

## **Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter – November 3, 2007**

The meetings keep getting better and better!! Great nights in Renfrew and in Pembroke.

**Who was there?** – Fred Schuck had such a good time last week that he came back and brought 3 more Arnprior Club members with him – Carol Byce, Leonore Whelan and Karen Hopewell. They were welcomed by Renfrew members Jack Stekelenburg, Lynne Kobus, Marg Solar, April Cappel, George Hooper, Becca Platthy, Ben MacMurchy, and Fran Watson.

In Pembroke Maria Williams, Cleo Lamping and Fran were joined by Maged Fanous (our newest Pembroke member), and two guests – Robert Ficek and Diana Wilson-Rose.

**What happened?** – Our theme was Hallowe'en and the meeting stayed on theme.

Lynne Kobus took on the role of Toastmaster and did an excellent job using her resources from the Children's Library to tell us some of the history of Hallowe'en and how to keep witches away from our doors. April did an excellent job on the toast and Ben introduced the word of the week (Spooky) while Jack spoke of overcoming his fears on being asked to Chair the Table Topics Contest (see this week's Renfrew Weekender). Marg presented a Toastmasters International Educational on Keeping The Commitment. She did an excellent job. Fran took on the role of Table Topics Master and proved that the group did not have "gnosophobia" or "geliophobia" as they were called upon to give definitions of various phobias.

Jack jumped right in with another speech and was evaluated by Fred Schuck. At this rate Jack will have his Competent Communicator by Christmas and his Advanced Communicator by spring. Anyone up to the challenge of keeping up with him???

In Pembroke Maria took on the role of Toastmaster and also did the Joke/Story. Cleo Lamping offered the Toast and a great Educational Tip on the importance of Timing. Fran introduced the word "discombobulated" and our two guests filled in as Grammarian/Ah Counter (Diana) and Quizmaster (Robert).

In lieu of a speech Fran introduced an activity on using your voice and had the group participate in an exercise where they projected their voice to the back of the room. They couldn't sit down until Cleo could clearly hear them. The group were also challenged to identify various phobias in the Table Topics session.

**What's new?** At this point – 6 new members since June – April, Marilyn, Jack, Becca, Maged and Robert (as soon as I get his paperwork). We will be holding an Induction Ceremony in Renfrew on November 5<sup>th</sup> for the first four members. Keep on inviting those friends and neighbours!!!

**What else? Remember** to tell everyone about our guest speaker in Renfrew on Monday, November the 12<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth Wiebe is a member of Toastmasters in Ottawa and she has also written a book, "Through The Eyes Of An Orphan". We will be having an Open House and inviting the general public to this meeting. Elizabeth will also be doing a book signing at the Renfrew Bookstore from 3:30 to 5:00.

Remember to bring your Competent Leadership Manual to every meeting and have someone evaluate you in the roles you take on.. (For those who forgot last week, talk

to me and we will get your evaluations done.) This way every member should have completed their Competent Leader by the end of the year.

We are having articles published in both the Renfrew and Pembroke papers and Fred is getting articles into the Arnprior Chronicle. Soon Toastmasters won't be much of a secret and hopefully EVERYONE will want to join.

**Question:** Do you have your envelope filled with your Toast, Word, Story & Educational Tip yet? Do you need some help with this? Just let me know and I will help you get set up.

**ROLES:** Roles for Renfrew this week: - Theme "We Remember"

Sgt At Arms – Margaret

Toast – Margaret

Story – Margaret

Quizmaster – Becca

Table Topics Master – April

Speaker #1 – April

Speaker #2 – George

Speaker #3 – Jack

Evaluator #1 – Lynne

Roles to be filled still:

Word

Educational Tip

Timer

Grammarians

Ah Counter

General Evaluator

Evaluator #2

Evaluator #3

For Pembroke – all roles are open.....any volunteers???

**Contests:** The District Contest will be held in Mount Tremblant at the fall conference. Spaces are still available. Check the website ([www.toastmastersdistrict61.org](http://www.toastmastersdistrict61.org)) for more information.

**WEBPAGE:** [www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersRenfrew.html](http://www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersRenfrew.html) and [www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersPembroke.html](http://www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersPembroke.html)

See you soon!!

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