

TOAST CRUMBS FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2014

The stand-in Sgt@Arms, **Alan Warburton**, brought the meeting to order at precisely 7.00am and another inspirational Pro Edge Meeting began. Alan introduced 2 guests, **Rory Smith** (invited by **Khanh**) and **Jack Glassomer** (invited by **Angelika**). We had 13 members in attendance which made a total of 15 people.

Cheryl Crotty was our well-prepared and most able Chairman and she was backed up by our **Timer Extraordinaire, Ron Newell**. She quickly got into the meeting by introducing our first speaker, **Ros Hansen**. Actually, Ros wasn't the first speaker as she had set up a couple of wonderful videos that captured "The Powerful Effect of Toastmasters in Action." The first video was of a speech recognizing the recent MVP of the Baseball World Series – it was so bad, so full of elementary mistakes that it was embarrassing to watch the poor man. The second video was incredibly inspiring and of the highest calibre. It was a recording of the winning speech at the **2014 World Championship of Public Speaking**. If you haven't seen it or wish to see it again, here is the link:

<http://wimp.com/publicspeaking/>

After watching the videos club members engaged in some thoughtful discussion on what made each speech so bad/good. It was a really valuable exercise for all of us who want to learn to communicate at the highest level.

New member, **Sandra Bell**, provided a thoughtful introduction for our second speaker, **Beverley Steeves**, who was doing her #4 Project from the Advanced Manual, "Interpretive Reading." This is a very challenging manual as you are not using your own words

but reading and interpreting the words of others. Beverley used great emotion and energy in her interpretation of “A Christmas Carol.” Her evaluator, **John Beck**, commented on her excellent use of different voices.

Beverley’s influence continued into the **Networking Break** as her cranberry, walnut and chocolate cookies were a great hit!

Delores Root, another new member, provided an accomplished introduction of our third speaker, **Angelika Bendrich**. Angelika reviewed her HPL (High Performance Leadership) project which was based on spreading the word to prevent child sexual abuse. She titled her speech, “One Step at a Time”, which was the theme of her learning from the project. Although Angelika fell short of her goals she demonstrated persistence and determination in moving forward. Her Evaluator, **Duncan Robinson**, emphasized that she should feel proud of what she did accomplish and also the fact that she will continue with her project in the future.

Khanh Vo provided a strong introduction for our 4th speaker, **Haddy Abra**, with his speech titled, “Happy Haddy.” Haddy reviewed some of his personal experiences that related to yesterday, Remembrance Day, and then talked about his celebration day, tomorrow ... his 72nd birthday!! His main theme for happiness is, “My future depends on what I do today.” As usual, Haddy’s speech was entertaining, educational and fun.

Karen Van Delft provided Haddy’s evaluation in her usual thoughtful, perceptive manner – Karen certainly has a gift when it comes to speech evaluation.

Cheryl Crotty, who was calmness personified in her role of Chairman, brought the meeting to a close. She invited guest comments and **Rory Smith** was so taken with the meeting that he

couldn't help himself and decided to join the club on the spot!
Congratulations Rory and welcome aboard!

Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, December 10th**.
There may be a special event following the December meeting – more on that later.

All 4 of our speakers are in place for December ... **Karen Van Delft, John Beck, Duncan Robinson, and Khanh Vo**. Mark your calendars for another outstanding Pro Edge meeting!!

Cheers,
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