

Wednesday April 9, 2008

Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter

I saw my first Robin tonight in my back yard....yeah!!!

In case you need to call me....my cell # is 613-312-9921. I turn it on Monday and Tuesday nights and check for messages. If you need to get in touch with me about the meeting, not being there, etc., please call and leave a message. I don't always get a chance to check my email during the day and I don't always check my home # til later. Thanks

Well, this was another great week. 2 speeches in Renfrew, 2 speeches in Pembroke. Check it out....I did two this week, 7 more to go!! Going for the Gold!

Who was there?

In Renfrew – Ryan Stewart, Jack Stekelenburg, Becca Platthy, George Hooper, Lynne Kobus, Fran Watson

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

What happened?

In Renfrew our theme was collections and we had some interesting discussions about various collections, starting off with Jack's rubber duckies (you'll have to ask him if you weren't there!). George prepared an excellent toast and Ryan took on the Word of the Week. He had a lot of really great information about Penicillin. Jack talked about his Rubber Ducks and Fran presented an educational on acronyms used in Toastmasters. Fran also took on the role of Toastmaster. Becca challenged herself by taking on Timer and Ryan took a turn at counting "ahs". Jack performed the roles of Quizmaster and General Evaluator as well as evaluating Fran's Speech. Lynne Kobus evaluated Ryan's Icebreaker.

Awards were as follows: Best Speaker – Fran, Best Evaluator – Lynne, Best Table Topic – Fran, Sparky – Jack/Becca.

In Pembroke we had the theme of Earth Day. Our Sgt. at Arms, Angie, had set up the room. Angie also gave speech #10 on Inspiration. She will be presenting this speech again in Renfrew next month. I was Angie's evaluator and was very impressed by her poise and delivery. You've come a long way and did a great job!! Bill told us a few jokes (none of them Earthy!). He also did the Quizmaster and evaluated my speech. Debra challenged herself by taking on the role of Timer and Jane counted our "ahs" and listened for grammatical errors. Fran filled in as Toastmaster and Table Topics Master.

Awards were as follows: Best Table Topic – Ellen, Sparky – Debra/Fran, Best Speaker – Fran, Best Evaluator – Fran.

What's next?

The theme for Renfrew is Earth Day. Jack will be the Toastmaster, Marg is doing an Educational Tip, Ryan the Joke/Story and also Ah Counter, Becca is going to give a speech, and Lynne will be doing Table Topics. Please contact me and let me know what you would like to do.

Pembroke's theme is Collections

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 weekend** – Friday 4 – 9, Saturday 10 – 6 and Sunday noon – 4. Volunteers required. Please let me know when you will be able to attend for an hour or two so I can set up some type of schedule. Thanks.

2. **Toastmasters Spring Conference** – April 18-20th 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. **Tentative Date May 3**

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 24th** in Ottawa. The tickets are \$25.00 each which includes the meal. Tickets need to be ordered in advance. 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 and

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

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 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