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

This Newsletter has to start off with the following information:

**Way to Go Lynne!!!!!!!!!! Lynne came 2nd in the International Speech Contest tonight in Arnprior and goes on to the Division Contest on Saturday, March 24th at 9:30 am at Tunney's Pasture!!**

**Lynne sends thanks to each and every person who gave her feedback at the club level. She says she wouldn't have made it this far without the feedback.**

We had another two great meetings this week. The theme was Speaking Out / Know Your Audience.

**Who was there?** – Renfrew's group included: Marg, Chris, Candice, Lynne K, Fran, George, Osiah, Wellwood, Nigel

In Pembroke we had a visitor who apparently left about 5 minutes before Marg and I got there. *Now that I have to pick up my grandson on Tuesday nights, I don't get to Pembroke until at least 6:45 and sometimes closer to 7:00. If anyone is available earlier, it would be appreciated if you could be at the school by 6:40.* - Kevin Wright returned for another meeting and was accompanied by Maria, Marg, Nigel and Fran.

**What happened?** – Well in Renfrew we had 4 speeches. Both Marg and George recently completed their Competent Communicator and are starting on their Advanced Manuals, so they took the opportunity to polish off two speeches each as they both presented and accepted their badges! We also officially welcomed Chris Cobus and Candice Dick by voting them in and having them repeat their Toastmasters promise.

Osiah led the meeting as Toastmaster. He was well prepared and did an excellent job. The timing duties were shared by Nigel and Fran as Nigel was also doing the evaluating of Marg's speeches. Lynne was practicing for the Evaluation Contest and did George's evaluations. The Toast and the Table Topics were about knowing your audience when you are speaking out and we learned about some of the customs around the world in the Toast, while in the Table Topics we learned how to approach different groups of people with the same topic.

In Pembroke, the theme was the same with Nigel taking on the role of Toastmaster, Maria doing the Toast, Quizmaster and Table Topics and assisting Kevin with the timing. Kevin took on the role of Timer and did a great job for his first time. Marg presented her speech on the ANZAC soldiers, which is from her advanced Manual. Fran evaluated Marg and everyone else evaluated Fran as she was going to participate in the Evaluation Contest.

**What's new?** George was surprised as his name was called at the Area Contest and he received a special pin, presented by Simon Parcher on behalf of our District Governor, Sue Dalati. Marg had received her pin when Lynne Zander visited our club a few weeks ago.

What else? Wellwood Smith has persuaded George Hooper to take on the role of VP Education, as his health has not been the best lately.

**There will NOT BE A MEETING in Pembroke next Tuesday night** as the school is closed for March break. Pembroke members are invited to come down to Renfrew with Nigel. Give him a call at 584-3311 to arrange a ride.

On Monday, March 19th, I will not be at the Renfrew meeting as I have another commitment. George and Wellwood will be handling this meeting and will need all your help. The theme for the meeting is Impromptu Speaking, so be prepared, you never know what role you will be asked to take on.....!

**Next week's theme is St. Patrick's Day!! Feel free to wear a little green!!** So far we have the following volunteers: Marg Toast, Lynne Word, Candice Icebreaker, Osiah, speech #10, Lynne will be evaluating Osiah and Marg will be evaluating Candice. If you would like to take on a role, give me a call 613-649-2950 and I will put you on the agenda..

The division speech contest will be held in Ottawa on March 24th. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on our Lynne and Fred Schuck (who was the first place winner in both contests).

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

P.S. Let me know if I missed anything.

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