

# WELCOME TO TOASTMASTERS

Queen's Park



## Fall 2010 Newsletter

### “Fall” into public-speaking mode !

Fall has been an exciting time for Queens Park Toastmasters. The club has been brimming with events such as educational sessions, contests, and guest speakers providing instruction in public speaking principles and assistance in their application.

We would like to welcome our six new Club members who joined us during recent weeks: Deepa Jolly, Amish Lakhani, Hajira Razzak, Lilian Du, Griffith DeSousa and Fatima Kipova. We look forward to their upcoming speeches.

Congratulations to David Girmay and Tina Goyal for completing their Competent Communicator manuals and Don McKellar for completing his first Advanced Communicator (ACB) manual.

As we can see, the club's success continues, despite the recent cold weather. Thank you to all the new members and as well to those who renewed their memberships with us in September !

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### Guest Speaker: Kathryn MacKenzie, DTM

Have you ever heard a speaker ramble and you wondered: WHAT'S THE POINT? What's the MESSAGE?

Kathryn MacKenzie delivered a riveting session entitled 'How to accomplish nothing in your speech' on September 15, 2010 at Queen's Park Toastmasters.

In her speech, she discussed how to remedy the mistakes we make while planning our speech introduction, body and conclusion. Her objective was to help plan the structure of a speech in an effective manner, with the result coming across as effortless.

Kathryn is a certified world class speaking coach, a presentation skills instructor and keynote speaker. She is also a former college professor of 'Speaking with Confidence' Courses. Her clients include University of Toronto, Canada Revenue Agency, and Toronto International Film festival, amongst many others



***As a presentations skills trainer, Kathryn has learned that speaking is not just about giving out information, rather it is about “connecting” with the audience..***

## Recent Club Events

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had our annual Table Topics and Humorous contest. Typically, winners get to compete against other members in the area, division, and ultimately in the District 60 Fall conference finals.

This year, **Kristian Reimer** won both the Table Topics and Humorous contest. The Table Topics theme was 'Thunder', and his humorous speech entitled 'The Bachelor' was about the trials and tribulations of having your girlfriend pick your clothes.

We would like to congratulate Kristian on his hilarious speech. Although he did not win at the area contest, he still came very close and made us proud! Our other member Ken Fernandes also came close to winning the Table Topics contest and served as chair for the Division contest.

On September 8, **Don McKellar** delivered a workshop from the manual "The Leader as Coach", tying in examples of opportunities in the club and how to avoid coaching pitfalls.

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, **Ken Fernandes** ran a Table Topics workshop on becoming a better impromptu speaker. This was complimented with interactive 'word association' activities that engaged the members.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Adam Beiko delivered a workshop on speech evaluations, discussing the important aspects of evaluation and inviting a "test" speaker who was evaluated by fellow members.



*Kristian Reimer in a familiar pose.*

## Member Spotlight: Chun Qiao

Chun Qiao is a vibrant member and competent public speaker who has been a member at Queens Park Toastmasters since April, 2010. He has completed 8 speeches in the CC Project Manual.

Chun's passion is learning French and media. He is currently studying French and Political Science at York University. Chun hopes to become a diplomat someday and improve his public speaking skills.

His long-term Toastmasters goal is to polish his communication skills as much as possible while contributing to the improvement of the club. One of his greatest skills is the ability to retain factual information and translate that into an effective speech.

When asked what his trick is, he said: "Simple! Just pay attention and be curious".



*Chun Qiao joined Queen's Park Toastmasters in April, 2010.*

## Toastmaster Toast: Wilfred Laurier

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier**, (baptized **Henri-Charles-Wilfrid Laurier**, 20 November 1841 – 17 February 1919) was the seventh Prime Minister of Canada from, 11 July 1896 to 5 October 1911. As Canada's first francophone prime minister, Laurier is often considered one of the country's greatest statesmen. He is also regarded as perhaps the most eloquent Prime Minister in Canadian history, in both English and French. His vision for Canada was a land of individual liberty and decentralized federalism. He also argued for an English-French partnership in Canada.

Laurier is the fourth-longest serving Prime Minister of Canada and also holds the record for the most consecutive federal elections won (4). His 15 year tenure remains the longest unbroken term of office among Prime Ministers. In addition, his nearly 45 years (1874–1919) of service in the House of Commons is an all-time record for that house. At 31 years, 8 months, Laurier was the longest-serving leader of a major Canadian political party.

Wilfrid Laurier was born in Saint-Lin-Laurentides, Quebec on 20 November 1841. He grew up in a family where politics was a staple of talk and debate. At the age of 11, Laurier was sent to a Protestant school in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, a town largely inhabited by immigrants from Scotland. There he learned fluent English and familiarized himself with the mentality, language and culture of British people. He then went to McGill University where he studied law.

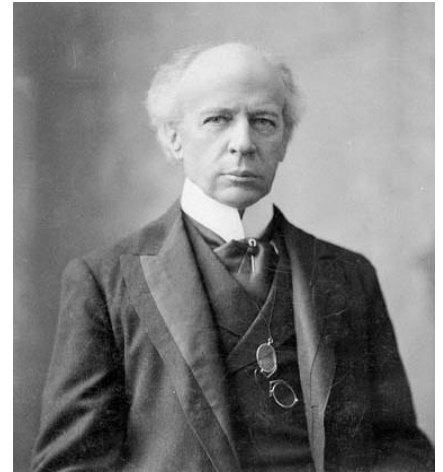
Laurier was first elected to the Canadian House of Commons in the 1874 election, serving briefly in the Cabinet of Prime Minister Alexander Mackenzie as Minister of Inland Revenue. Chosen as leader of the Liberal Party in 1887, Laurier gradually built up the strength of the Liberal party, creating a base in Quebec, which had been a Conservative stronghold for decades. He led it to victory in the 1896 election, remaining Prime Minister until the party's defeat in the 1911 election.

Laurier led Canada during a period of rapid growth, industrialization, and immigration. His long career straddles a period of major political and economic change. As Prime Minister he was instrumental in gaining greater autonomy for Canada from Britain.

In 1905, Laurier oversaw Saskatchewan and Alberta's entry into Confederation, the last two provinces to be created out of the Northwest Territories.

Despite the Liberal government's mandate not expiring, Laurier called an election to settle the issue of reciprocity in 1911. The Conservatives were victorious and Robert Laird Borden succeeded Laurier, as Prime Minister. Laurier led the opposition during World War I. He led the filibuster to the Conservatives' own Naval Bill which would have sent contributions directly to the Royal Navy; the bill was later blocked by the Liberal-controlled Senate. He was an influential opponent of conscription, which led to the Conscription Crisis of 1917 and the formation of a Union government, which Laurier refused to join for fear of having Quebec fall in the hands of nationalist Henri Bourassa. However, many Liberals, particularly in English Canada, joined Borden as Liberal-Unionists and the "Laurier Liberals" were reduced to a mostly French-Canadian rump as a result of the 1917 election. However as a result of Laurier's opposition of conscription in 1917, Quebec and its French-Canadian voters voted overwhelmingly to support the Liberal party starting in 1917. Despite one notable exception in 1958, the Liberal party continued to dominate Canadian federal politics in Quebec until 1984. His successor as party leader, William Lyon Mackenzie King, led the Liberals to a landslide victory over the Conservatives in the 1921 election.

Wilfred Laurier died on 17 February 1919, and was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Ottawa, Ontario.



***"Nothing will prevent me from continuing my task of preserving at all cost our civil liberty"***

**- Wilfred Laurier**

## Upcoming Events:

### District 60 Toastmasters Fall Conference 2010: November 19-21 (Friday – Sunday)

Yorkland Hotel - 185 Yorkland Blvd. Toronto,

**Theme: "Reach for the Stars"**

**Friday - District Table Topics Contest**  
**Saturday - District Humorous Speech Contest**

#### Also:

- Featuring 1995 World Champion of Public Speaking Mark Brown, Sunday Keynote
- Saturday Keynote Speaker Kathryn MacKenzie
- Walk the Red Carpet at the Friday Night Fun Night
- Educational Workshops
- District Council Meeting — C&L Award Luncheon
- District Governor's Ball
- Sunday Brunch and Keynote
- DTM Presentation

Register Online at [d60.cloverpad.org](http://d60.cloverpad.org)

No on-site registrations!

- Speech Contest tickets may be available at the door

### Queen's Park Toastmasters Annual Christmas Party

- At our regular Club meeting, Wednesday December 15th.

