



VALLEY VINTAGE ADVANCED CLUB #1430971 **NEWSLETTER**

2013-2014

JULY 2013



EXECUTIVE INDUCTION

Maureen Whittaker (President & Area 10 Governor), Francine Fortin (VP Education), Fran Watson (VP Publicity), Ed Nicholson (VP Membership), Lenore Whelan (Secretary), Lynne Zander (Treasurer), Brad Dota (SAA)

AREA 10 GOVERNORS

Vintage Advanced Club travels to different venues up and down the Ottawa Valley. Area 10 consists of six clubs: Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke, Chalk River Labs, Deep River and Valley Vintage Advanced. The Valley Vintage Advanced Club gives members of the other clubs a chance to come together to further their learning experience within Toastmasters. Most of the VVA home meetings are held at the Quail Creek Retirement Centre in Renfrew.

AUGUST 2013



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC – ARNPRIOR

TOASTMASTERS MEMBERS from Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke, Valley Vintage, & Context joined a bunch of teddy bears for an evening of fun, food & fellowship

The venue for August was in Arnprior, right next to the beautiful Madawaska River. The members joined in singing the Teddy Bear Picnic Song, while our own Lynne Zander showed her musical talents by performing a rap for us. Eighteen members & guests emerged themselves in a night of teddy bears, with poems, songs, stories, jokes and table topics.

SEPTEMBER 2013

Theme: Crazy Hat Day at 17 Bar & Grill in Cobden, Ontario



Simon & Maureen



Francine & Lynne



Brian Sutton & Lynne Zander

Every Valley Vintage Advanced Club meeting has a theme. Using the theme for the roles of Word, Table Topics and Opening Thought allows members the challenge of aligning these roles with the Theme of the Night.

Contestants in the Combined Club Contests: Humorous Speech & Evaluation Contests



Representing Valley Vintage: Lenore Whelan for Humorous Speech & Lynne Zander for Evaluation Contest. Contest Chairs: Francine Fortin & Maureen Whittaker. Division B Governor Lori Holloway
Fall Humorous & Evaluation Contests were held at the Arnprior Public Library with contestants from Arnprior, Renfrew & Valley Vintage Advanced.

AREA 10 HUMOUROUS SPEECH AND EVALUATION CONTESTS held in Petawawa Public Library



Area 10 Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contestants came together representing six area clubs. The contest was held at the Petawawa Library.

Lynne Zander and Tracey Franken advanced to the Division B Contest.

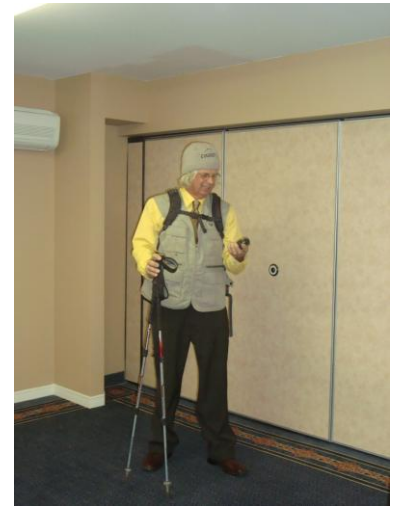
OCTOBER 2013



Valley Vintage Advanced Club meetings are fun and challenging with themes like Pick a Country, in which members dressed up to represent different countries and cultural backgrounds.

This picture shows members representing: Russia, Canada, Italy, Ireland, England, and Spain.

Part of the Valley Vintage Advanced Club meetings is the Valley View Segment. This gives an opportunity for members to research, explore and present aspects of the Ottawa Valley. We learn many things about the historical, geographical, and genealogy that make up the riches in this great part of Canada. This picture is a "blast from the past" as Jack Stekelenburg took us "trekking through the valley".



NOVEMBER 2013

Valley Vintage Advanced continues with themes like Puzzles & Games as well as Aviation Month.



Members learned about the Renfrew Squadron Air Cadets when two special young ladies were introduced by the evening's Toastmaster Francine Fortin.

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Fran Watson used the opportunity to present a storytelling speech on "Amelia" - a historical accounting of Amelia Earhart.



DECEMBER 2013



Christmas Party at the Renfrew Tea Room, Valley Vintage Advanced Club's favourite place to eat.

The Renfrew Tea Room has wonderful owners, a great atmosphere, good food and was an excellent place to celebrate as Valley Vintage closed out 2013.



JANUARY 2014 –



HAPPY NEW YEAR - A new year brings new opportunities, new challenges and new adventures on the journey within Valley Vintage Advanced Toastmasters. Themes like Fabulous Wild Men & Winter Carnival come to mind.

FEBRUARY 2014

Valley Vintage Members were not spared from having to take a couple of snow days off this month.

This February we travelled to Arnprior to try a new Restaurant called "The Press Café", a cosy restaurant near Canadian Tire.

The theme for the month of February was the Olympics. Members learned about the financial cost of the Olympics as well as other historical data and had an opportunity to participate in table topics on the theme as well.

February began our Spring Contests.



Table Topics Contestants Brad Dota & Lenore Whelan Chairs: Maureen Whittaker & Susan Gauthier

The Spring Club Contest was, once again, a combined contest with contestants from Renfrew, Arnprior & Valley Vintage Advanced.

Advancing to Area 10 contest, representing Valley Vintage was Lenore Whelan

MARCH 2014



AREA 10 CONTESTANTS – INTERNATIONAL SPEECH & TABLE TOPICS CONTESTS ADVANCING TO DIVISION B ED NICHOLSON (TABLE TOPICS), FRED SCHUCK (INTERNATIONAL SPEECH – ENGLISH) AND LYNNE ZANDER (INTERNATIONAL SPEECH – FRENCH)

Area 10 International Speech & Table Topics Contests were held at the Arnprior Public Library. Although six area clubs were represented in the Area Contest, if you look closely at the above picture – seven contestants are also Valley Vintage Advanced Club members.



District 61 President's Luncheon at Montebello March 15, 2014

On March 15th, five Valley Vintage Advanced Club Members travelled to Montebello Chateau for a District 61 President's Appreciation Lunch. Although there were five Valley Vintage members, they were actually representing four different clubs, including Stats Canada, Valley Vintage, Arnprior & Deep River.



CLUB RECOGNITIONS:

- 1. Francine Fortin, our VP Education, presented Brad Dota with a special appreciation award during a Valley View presentation**
- 2. Area 10 Governor Maureen Whittaker presented district pins to four Valley Vintage Members for completing 6 communication and/or leadership manuals.**



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Will continue to travel to different venues to enjoy a meal, give great productive fun meetings, network with members from different clubs and socialize with other area clubs.

Keep your eyes open and your motor running – Valley Vintage Advanced Club is on the move. In May we will be holding two meetings up the valley in Pembroke, hoping to attract new members from that area.