



Speak Easy

‘Scary Tales’ adds edginess to story telling

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Nov 1st, 2006—And you thought public speaking was scary...

Members of Memorial Toastmasters put the challenge to the test when they decided to hold a scary tales event during the week of Halloween. Not only did

the night entail scary creepy crawly décor, but the tales offered by our VP



Sergeant of Arms would raise the hair on anyone’s back. It was easy to see who the gullible were when

it came time to decide if the tale was true or false. For the majority though, there was no fooling this crowd of scary speakers.

“I think the idea of having scary tales was a success” said Don Snow, VP of Education. “It’s certainly something we will do again”.

Special points of interest:

- Did you know that Memorial Toastmasters has more club members than any other chapter in Newfoundland and Labrador?
- Did you know that you can provide others with your public speaking by volunteering your time for groups and functions?
- Did you get your latest Toastmasters magazine?
- Remember ! Get your self a mentor if you have not done so already.

Newest Membership material—VP Education empowering new members.

Our seasoned members will know how alone a person can feel when you first join any public speaking club. It’s difficult enough to get the nerve to speak out and yet with the need to wait on your manuals and

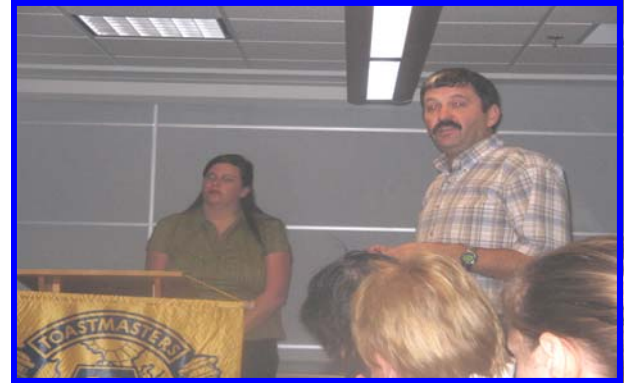
direction from the club members, many have been left to fend for themselves, until Vice President of Education, Don Snow introduced the membership material booklet.

“I considered how I felt when I first joined, and really wanted to ensure new members were given some information right away”. Now, when members join, they are given a whole source of valuable information. Cont’d pg 2

Included are definitions of each role, a sign up form for a mentor, rules and regulations and anything else, that new members need to get started right away on their first speech.

"I feel this is a very good tool for me," is the response from one of our newest Members, Kim So.

"Now I can get started right away on taking on certain roles that need to be filled at each meeting".



Your opinion matters

Do you have any ideas for our club's newsletter?

It could be anything from how to improve your club's membership to how to have more fun.

If so, why not send them along and we will have in our next month's issue.

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...Think about it...

Educational Tip—look, listen and learn

On of the key points to any good public speaker is to observe others. Watching the way people use their body language, the tone and choice of words, can provide insightful steps for learning from others.

One of the best ways to practice your observations is to do the evaluation for other speakers. Stating your honest opinion not only provides essential information for the speaker to improve, but also how you would like to see a speech conducted.

Many newer members fear

that they will say the "wrong thing" about another speech. This could be no further from the truth, for the simple fact is that there is no right or wrong. "What is most important in evaluating another's speech is that an honest opinion is provided," said Samantha Gerbeau, President of Memorial Toastmasters. "Sure, it takes time to develop a good evaluation, but by standing up and voicing your opinions on someone's strengths and weaknesses should be regarded as a learning exercise for every-

one". Samantha offers a couple of tips for when you conduct your next evaluation.

Be prepared. Review the speaker's speech objectives from their manual. This acts as a guideline for raising your own opinion.

Observe the speaker. Listening and looking are essential in order to understand how you felt about the conduct of the speech. Remember to write up your answers after the person has spoken. It shouldn't be too lengthy, but at least provide some advice for future speaking engagements.

Just Joking

One day a little girl was sitting on her grandpa's knee playing with his long beard and patting his baldhead, and asked "Did God make me?" "Yes my dear" her grandpa replied. "Did God make you?" she asked. "Yes he did" he replied again she then said "well he sure does a better job these days doesn't he.

Success Stories

It's only been a couple of years for Samantha Gerbeau, but she has already reaped the benefits of joining Memorial Toastmasters. Now operating her own business in providing insightful knowledge of

marketing small businesses, Samantha swears by Toastmasters. "It truly gave me the courage to crawl out of my shell and now I am inspiring others to do the same".

Do you have a success story that you would like to share? IF so, why not forward it along so that others can see how you have been able to jump through the hurdles of life.

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