

February 13, 2007

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

We had another two great meetings this week. The theme was Valentine's Day.

Who was there? – Renfrew's group included: Wellwood, George, Candice, Lynne, Fran, Nigel. We hope that Joan will soon be feeling well enough to join us and we hope to see Pat next week for her speech.

In Pembroke our guest – Aileen LeBlanc and a past member (soon to be current member again) Maria Williams returned as well as John, Nigel and Fran.

What happened? – In Renfrew Nigel took on the role of Toastmaster, Candice did the Word (Valentine), George did the timing, Fran did a "Dear Ann" table topics and Lynne did her practice speech. Everyone gave her an oral evaluation and she will polish her speech up and present it again next week. The Educational Tip was on Contests and what is involved.

Fran took on the roles of "ah counter" and Quiz Master and queried the group to check out their listening skills – they listened quite well and had all the answers correct.

The members did very well in their table topics and might be able to give "Ann" a run for her money as their responses were as good or better than Ann's, and a couple were very similar!

In Pembroke, the theme was the same with Fran taking on the role of Toastmaster. Maria was well prepared with the Word (Enamoured) and she also took on the role of timer and Table Topics Master. John entertained us with the worst ever love letter and some educational tips for getting to know your partner better.

Since there was no speaker, Fran challenged everyone to compose a valentine poem using some of the 21 words which she provided. Nigel had a wonderful rhyming poem, John did an acrostic, Aileen used rebus (pictures) and Maria and Fran did free verse. Fran used 18 of the 21 words in her Valentine poem.

What's new? The article on mentoring was in both papers this week (Pembroke Observer and Renfrew Weekender) and myFM is mentioning our meetings on the radio.

Just a reminder - Wellwood Smith has asked for someone to mentor in the role of VP Education. He has been doing this job for the past two years and he would like to pass on the opportunity to someone else. Please talk to Wellwood or to Fran if you are interested in helping out.

What else? Next week's theme is Traditions. Currently these are the positions chosen:

Renfrew: Timer=Candice, Speakers=Osiah, Lynne & Pat, Evaluator=Lynne

Pembroke: Joke/Story=Maria, General Evaluator=Maria, Table Topics Master=Aileen

If you would like to take on a role, give me a call 613-649-2950 and I will put you on the agenda..

The area speech contest will be held in Arnprior on March 7th. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on our contestants.

The spring conference is in Gatineau April 27-29 and registration is \$160 to the end of February. The room cost is \$109 for single or double.

Til next week

Fran

P.S. I would appreciate it if you could respond to let me know that you have received this. A simple "got it" would be great. Thanks

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