

Kent Speakers Newsletter – April '06

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From the President....

Goodness ... only room for a sentence this time. All I have to say is 'thank goodness spring is on its way!'

Kat xx

How Did We Do at the Area Speech and Evaluation Competition?...

The 25th March saw the annual **Area Speech and Evaluation Contest** in which **Kent Speakers** took part. **Frankie Gahan**, **Robert Sproats** and **Kat Robertson** all won the opportunity to take part at the club competition on 1st March. Sadly, however, both **Frankie** and **Robert** were unable to attend, leaving **Kat** as the sole representative of **Kent Speakers** and taking part in both competitions. Happily though, a **Kent Speaker** that we hadn't seen for some time, our very own **David Wilson**, emerged from the woodwork at the last minute and joined in the evaluation competition. Well done and a huge thanks to **David** for stepping forward at the last hour! **David** made a great effort in his evaluation but was unplaced this time and **Kat** came third in both competitions. Over all it was an enjoyable (if slightly nervy) afternoon ... till next year

Area News....

As mentioned in the February issue of this newsletter, as the number of Toastmaster clubs continues to grow, occasionally a little shifting around of clubs has to take place to keep the Areas and Divisions in balance. **Kent Speakers** is currently in **Area 35** alongside **Bromley Speakers** and **Speakers of Croydon**. However, in the past year two new new clubs within the area have started: **Croydon Communicators** and **Meridian Speakers**. It seems likely that there will be more clubs in the next few years. So, it has been decided that **Kent Speakers** is going to become part of **Area 37** with **Tunbridge Wells Speakers Club**, **Premier Communicators of Canterbury** and **The Toasted Sandwich** at Pfizer. There is also a new **Margate** club starting. Certainly, geographically, it seems to make sense. If anyone would like to know more, please contact the president.

Member News....

A very warm welcome goes to our newest member, **Steve Raeside** who joined **Kent Speakers** at the meeting of 1st March. **Steve** has the responsible and nerve racking job of making a best man's speech at a wedding later this year and has come to us in the hope that we can help him along in his preparation and allow him to practice speaking in front of an audience. We sincerely hope that **Steve** finds his time with us of use as well as being a lot of fun.

The Next Area Governor is Announced....

As with club officership, Toastmasters International 'heirarchy' changes every year. For those new to Toastmasters, this change takes place at the end of June. So, this coming July, you will have a new Area Governor, which, believe it or not, will be your very own **Kat Robertson**. **Kat** will be Area Governor of **Area 37**, explained in the 'Area News' bit of this newsletter. This doesn't make any difference to **Kat's** involvement with **Kent Speakers**, it simply means that she will also be 'overseeing' other clubs in the area as well as area events such as the competitions and officer training.

Upcoming Events....

22nd April – Division H Speech and Evaluation Competition – The Division H Speech and Evaluation Competition will be held at Hilton Avisford Park, near Arundel, West Sussex. If you would like to attend, please let **Kat** know and you will be given further details of where and when it is being held.

Contact the President....

Contact the president directly at kathlizrobert@yahoo.co.uk or 07891 139761.

Club Officers: President - Kat Robertson • VP-Education - Peter Fox • VP-Membership - David Wilson • VP-Public Relations - Adam Eckley • Treasurer - Frankie Gahan • Secretary - Frankie Gahan • Sergeant at Arms - Adam Eckley and Kat Robertson