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### **Welcome to this Week's Newsletter –**

Here we are - a few short weeks from the end of this year's Toastmaster season, looking forward to our awards dinner at the end of June. If you haven't given me your vote for Toastmaster of The Year, Tenacious Toastmaster and Most Improved Toastmaster, please call me or send me a return email with your choices. Thank you.

### **WHAT HAPPENED?**

This was an exciting week. Speechcraft was finished and we returned to our normal routine. In Pembroke our newest member continued in fine fashion and gave her 4th speech!! She is putting some of us older members to shame. (I'd better dust off my speech manuals!) In Renfrew the group did an activity where they had to read from an article with no preparation and they had to listen intently as each person read for one minute and the next person had to pick up where they left off. Everyone did a great job!

Table Topics in Renfrew will never be forgotten by all who attended. Who could imagine that they would be sitting in a cardboard outhouse pondering the questions supplied by our Table Topics Master....you guessed it, Lynne Kobus. Our guest was the first to step into the box. You will have to come to the wrap up dinner if you want to see the pictures!

In Pembroke we had a variety of characters doing Table Topics, from John Wayne to Barbie, from Elvis Presley to Bugs Bunny and Boy George. Each of these characters discussed their table topics and a great time was had by all.

### **WHO WAS THERE?**

In Renfrew: Lynne K, George, Ruth, Fran, Chris, Osiah, guest April Cappel

In Pembroke: Cleo, Joan, Fran, Nigel, Maria, Kevin

### **WHAT ELSE?**

Next week the Pembroke Club members have been invited to attend the Monday night meeting in Renfrew. If you need a ride, check with Nigel.

Our wrap up dinner will either be at Highway 17 West in Cobden on Monday, June 25th. Time: 6:00 pm. I believe we will be ordering from the menu.

This will be our last meeting, so if anyone has any speeches they would like to give, now is the time. This will be a joint meeting of the two groups - Pembroke & Renfrew - and we look forward to seeing everyone along with their friends and families.

The Arnprior club continues to meet through the summer, so if anyone wants to do some speeches, this is an option. Also, we could arrange a get-together over the summer if desired.

Please make sure that your manuals are all up to date with your speeches logged in the back and signed. If not, bring them to the next meeting.

#### SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

We need to increase the membership both in Renfrew and Pembroke if we are to continue. I would appreciate some suggestions as to how we can grow our membership. Any and all ideas would be appreciated. Plans are in the works to have weekly articles in both papers throughout the summer with a start date of the 2nd week of September for both clubs. Hopefully everyone saw Lynne's article in this weeks Renfrew Weekender.

I have thought about having another Speechcraft session in October and also have considered the possibility of "Lunch 'N' Learn" sessions - perhaps a 4-6 weeks or more.

See you soon  
Fran