

## **Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter – October 20, 2007**

What a week this was – Starting off with the Area 10 Contest being held at our club to the Division B contest held in Ottawa with 2 presentations to Small Business Owners thrown in the middle.

**Who was there?** - Renfrew had a marvelous turnout this week We had our Division B Governor, Mike Crawford, and many other guests – Beverley Miranda, Fred Schuck, Lenore Whelan, Carol Byce (as Contest Chair for Humorous Speech Contest), Ross Nixon, Bob Brousseau (as Chief Judge), Ed Nicholson, Kim Fraser (interested person), Jean Hooper who filled in as Sgt At Arms, in addition to our members - George and Ben as timers, Jack as Chair, Lynne & Marg as contestants (and helpers in setting up), and Fran as Sgt. At Arms. - as well as the contestants from each of the Area 10 Clubs.

The meeting in Pembroke was cancelled due to the Contest taking place and the presentations on Wednesday.

**What happened?** Jack did an excellent job of Chair for the Table Topics Contest. He stepped up to the plate and pulled it off. Thanks for stepping outside of your comfort zone Jack to do a great job!!

Lynne and Marg were two of the competitors for the Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests. Arnprior's rep was Lynne Zander for both contests, Deep River's participants were Madu Pandit and Barry Sullivan, and the Chalk River rep was Elizabeth Echlin-Harmer.

The speeches were great and the winner of both contests was Lynne Zander. Lynne Kobus came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Humorous Speech Contest. Due to the fact that there were only 4 contestants, only the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners were announced.

Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments and special thanks Chris for bringing your tasty treats even though you were not able to be in attendance. The refreshments were wonderful and were much appreciated by everyone.

Fran had the opportunity to present two workshops on Toastmasters at the Small Business Week seminars in Pembroke. There were 4 people in each session and they were very interested, so we will be looking forward to seeing some guests at our meeting in Pembroke.

### **What's new?**

***Roles for this week's meeting: Ben - Toastmaster, Osiah – Word, April – Ah Counter, Lynne – Table Topics Master and two speakers – Jack and George.***

So, we still need: Toast, Joke/Story, Educational Tip, Timer, Grammarian, Quiz Master, and Evaluators – 2 speech evaluators and 1 General Evaluator.

All Roles are open for Pembroke. Please let me know if you will be available and what roles you can fill.

**What else?**

There are a number of incentives being offered to individual members and to clubs for membership building. Each member is encouraged to speak to at least one person per month about coming to a Toastmasters meeting. The more visitors we have, the more people we can encourage to join.

For anyone who has not submitted their dues for this year, please please bring your chequebooks or cash - \$90 for returning members and \$120 for new members. They have given us a little grace period to get all the dues in. You're your membership current so you won't miss any of the great Toastmaster Magazines.

The District Contest will be held in Mount Tremblant at the fall Conference – Nov 16-18, 2007. Spaces are still available. Check the website ([www.toastmastersdistrict61.org](http://www.toastmastersdistrict61.org)) for more information.

**A reminder**

I would like to see each and every club member prepared to take on any role at any time. Do you have your envelope full of your "Toast", "Word", "Joke/Story" and "Educational Tip" yet? Your Toastmasters magazine is a great source of information for these topics. They don't have to be on a specific theme, and having them prepared in advance will allow you to step into any of the roles at a moment's notice. (It will also greatly cut down on my work...\*smile\*)

I would also like to see each club member take on an Educational Tip using the prepared manuals, especially those who have completed their Competent Communicator as this can be used towards your Advanced Communicator. This takes some time and preparation to be successful, but the manuals are complete and easy to use. Talk to me and I will help you with this.

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Well, that's all for now....another long email to be sure!

See you soon!!

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