

Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter (well, almost weekly) – Feb 5, 2008

Hello everyone

Congratulations to Jack Stekelenburg on completing his Competent Communicator. Way to go!! Jack inspired us with his 5P's for Success – Purpose, Passion, Plan, Persistence and Positive People. Keep an eye out for Jack in Nepal in the fall. He will have lots to talk about when he comes back.

Who was there?

In Renfrew Lynne, Jack, Marg, Ben, Becca, April, Karen, Chris, Angie and Fran

In Pembroke we were pleased to see Osiah, Gerald, Angie and Fran attending

What happened? – Our theme for the week was Contests and Marg was our Toastmaster in Renfrew. She did a great job of keeping the meeting on time and introducing our 3 speakers – Jack, Becca and April as well as our Table Topics Master Ben MacMurchy. Fran gave the Toast and Educational while Marg did the word and Lynne the story. Lynne also did the evaluation of April's speech and the General Evaluation. Jack did an Evaluation of Becca's speech and Fran did an evaluation of Jack's speech.

In Pembroke we almost had our meeting in the Lobby. Apparently when they have a snow day the cleaners can finish up early and go home and the caretaker for our section had done so. The others were reluctant to let us in because it wasn't their section, however we finally persuaded them to let us into the Library for our meeting. We had 2 formal speeches – Osiah and Angie. Osiah's speech was from the Advanced Manual – Storytelling and Angie did Speech #3 from her Competent Communicator. Gerald did a practice speech for a meeting he has coming up and we gave him an oral evaluation. He will be presenting the speech next week and would appreciate lots of attendees to give him some feedback as he is running for office in the Cattlemen's Association.

What's new? I received an email from Maria. She and her hubby have moved to Ottawa and I have her address if anyone would like it. We will be needing a new Secretary as Maria was the Secretary for the club.

Next week's theme is Valentine's Day – See below for the rosters.

Remember that there are some special awards for "Talk Up Toastmasters" which runs from Feb 1 to March 31. If you bring in 5 new members you will receive a special pin from Toastmasters International as well as an award from the district. Remember to invite your friends and family, and even your enemies – it will make for an exciting evening!

The more members we have the better club we have as we all learn from each other. Please continue to spread the word to your friends and neighbours and invite them to come to a meeting. Our goal is to charter the Renfrew Club by mid March.

This week's roster to date. Please contact me if there is a role you would like to fill.

Renfrew – Toastmaster - Lynne
Speeches – Karen, Marg
Evaluators –
Toast – George
Word – Marilyn

Joke/Story – Jack
Ed Tip – Fran
Timer –
Ah Counter –
Grammarian -
Quizmaster – Beccal
Gen Eval – Fran
Table Topics – Jack

Pembroke – Toastmaster –
Word - Angie
Joke/Story –
Ed Tip – Osiah
Ah Counter/Grammarian - Gerald
Quizmaster – Osiah
Table Topics –
Speaker – Angie, Gerald
Evaluator –

What else? The Arnprior Toastmasters Club is holding their Speech Contest tomorrow night at the Library in Arnprior. If you are interested in attending, please call me at 432-3424 between 12 and 1 pm or on my cell phone before 5:30. Leave me a message if it is off, and I'll get back to you.

I have not heard from anyone who wants to compete in the International Speech Contest and the Evaluation Contest. So, at this point, it looks like we do not have anyone to enter the area contests.

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 by the end of June. If you haven't started, let's sit down and set a plan in place to work on it. Please feel free to call me or to set a time before or after a regular meeting if you have any questions.

If you would like to give one of the Educational Tips prepared by Toastmasters International please let me know. They are available for you to take home and prepare to give to the group. These are usually 8-10 minutes in length. Currently the box is in Renfrew.

Watch the Weekender for a new article by Lynne!!

WEBPAGE: www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersRenfrew.html and
www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersPembroke.html

See you soon!!

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