

Kent Speakers Newsletter – November '05

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From the President....

Eer...whoops, there's one for the ah counter...just a quick word this time. I was thinking about the last meeting...you know...the one in which I managed to get food, love, sex and mice all the same speech! Isn't it great that we live in a society where we really do have freedom of speech and belong to an organisation where we can practice it. I don't mean to sound American and cheesy, but hooray to toastmasters for that! *Kat xx*

Division Competition....

Saturday 15th October saw the annual division humorous speech and table topics competition in which our very own **Frankie Gahan** took part. After **winning the area table topics competition** back in September, **Frankie** was launched to higher levels competing against all the other area winners of our division. Alas, this time he wasn't placed. It was, however, a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon during which some funny speeches were heard as well as some interesting table topic responses. It was also a great opportunity to catch up with friends from other toastmaster clubs. *It's the taking part and all that!*

Meeting on 16th November – last one of the calendar year....

Hopefully everyone will have received the email from the president explaining the intention of the next meeting on the 16th November. Just to make sure, here is a little reiteration....

"This is our last scheduled meeting of the calendar year and we wish to make it an evening of fun and enjoyment for all our members and guests. Instead of prepared speeches and the 'usual' table topics session, it will be an evening of games and laughter. In a relaxed atmosphere everyone will be able to just let their hair down for the evening and end the year on a high note."

From past experience, as we get closer to Christmas, people become a little preoccupied with other festivities so it makes sense to take a little break at this time. It is hoped that everyone will wish to come along and enjoy the silliness!

Member News....

Well would you believe it – this is the third month in a row during which we can announce the 'signing up' of a **new member!** A very warm welcome goes to **Marie Jensen** who decided to take the plunge and become a member at our last meeting. **Marie** has been coming along to our meetings for a month or two now and already we have seen her gain confidence, taking part more and more with each successive meeting. We hope that **Marie** will really enjoy her time spent with us as we help her gain even more confidence and become an accomplished speaker.

Upcoming Events....

18th Oct – Toastmasters at Kent Learning Showcase exhibition, Best Western Manor Hotel, Gravesend.

25th Oct – Toastmasters at Kent Learning Showcase, Ashford International Hotel, Ashford.

As most of you will be aware by now, the above events are aimed at increasing public awareness and raising the profile of Toastmasters clubs all over Kent. By coming together and putting on a demonstration meeting for interested people to attend, all clubs will benefit by gaining new members. The agenda and general organisation of us Toastmasters for the event is being carried out by **Alan Collins** of **Tunbridge Wells Speakers**. Some members of **Kent speakers** have already come forward as willing to take part. If anyone else wishes to take part then please let the president know ASAP.

Contact the President....

Contact the president directly at kathlizrobert@yahoo.co.uk or 01732 872930.

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