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Halton Hills Toastmasters held its annual special contest evening with participants (from left) Ross Pechaluk (Table Topics second place winner), Sherri Harris (Table Topics contestant), Stephanie Misko (Humorous Speech second place winner), Deborah Kirby (Table Topics contestant), Judi Hopper (Humorous Speech first place winner), Keith Oswald (Table Topics first place winner), Gail Inglis (area governor), and Kathy Atkinson Thomas (Club member and Contest Chair).
 Photo submitted

Toastmasters tickle funny bone with annual contest

LAURA COOK

Halton Hills Toastmasters

Halton Hills Toastmasters held their annual table topics and humorous speech contests at the St. Alban's Parish hall in Glen Williams Monday night.

Six contestants battled it out for top spot in the two categories. VP of Education Deborah Kirby, Club Secretary Sherri Harris, VP of Membership Judi Hopper and club members Stephanie Misko, Ross Pechaluk and Keith Oswald.

At the end of the night, first place went to Keith Oswald for best table topics speech on the pre-selected subject of traffic and Judi Hopper took home first for best humorous speech so aptly called, "The world is out of order."

Second place went to Ross Pechaluk for table topics and Stephanie Misko for humorous speech. Table topics are a 1-2 minute impromptu speech. You are given a topic and then you are to give a speech. The humorous

speech is 5-7 minutes and is pre-prepared.

The winners went on to compete in the area contest, which is a combination of area clubs this week at Hershaw Toastmasters club in Brampton. One of our members, Judi Hopper, placed third in the Humorous

Speech Contest and our two other Halton Hills members, Ross Pechaluk and Keith Oswald, participated in the Table Topics Contest. Judi Robertson, president of Halton Hills Toastmasters chaired the Table Topics Contest.

Halton Hills Toastmasters is a speech club that meets at St. Albans Parish hall in Glen Williams every Monday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. It is a community club and a branch of Toastmasters International.

Toastmasters, not only helps you become an excellent public speaker, it is also a great place to build your confidence, increase your leadership skills and meet new people. Guests are welcome to attend!

For more information please contact Judi Hopper, 519-853-1856.



First place winner Judi Hopper shows off her inspirational t-shirt.

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