

## PRO EDGE TOAST *CRUMBS*.....

Meeting of October 8th, 2014

Open house with the following guests attending;

1. Delores Root
2. Debbie Nicholson
3. Sharon (Debbie's sister)
4. Tim Toplinshy
5. Sandy Bell
6. Allan Corbet
7. Renuka Kumal
8. Beverly Wallin

Fourteen Toastmasters were in attendance.

As always, a bright and cheerful Ken Cowie, Sgt-at-Arms, opened the meeting & got us all into the mood with a warm inviting welcome. He spoke of the essential need of being thankful, & provided some very appropriate thoughts to embrace.

Our Chairman, Alan Warburton provided some insight into Toastmasters 90th year anniversary & the wonderful way it can change lives by taking you out of your comfort zone. He explained to the guests the format of our club concentrating on speeches & evaluations.

Cheryl Crotty in providing her introduction of Ros Hansen, spoke with confidence with a very thorough & comprehensive overview.

In Ros Hansen's speech "None of Us Is As Great As All of Us", Ros shared her personal & passionate views in being effective leaders in our own way. The delivery of her speech illustrated her passion. As is typical with Ros, she released her usual subdued sense of humor. Dream more, learn more, experience the world was part of her message. Ros always leaves us wanting to hear more from her.

Evaluator Jamie MacDonald was full of energy and encouragement for Ros. He broke her speech into sections and made reference to each segment.

Duncan Robinson provided a spirited and thoughtful introduction of Angelika Bendrich.

Angelika Bendrich spoke from her heart of own personal abusive experience on 'Stewarts of Children'. Her topic was heart rendering when she provided a staggering statistic of child abuse and encouraged us to become active leaders in our community. She demonstrated a sense of calm and grace throughout her speech, which exhibit to us the power of healing. Angelika has a workshop scheduled for Oct 21–23. Please come and make a difference.

As Evaluator, Ken Cowie provided open and honest comments along with numerous examples. His liveliness adds so much to his delivery.

NETWORKING BREAK – Coffee & baked goodies

Michael Sumal as Introducer to Haddy provided informative and sincere comments.

Haddy Abra spoke on "How Leaders Step Up to Power". He spoke about his personal challenges in growing up as an introvert. Haddy stated every time he stepped up to a challenge, he grew, and cast a bigger shadow. He encouraged everyone to "take on the needs of others". "To get out of good enough – it doesn't get you far". Haddy's honesty and relaxed manner makes you feel like you are listening to a friend telling you a story.

Evaluator Karen Van Delft provided insightful & thoughtful comments. She quoted the various metaphors Haddy had used throughout his speech.

Beverly Steeves introduced Ron Newell

Ron Newell spoke on "How Leaders Provide Outstanding Modeling for Others". Ron started his speech with humor (BOSS spelled backwards is....) & used humor throughout. He asked whether boss's are leaders and explained the transformation in leadership styles over the decades. Ron provided personal experiences in dealing with those leadership styles. Ron's professional manner always add credibility to his speeches.

John Beck as Evaluator, provided positive and sincere comments to Ron, and referenced a number of specific aspects and phrases.

At the closing of the meeting, Alan Warburton thanked all the guests for attending. He presented some of his own personal experiences in his growth journey with Toastmasters and hoped they would consider joining.

Three of our guests; Sandy Bell, Beverly Wallin, and Delores Root have joined our club. We warmly welcome you all aboard.

What a wonderful meeting we had.