



TOASTMASTERS EPISODE III : JILL REPORTS BACK

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(If you recall Episode II, Jill had decided to attend a Toastmasters meeting. Unfortunately, Jack had to miss the meeting because of his mother's surprise birthday party. It is the next day and Jack is very interested and hopes to hear how much Jill enjoyed the experience at Toastmasters. Walking down Raglan Street, Jack sees Jill running towards him.)

Jack (thinking): There's Jill. I hope she's running because she has missed me. Maybe she's going to give me a big hug and kiss to thank me for suggesting Toastmasters. (Jack is secretly in love with Jill.)

Jill: Jack! Jack! I took your suggestion and went to the Toastmasters meeting on Monday evening. I had hoped that you would be there.

Jack: Jill, that's great. I'm glad you missed me. I mean, did you enjoy the meeting?

Jill (Because of excitement about Toastmasters, Jill is not really listening to everything Jack is saying. At Toastmasters she will improve her listening skills.): The meeting was great, Jack. I never believed that I could stand up at the first meeting and say anything. But for Table Topics, the impromptu portion of the evening, I was able to get some thoughts together and speak even though I was nervous. Everyone was helpful and friendly. I felt quite safe.

Jack: I'm glad you liked the meeting. You can like me.

Jill (still not really listening to Jack): I know I can like three. Just as you told me, I can attend three complimentary meetings, and I know I will like all three. I can understand now how Toastmasters will increase my confidence and improve my ability to speak in front of a group. Also, I will learn to organize a speech. And I like that I will improve my grammar.

Jack: You will also improve your listening skills. And I hope we will go out.

Jill (still not listening): What did you say Jack? Oh. Okay. Sure. I'll go out to another meeting with you.

Jack: Where are you off to right now?

Jill: I'm going to the employment agency to hire someone to go up the hill to fetch water for me on Monday evenings. Renfrew Toastmasters meets Monday evenings at 7p.m. in the common room at 236 Hall Avenue E. and I don't want to miss a meeting. I plan to join.

Jack: Great Jill. And if you need more information about Toastmasters just call Lynne at 432-7557 or Fran at 649-2950. (So Jack walks with Jill to the employment agency, happy to spend some time with her.)

If you would like to find out more about Toastmasters, come out to our meeting on Monday, February 20th when our special guest, Simon Parcher, VP Marketing for District 61, will be talking about the benefits of membership in Toastmasters. We welcome all visitors.