

Reverie of a Potential Toastmaster or Why A Whole Year Has Passed And I Still Haven't Joined Toastmasters.

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Ho hum. Renfrew Toastmasters has already had 2 meetings in September and I still haven't joined. Last year I thought at first that I was just scared, but actually on Monday evenings when Renfrew Toastmasters meets I just don't have the time. Monday evenings are a very busy time for me. There just seems to be one thing after another.

Last year, the Monday after the Renfrew Fair, I had to think about how much fun I had had at the fair. My head was just bursting with so many thoughts that I couldn't concentrate on anything else.

The next Monday evening it was no easier to get to Toastmasters; I had to cut my toenails.

Everything seems to need my attention on Monday evenings. The next week I got two wrong number calls and one call from a telemarketer. With the phone ringing like that, I just couldn't get out the door.

The Monday after Thanksgiving, I had to write a thank you note to the people who invited me to Thanksgiving dinner.

Monday evenings in November were quite busy making up my Christmas card list, then in December it was Christmas present wrapping. In January I had to re-read the Christmas cards I received.

In the first half of February, Monday evenings were for making a special valentine, and, you guessed it, the second half of February I had to read the Valentine I received.

Then it was Easter – decorating before and putting away decorations after.

In May and June, on Monday evenings I had to get my summer gear ready: check the tent, put air in the air mattress to check for leaks, and then pump up the bicycle tires.

All of these things have to be done Monday evening so I can relax for the rest of the week with a clear head.

But wouldn't you know it, once my Monday evenings were free in July and August, Renfrew Toastmasters had no meetings. Ho hum. I guess I will have to free up some time this year, but I've already missed two or three meetings. Well, at least I've contemplated the fair and cut my toenails.

I really am not afraid to go to Toastmasters, just too busy. People tell me it is a fun evening and the first three meetings I can attend for free. Maybe I will be able to free up

my time to attend Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at 236 Hall Avenue in the Common Room. I think I will call one of those numbers for information – 649-2950 or 432-7557.

What about you? What is your reason for not attending Toastmasters? Perhaps you already are comfortable speaking in front of a group, but would like to be able to say what you have to say in a more concise manner, perhaps you are just not sure about the people you will meet there (let me tell you, they are a great group and you will have fun). Why not give it a try.

