

# Kent Speakers Newsletter – February '06

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## From the President....

Well it seems I don't have much room this month, so I'll just say that it's great to see the club begin to thrive again after a bit of a lull as new and very welcome guests are coming along and gradually the club is starting to build again. That vibrant atmosphere is making a come-back – lets keep it going....  
*Kat xx*

## The Kent Speakers Website....

What would you like to see on the Kent Speakers website? How do you think it could be better used? Does it do enough in welcoming new comers to Kent Speakers? As you now see, **the Kent Speakers newsletter is now being posted on the website for all to read.** However, websites can be an invaluable source of information and as we have found can help enormously in enabling people new to Toastmasters to find us. We would like to make as much of the Kent Speakers website as possible and would welcome any suggestions about how you think it could be better used. Please speak to any of the club officers and make your thoughts known!

## Area News....

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 in the next year or so. So those higher up in the toastmasters hierarchy have decided that perhaps it would be better if **Kent Speakers** were to move to **Area 37** with **Tunbridge Wells Speakers Club, Premier Communicators of Canterbury** and **The Toasted Sandwich** at Pfizer. It has been mentioned within **Kent Speakers** in the past that it would make more sense for us to belong the Kent clubs rather than the London clubs. If this goes ahead, it is likely to be from July onwards (the start of the new toastmasters year). If any **Kent Speakers** members would like to know more or wish to lodge any objection please contact **Kat Robertson**.

## Member News....

We can announce the arrival of a **new member** and give a very warm and heartfelt **Kent Speakers** welcome to **Sharon Jacobs**. Though the paperwork has still to be processed, the necessities have been received by us from Sharon and that is perfectly good enough for us to now class her as a member. **Sharon** first came along to our meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> January and decided to join at the very next meeting. We hope that she will thoroughly enjoy her time with us.

## Upcoming Events....

**1<sup>st</sup> March – Club Speech and Evaluation Competition** - It's that time of year when those who wish to take part in the club speech and evaluation competition need to start thinking about their speeches and evaluation tactics! For those new to toastmasters, this is the first round of competition in the **International Speech and Evaluation Competition**. There are a number of subsequent rounds at area, division and district level before the final competition in the US takes place, the winner of each level proceeding to next. As daunting as it sounds and as nerve racking as it can be, those that have taken part will tell you that it is immensely self-satisfying to take on the challenge and (surprisingly) very enjoyable. **So get thinking and have a go ... it's all in good fun!** If you do wish to have a go can you please let **Kat Robertson**, the president, and **Peter Fox**, the VP-Education know so we can schedule the meeting accordingly.

**25<sup>th</sup> March – Area Competition** – This year the area competition will be hosted by **Bromley Speakers**. The precise time and location will be given in due course.

## Contact the President....

Contact the president directly at [kathlizrobert@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kathlizrobert@yahoo.co.uk) or 07891 139761.

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