

Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter – June 6, 2008

Here we are, almost at the end of our Toastmasters year. Have you accomplished the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of the year?

Did you actually set some goals for yourself at the beginning of the year?

Well, whether you did or you didn't, you will have a chance to begin again. That's the beauty of Toastmasters.

During the summer you will have the chance to re-evaluate your goals and come back in September ready to accomplish them. Then take a moment to speak with the VP of Education for your club about what you hope to accomplish. The VP Ed will help you keep track during the year and gently encourage you if you get off track.

NOTE: Our wrap up meeting will be held on Monday, June 30th at 236 Hall Avenue in Renfrew from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Becca Platthy will be in charge of the menu (which is potluck, just let her know what you are bringing so that she will have an idea). You can reach her at b_platthy@hotmail.com.

And now, on with the weekly news!

Who was there and what happened?

The theme for the **Pembroke** meeting was "Be Prepared" and those in attendance (Bill, Angie, Ellen, Donna, Debra, Cleo and Fran) were prepared to step into the vacant roles as needed.

Ellen offered the Toast, Donna stepped up to present the Word, Bill told a story and Debra gave an Educational Tip on choosing a Topic. Angie was the Timer, Ellen the Grammarian/Ah Counter, Debra the Quizmaster and Bill the General Evaluator. Fran gave a speech which was evaluated by Cleo.

Renfrew's theme was "First Time" and we had two "first timers" giving their Ice Breaker speeches – Deidre Guy and Val Brohart, they were joined by Becca who gave speech #4. Their evaluators were Lynne, Osiah and Fran.

Osiah offered an excellent toast and the Word was presented by Deidre (her first time), while the Story was presented by Jack and the Educational Tip "On Being the Timer" was presented by Fran. The Timer for the meeting was Jack, the Grammarian, Ryan, Marilyn the Ah Counter, Becca the Quizmaster and Jack the General Evaluator. Our Table Topics Master was Lynne who actually took it easy on us (for the first time... *laughing*) which surprised everyone.

Special Events:

Monday, June 30th. – This is our Wrap Up meeting where we present awards and induct our new Executive who were voted in in May 2008. This is an important meeting to celebrate endings and new beginnings and we would encourage all past and present members to come out for some fun and fellowship. Guests are also welcome at this event, so bring your family and friends.

Awards - We will be presenting Toastmaster of the Year Awards at this time. At the end of this email is the criteria for the Award and a place for you to register your vote. Please return your vote to Fran either in person or by return email before June 17th in order that we can prepare the plaques for presentation.

We will also be awarding a Most Improved Toastmaster. Please give me your votes for this as well. (See end of email for ballot)

Next week meeting roles:

June 9th - Roles for Renfrew – Theme is Father's Day:

Joke/Story – Lynne

Quizmaster – Val

Table Topics Master – Ryan

Speakers – George, Osiah, Val

Still Needed: Toastmaster, Toast, Word, Educational Tip, Timer, Grammarian, Ah Counter, General Evaluator

June 10th . - Roles for Pembroke – Theme is Father's Day:

Toastmaster – Debra

Word - Debra

Joke/Story – Donna

Speakers – Angie

Still needed: Toast, Educational Tip, Timer, Grammarian, Ah Counter, Quiz Master, General Evaluator, Table Topics Master, Evaluator

See you all next soon

Fran

PS. WEBPAGES:

www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersRenfrew.html and

www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersPembroke.html

www.toastmastersdistrict61.org

www.toastmasters.org

Toastmaster of the Year Guidelines:

1. Enthusiasm – Does the member reflect enthusiasm for fellow members, for the club and for Toastmasters.
2. Dedication – Does the member readily and enthusiastically accept all assignments and willingly contribute to the Club's well-being.
3. Helping others – Does the member evaluate others' speeches with the purpose of recognizing achievement, fostering continued improvement, and building self-esteem?
4. Attendance – Does the member attend on a regular basis, missing as few meetings as possible?
5. Sponsoring - Has the member sponsored any new members?
6. Mentoring – Has the member mentored any club members?
7. Contest Participation - Has the member participated in club contests in any way – organizing, chairing, timing, counting votes, speaking?
8. Educationals - Has the member presented Educational Tips?

Most Improved Toastmaster

1. Enthusiasm – Demonstrates enthusiasm for club, Toastmasters and fellow members.
2. Dedication – Has willingly taken on meeting roles and performed them to the best of their ability.
3. Attendance – Has attended on a regular basis.
4. Has made significant progress from the beginning of the year in the quality of their speeches, their ability to perform a meeting role, and/or their general self-confidence.

Current Member List – Pembroke

Cleo Lamping
Angie Goudie
Bill Halkett
Gerald Rollins
Jane Dougherty
Debra Lloyd
JoJo Burgess
Ellen Vandersleen
Maged Fanous
Fran Watson
Nigel Reynolds
John Munkittrick

Current Member List – Renfrew

Ben MacMurchy
Marg Solar
George Hooper
Osiah Horst
Joan Morgan
Chris Cobus
April Cappel
Jack Stekelenburg
Marilyn York
Becca Platthy
Ryan Stuart
Val Brohart
Lynne Kobus
Wellwood Smith
Pat Maloney
Fran Watson
Nigel Reynolds
John Munkittrick
Joe Almassy
Don Eady

BALLOT:

I would like to nominate: _____
for TM of the year.

I would like to nominate _____
For Most Improved TM.

Signature: _____