

Toastmasters Weekly Newsletter – October 28, 2007

Hope everyone had a wonderful week! Mine was certainly busy and included Stuart McLean of the Vinyl Café who was in Pembroke on Wednesday night. A public speaker who appears very comfortable on stage.

What a night we had in Renfrew this week with 12 people in attendance, two speeches and great table topics.

Who was there? - Renfrew members Jack Stekelenburg, Lynne Kobus, Marg Solar, April Cappel, Marilyn York, George Hooper, Becca Platthy (yes our newest member), Ben MacMurchy, Joan Morgan (welcome back) and Fran Watson were joined by visitors from Arnprior – Fred Schuck and Ross Nixon.

In Pembroke Cleo Lamping and Fran welcomed back Nigel Reynolds and our soon to be member Maged Fanous. We are expecting some new guests within the next few weeks.

What happened? – Our theme was The Unexplained and it took some interesting turns during the meeting.

Ben MacMurchy did an excellent job as Toastmaster introducing the topic and sharing some unexplained things. Fran did the Toast and the Educational Tip while Marg did the Word of the week (Meshuggener) and April talked about her unexplained letter from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. (Actually, it wasn't the letter that was unexplained, it was why her mom kept it for 20 years.) Ben was the winner of the Sparky award.

All roles were filled as George & Fran shared the role of Timer, Becca took on Grammarian, April Ah Counter and Marilyn the Quizmaster. Fred, our guest, did the General Evaluation and was impressed by the quality of our meeting!! (Way to go everyone)

Our two speakers were Jack and George and we learned about the "Spirit of Fire" and abstract art from Jack and more about Winston Churchill from George. They were evaluated by Lynne and Marg. Fred and Lynne tied for the Best Evaluator award.

Lynne was our Table Topics master and she had us explaining the unexplained, such as why we have 5 fingers on our hands. Ross did an excellent job on fielding this one!! He also won the Best Table Topic award.

In Pembroke Fran took on the role of Toastmaster and also did the Toast and Educational Tip. Nigel filled in as Timer and Table Topic Master and Cleo did the General Evaluation. Maged took on the role of Quizmaster. (Way to go Maged, jumping right in and learning.)

What's new? We will be having a guest speaker in Renfrew on Monday, November the 12th. 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.

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 will be discussing this more fully at our "Club Success Plan" meeting on the 24th of September.

What else? Have you seen Lynne's articles in the paper? She is being published in Pembroke as well as Renfrew and her latest story was in last week along with her picture from the Contest.

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.

For Renfrew this week we have almost all the roles filled:
Lynne as Toastmaster, April – Toast, Ben – Word, Marg – Educational Tip (from Speaker Series), Becca – Quiz Master, Marg – General Evaluator, Fran – Table Topics Master, Speakr #1 – Jack, Evaluator #1 – Fran.

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) for more information.

WEBPAGE: www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersRenfrew.html and www.franwatson.ca/ToastmastersPembroke.html have both been updated with newsletters and newspaper articles. If you missed some of the articles in the paper, catch up here. I will continue to update at least monthly.

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

See you soon!!

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