

Kent Speakers Newsletter – July'05

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From the President....

Welcome to the first Kent Speakers' newsletter of the 2005/6 toastmasters year! 'New Beginnings' would be an apt title for the first edition of this monthly newsletter. Many will agree that the past year has not been the greatest of years for the club. Sadly we have seen a decline in our member numbers and the once thriving atmosphere has been a little sparse of bodies of late. As disappointing as this may be, I have been heartened by the staying power and professionalism of the club's remaining members. Despite only having a small number of people at club meetings, we have maintained an air of professionalism, camaraderie and support. As we enter the new toastmasters year, I believe that it is these qualities that will see us bloom over the next twelve months.

Below I have outlined the targets that I would like to see the club achieve by the end of this toastmasters year.

- Obtain 12 new members.
- Consistently achieve at least 18 people at every club meeting.
 - Get the website up and running ASAP.
 - Profile and advertise the club as much as our budget and personal energy levels will allow.
- Four club members to obtain their CTM award.
- Two club members to obtain their ATM-B award.
- Two club members to obtain their Competent Leader (CL) award.
 - Introduce a buddy/mentoring system.
- Entry into both the autumn humorous speech contest and the spring international speech contest.
- To keep club members updated on all club affairs.
 - Produce a monthly newsletter.
 - Continually update the website.
- Greater interaction with, and, more 'getting to know' our fellow toastmasters at our neighbouring area clubs.
- To maintain the friendly supportive atmosphere that Kent Speakers has become known for.

I believe that with hard work, determination and perseverance, all of the above are well within our reach. From the attitude and 'feeling' for the club that I have observed in the remaining die-hard members, I am confident that this club will once again be a thriving community of those passionate about communication.

Kat xx

Member News....

Well done to **David Wilson** for achieving his CTM award. David, who has been a member of the club for just over a year. We always enjoy listening to David and 'hope there is more from where that came from!'

Also, to **Peter Fox** for achieving his ATM-B award. Currently our most advanced toastmaster, Peter continues to set a great example to us all in his enthusiasm for speech giving. And after almost two years of club membership, **Kat Robertson** finally achieved her CTM award last month.

Area News....

Changes and achievements have been taking place over the last month or so within our area. The **Premier Communicators of Canterbury**, the **Toasted Sandwich** club at Pfizer and the **Tunbridge Wells Speakers Club** have all reached Charter status with Toastmasters International. Congratulations to them all and lets hope we have some great contests and get-togethers in the future!

With all these new clubs springing up around Kent, it has now been decided that **the Kent Area will be split in to two new areas**. One will comprise: **Kent Speakers; Bromley Speakers; and Speakers of Croydon**. The other will comprise: **Premier Communicators of Canterbury; The Toasted Sandwich; and Tunbridge Wells Speakers Club**.

Contact the President....

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