

**** Kent Speakers Newsletter ****
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From the President....

Well it's that time of year again to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. I'm sure as I get older, time is speeding up as the years seem to be passing faster and faster! And though it may only be a change of date, this time of year for me generally brings about great thoughts of change and new beginnings. Many of you will know that earlier in 2005 I suffered a great loss in the somewhat premature passing of my Mum after illness. This experience, combined with the apparent increasingly rapid changeover from one year to the next has made me acutely aware of my own mortality and how short life is. Indeed, we can never know just how short it will be. Now this isn't meant to be a morbid statement. It is in fact quite the opposite, as I now have a constant reminder at the back of my mind telling me to make sure that I thoroughly enjoy the life that I have; to live it to the full; and to see positivity in everything. Sometimes it can be difficult and I admit that I don't always succeed, but I do try. Last night I had a Chinese meal with my Dad. He had a fortune cookie – the message inside read, 'life is a promise – fulfill it.' I think I'm going to make that my new year resolution. What's going to be yours? With much love and light....

Kat xx

Meetings in 2006....

Next Kent Speakers Meeting

Wednesday 18th January

7.30pm

at

The Spitfire Pub

**Then every 1st and 3rd
Wednesday of the month.**

**Tell your friends, tell your family,
tell...everyone....**

*Half way through the
toastmaster's year....*

At the end of December, we are now half way through the Toastmaster's year which brings us to a good point in the year to take a look at how the club is doing; what we have achieved over the last 6 months; and what we need to do during the next 6 months and beyond. Back in the July newsletter a number of goals were outlined that we were aiming to achieve. Many of these involved profiling the club to a greater extent and getting and retaining more members. Of these we have been successful in a number of them including:

- getting the website back up;
- extensive advertising of the club;
- full entry into the autumn humorous speech contest;
- keeping club members continually updated on club matters via a monthly newsletter;
- and we have gained 3 new members.

Maintaining the friendly supportive atmosphere that Kent Speakers has become known for of course goes without saying! We still have a long way to go with regards to building the club but gradually more and more people are coming along as guests and we currently have approximately another 3 people who have expressed a desire to join but we have yet to process the paperwork! Over the coming weeks, among other things, we will also be looking at those who could be in for achieving a toastmasters Communication or Leadership goal – so be on your toes for great things to come.

Things are looking up me thinks!

Contact the President....

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