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

**Congratulations to Lynne who faced her demons and presented her speech in Ottawa at the Division B Contest. She did a great job!!**

**Who was there?** In Renfrew we welcomed back Jim McLeod and Joan Morgan after extended absences. Marg, Lynne, George, Osiah, Nigel and Fran rounded out the crowd.

Marg and Lynne came to Pembroke and were joined by Nigel, John, Maria, Kevin and Fran.

**What happened?** In Renfrew we were treated to 2 speeches. George with a toast to Lynne which was evaluated by Marg and Osiah with his first speech from the Storyteller's Manual evaluated by Fran. Table Topics were presented by Fran and each person chose a number between 1 and 41 to see what their topic would be. Some of the topics were quite challenging, but everyone did a great job. Marg also took on the role of Toastmaster and was well prepared with information on Goal Setting.

In Pembroke, Kevin got a break from timing and took on the role of presenting the Word, Maria did a great job with being the Toastmaster and Marg presented the Educational Tip. Lynne had an opportunity to see how well the Pembroke group could act as one brain as Marg and Nigel planned a trip, Kevin and Fran went shopping for a dress and Maria and John tried to decide how to spend their hard earned money on sporting events.

**What else?** We confirmed the intent to have special events in both Renfrew and Pembroke and have set the dates for the 23rd and 24th of April which will be open to the public to learn how to present a toast - Tips & Techniques for Toasting?? What do you think of that title? Please let me know what you think would catch people's attention. I would like to get an interview performed by the local papers to promote it.

The other event will be a 4 week Speechcraft. Each will be limited to 15 participants and will be held the week of May 7th to May 29th, leaving us 3-4 weeks to finish up our year.

We also need to decide if we want to continue on a bi-weekly basis through the summer. Please think about this and let me know.

For the April 23rd/24th nights (A Night of Toasting) we can send notices to the local churches and invite anyone in the community who will be giving a toast at a wedding or a reception over the next few months to come and learn a bit about giving toasts. We can give them samples and let them practice in small groups with a Toastmaster member and then give their toast in the second half of the meeting. We can get the newspaper to do a story on Toastmasters and upcoming events. We can post the information on Cogeco.

Any other ideas? Anyone want to take on one of the above??

For the Speechcraft class of 4 weeks from May 8 to May 29th, we need volunteers for both clubs. I am looking for at least 3 or 4 Toastmasters to help get it started. I had proposed a fee of \$25.00 for the 4 weeks. What do you think about that? Is it too high? Do you think we

should do it for free? Maybe \$10 for the 4 weeks? We could provide coffee & Timbits with the \$\$.

The theme for next week's meeting is Commitment.

The spring conference is in Gatineau April 27-29 and registration is now \$175 . The room cost is \$109 for single or double.

Til next week  
Fran