April 27-29. The registration is now \$175 . The room cost is \$109 for single or double.

Til next week  
Fran