

Sunday February 24, 2008

Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter

Who was there?

In Renfrew Lynne, Jack, Fran, Karen and Chris Hopewell
In Pembroke Bill, Angie, Fran and guest (soon to be member) JoAnne(Jo-Jo) Burgess

What happened?

Our theme for the week was Potpourri and our meetings were a mixed up blend of themes and roles. In Renfrew each person introduced a new theme and spoke on it. Members drew slips of paper to determine their roles and another to determine their theme for the evening. This resulted in a lot of great impromptu speeches.

In Renfrew Karen took on the role of Acting President, Chris gave an impromptu Educational Tip, Lynne had everyone laughing with the Table Topics, Fran was the Toastmaster, Jack took on the role of Ah Counter and Word as well as Toast and even did a speech. The meeting started with the Table Topics and ended with the Toast, just for a change. Chris took on the role of Evaluator as well. Everyone did a great job!!

In Pembroke Fran was the Toastmaster and both Angie and Bill gave speeches. Our guest JoJo was quizmaster and asked a number of good questions about the meeting. The Table Topics were also done by Fran.

What's new? Bill and Angie have offered to take on some of the PR/Membership duties in Pembroke to try to increase the numbers of participants at the meetings.

AREA CONTEST – Saturday, March 1st in the Common Room – helpers needed for various roles and for refreshments. Please talk to Fran asap.

Next week's theme is Leap Year / Random Acts of Kindness. In Renfrew there will be 2 speeches – Marg Solar and George Hooper. In Pembroke Bill, Gerald and Angie are booked for speeches.

You still have time to register new members for the "Talk Up Toastmasters" Awards program 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!

If you are a member of another group (or if your spouse or partner is) see if there is an opportunity for someone from Toastmasters to come and speak to their group. Perhaps we will be able to increase our numbers in that way. 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.

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. Talk to Jack about how to set this up. He has developed a good plan. 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. 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.

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

See you soon!!

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