

Dawn Breaking News

"Red"

Having our meeting five days prior to Valentines, and since it's one of her favorite colors, it only seemed appropriate that Topics Master Shirley Kelly, DTM chose as our February theme, "Red".

The meeting was Chaired by Jim Kokocki, DTM. Special attention was given to time, with Timer Wendy Harding, DTM telling those present at the beginning of the meeting, that there would be a spectacle for those who went over time. She had to keep her promise more than once.

Speeches were given by: Peter Hazen, DTM: "Alberta's Electronics Recycling Program"; Alain Bilodeau, ACG, CL "My Road to Obedience Trial Champion Excellent" and Louise Bernier, ACG, ALB: "More Lessons Learned at UNB". Special mention and congratulations go to Louise who is now THIS close to completing her DTM.

Evaluations were well done by Shawn Jones CC, CL; , Jud Corey, DTM and Alain Bilodeau.

Table Topics were a treat. We saw Jud Corey in a very flattering red hat, John Olsen, ATM-S, CL talked about Yvon Cournoyer of Montreal Canadiens fame, guest Adam Baxter, CC from PROSPECT'S PEAKERS got the honor of talking about a dead frog (what a thing to do to a guest!), Wendy Harding talked about chocolate (good in ANY color), Shane Walsh, ACG, ALB was busy knitting red mittens, Dave Fraser DTM talked about red puppy breeding methods (I'll make no comments on that) and Robert vanDostwaard, ATMB, CL spoke about the sweetest little red car (little being the operative word, so maybe not the best choice for Roberts long legs).

Bravely GE'd by Debra Steeves, CTM, CL, Quizmastered by Dave Fraser and Quizmastered by Robert vanDostwaard. Whew, what a meeting!

March 8 Meeting Postponed to March 29

The agendas were printed. The speakers prepared and functionaries ready to do their part but alas, someone must have forgotten to call Mother Nature to tell her about the ADB which was scheduled to March 8 because she gave us bad weather and our meeting was postponed to March 29.

Semi-Annual Dues are Due

Yes ADBers, semi-annual dues are due at World Headquarters on April 1. Please mail your semi-annual dues (\$27) to Treasurer John Olsen to ensure that our dues get paid on time. Mother Nature might play another dirty trick on us!



Upcoming Dawn
Breaker Toastmasters
Meeting Dates:

March 8, 2008
April 12, 2008
May 10, 2008
June 14, 2008
July 12, 2008

Meetings start at
8:30 am at the

All Seasons Inn
1015 Main Street
Sussex Corner, NB

Be Sure to Mark
Your Calendars
And Attend!





Educational Designations Earned by ADB Members:

Congratulations to the following members of ADBT who had earned Educational Designations so far this Toastmasters year:

Alain Bilodeau: CC and ACG for Harbourside Club #1843

Joe Grandin, ACG, CL: CC and OCL for Advanced Dawn Breakers Club #4502 and his High Performance Leadership Program for Riverview Canusa Club # 5382

Julie Kean-Marks, ACG, ALB: CL and ALB for Sussex Club #5386

Jim Kokocki: CC for Saint John Club # 1479 and "old" CL for Advanced Dawn Breakers Club #4502

Dean Mullins: ACG for PROSPECT'S PEAKERS Club # 735068



Functionaries for our Next Meeting...

Following were the scheduled functionaries for the March 8 meeting. If unable to carry out your scheduled functions on March 29, please contact Louise:

Chair: Louise Bernier

Timer: Dave Fraser

Ah Counter and Grammarian: Jim Kokocki

General Evaluator: Alain Bilodeau

Quizmaster: Maureen Craig McIntosh, ACG, CL

Speakers:

Adam Baxter: TBD

Wendy Harding, BC #7: The Intimacy of Strangers, The Intimacy of Friends

Peter Hazen, Speeches by Management: #5 : "The Controversial STU Strike."

Evaluators:

Delivery: Shirley Kelly

Language: Shane Walsh

Content: Joe Grandin



Don't Forget.....

Our outgoing Presidential Roast is held in June of each year. This year on the hot seat...I mean the guest of honor will be Joe Grandin. Are you all keeping notes on things to say? If not, why not start?



"Coast to the Toast Motor Coach" to the Spring Conference

Thinking about going to the Spring Conference in Vermont? Let someone else drive!

Those of us living in the Maritimes have been lucky when it comes to the conferences. In the past two years we have had three out of four conferences in our back yards. It's given many of us a chance to see how beneficial it is to attend the conferences. This year the conference is much farther way – Montpelier Vermont, a sixteen hour drive from Halifax and for many the hassle of driving greatly outweighs the benefits of the conference.

There is a solution!

A motor coach has been chartered. It will depart from Halifax in the late evening of May 15th and arrive in Montpelier 3:30 pm on the 16th. It will stop in Moncton and Fredericton to pick up more Toastmasters in the early morning of the 16th. Of course there will be the occasional pit stop to stretch legs and a breakfast stop when we cross the border in Maine. Coming home, we'll leave Montpelier early afternoon, dropping off passengers in Fredericton and Moncton and Halifax the next morning. Pick up and drop off locations and times will be determined later. The motor coach has all the amenities we need: comfy seats, on board washrooms, sound system and a DVD. As well, it will be driven by a professional driver. Bring your loved one along too! We'll have the motor coach for the whole weekend, and while we are in the conference they can tour the city, see the sites and fill up on Ben and Jerry's ice cream.

To book:

To secure the motor coach the organizers will need to know how many are interested by March 1st. For Toastmasters wanting to leave from Halifax or for more information please contact Rob Evans at 902-443-1924 or rob@alacarde.ca. For Toastmasters wanting to leave from Fredericton/Moncton please contact Carl Duivenvoorden at 506-363-8117 or cduivenv@nbnet.nb.ca

Prices:

From Halifax the price is \$160.00 round trip per person. From Fredericton and Moncton the price is \$150.00 round trip per person. A 50% deposit is required to book with the remainder due on May 1st.

Top 10 Reasons why you should take the "Coast to the Toast Motor Coach" to the Spring Conference in Montpelier



10. Driven by professionals.
9. What better way to get to know your fellow Toastmasters?
8. No fights will break out over who gets "shotgun".
7. It's better for the environment.
6. You can participate in the world's longest Table Topic session.
5. We can practice parliamentary procedures by making motions, amendments and votes on when to make pit stops
4. Comfy seats
3. Bring your loved ones! They can use the bus while we learn.
2. You don't have to drive!

