



Toast it Notes

Sears-Halifax Toastmasters No: 1555

Special Interest Dates:

- 25 Sept Word on the Street at Pier 21
- 29 Sept for the Club Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests
- 11 Oct for the Area Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests
- ? Oct Region Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests
- The District conference is 4-6 Nov

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Message from the President

It is my privilege and honour to serve as President for Sears Halifax Toastmasters Club 1555 during the 2005/06 term. We have an enthusiastic Executive that is eager to provide support and guidance to existing and new members throughout the year. And as in previous years our club is open to guests and new members at each and every meeting.

Toastmasters International is built around “integrity, dedication to excellence, service to the member, and respect for the individual”, and our Club is committed to maintaining these values. The program is dedicated to improvement of

communication skills, and we strive to develop our speaking, listening and thinking skills through leadership, participation and mentoring.

This is a special year for our club as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. A celebration to commemorate this event will occur early in the New Year, and I encourage all members to partake in this special milestone. The Executive and I look forward to this coming year, and are available to answer any questions you may have about the club or the Toastmasters International program.

Respectfully
David Hubley
President

Membership Contest (Membership Mania)

Whether you're in business or use businesses the value of referrals is obvious. If you have an acquaintance that you think would benefit from Toastmasters (and there are many!), "refer" them to Toastmasters. There is nothing to loose by anyone. Your friend will appreciate the Toastmaster visiting experience, which could lead them to even greater benefits should they join. You, as host have the satisfaction of helping your friend.

To make it even more satisfying to you, our membership-building contest

will provide ongoing recognition and a grand prize to the winner. The motto for the contest is

"You bring a guest, we'll do the rest!"

How to Win

3 points for bringing a guest,
1 point if guest returns,
5 points if guest joins.

Ralph Smith
VP of Membership



Become a Mentor!

At Sears Halifax Toastmasters we are very fortunate to have a diverse membership, ranging from brand new Toastmasters to Advanced and Distinguished Toastmasters.

This year, we are re-invigorating a club Mentorship Program. Each new member will be assigned a Mentor, and current members will be assigned a Mentor upon request. If you are interested in participating in our Mentoring Program or have any questions, please contact the VP of Education, CTM Sally Arsenault, at searshalifaxtoastmasters@yahoo.ca.

The goal of Toastmasters is to become better speakers, and we can help each other accomplish this goal by sharing our knowledge and experience. Senior Toastmasters can provide encouragement and guidance to newer members, and the newer Toastmaster brings his or her own unique personality and special talents to the club. We all have something to offer, and helping others can be a very rewarding experience.

Check out our message board!!

<http://searstms.proboards44.com/index>.

Sally Arsenault
VP of Education



“Interested in giving the target speech at the Area Evaluation Contest. Contact our president Dave Hubley.”

50th Anniversary

The Sears Halifax Toastmasters Club No. 1555 will be celebrating its 50th charter anniversary in 2006. An anniversary committee has been created to organize a gala celebration under the chairmanship of Jim McMorran with Sally Arsenault, Karen Caldwell, Joyce Glasner, Tony Easton, Rick Joseph, Ken Lemoine, Denis Liboiron, Ralph Smith on the committee.

Subject to finalizing a venue for the gala event, the date of the gala will be on Saturday, February 25th, 2006, the actual date of the club charter, fifty years ago.

Sally Arsenault is coordinator of door prizes, silent auction items, etc. and is looking for donations from anyone who can help in this area.

Ralph Smith is in charge of obtaining advertising, business card to be printed in the program at a cost of \$50.00 per ad. These ads can be a personal message and/ or an ad for your respective place of work.

A sub-committee has also been formed that is contacting all past members as can be reached to make them aware of this celebration.

The Anniversary Planning Committee is counting on each current member of the club for support and help in promoting this event. Please keep an eye out for additional updates in the club newsletter.

Jim McMorran
Anniversary Committee

Word On The Street

The 11th Annual The Word On The Street (WOTS) will take place at Pier 21 On Sunday, September 25 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Halifax is one of five Canadian cities, which annually celebrate reading and writing and highlight the importance of literacy in our lives. WOTS and all of the associated events are FREE. The other Canadian cities involved in WOTS are Toronto, Kitchener, Calgary, and Vancouver. In Halifax this event involves authors, publishers, retail book and magazine sellers, writers' federations, libraries, universities, Neptune Theatre, and Symphony Nova Scotia to name a few. In short, anyone with an interest in reading, writing, and literacy is involved. Halifax WOTS attracts about 40,000 people to this event each year.

WOTS is set up (mostly indoors) at Pier 21 on Marginal Road in the south end of Halifax with about 50 stages/booths. There are a number of stages where authors present 15 - 30 minute readings (11AM - 5PM) and take questions from the audience. In addition, author book signings take place throughout the day at various locations. The stages include Adult Reading stages, Kids Reading stages, and a Main Stage with a combination of spoken word presentations and entertainment.

The involvement of Toastmasters in this event comes into play at the stages where the various authors present their 15 - 30 minute readings. A Toastmaster introduces each author, thanks him or her at the end of the reading, presents him or her with a cheque (honorarium - cheques are prepared and a list provided), and gets

Editorial

It is my pleasure to be the VP of Public Affairs for this year. This is the first edition of our club newsletter. I will produce a newsletter as I receive enough material to publish. Please feel free to make copies and distribute them in your workplace IE: lunch rooms. If anyone has any suggestions regarding

an autograph from the author to indicate that they received the cheque). Toastmasters will have a booth/table where all Toastmasters can go to get instructions. In addition, there is an area set aside where volunteers can relax and have refreshments.

The material for the introductions is published in the WOTS Guide, which should be available shortly. You can rewrite the material in the Guide or talk to the authors before their readings and ask them how they would like to be introduced.

I can tell you from my experience the last 3 years with WOTS that this is a very rewarding activity in which to be involved. It gives you a chance to get outside of your speaking comfort zone, learn how to use a microphone, meet great people, and share your Toastmasters skills with others. Toastmasters wear their badges and if a question is asked.... you can do your bit of PR for Toastmasters clubs in the area.

The minimum time commitment is 1 hour (2 - 4 intros) or you can stay as long as you want.

I am coordinating the stages for which Toastmasters will be providing the introductions/thank you's. If you wish take part in WOTS and/or you have any questions, please reply to this E-mail (blackbird@ns.sympatico.ca), call me (466-2972), or speak to me at a club meeting.

Jim Bendell

Advocate for WOTS

the format for the newsletter, your ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Please send all submissions for the newsletter via email at XXXXXXXXXXXX in word format or within email. Have a great Year.

Denis Liboiron

VP of Public Affairs

