

# Northwest Words

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See YOU at our next Meeting  
Tuesday September 6, 2005



*The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each member has the opportunity to develop and practice communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.*

## And the New Members are.....

Since the beginning of this Toastmasters year (which started on July 1, 2005) Northwestern has two new members. Please make sure that you make both Michael Harrold and Pedro Espino welcome. Just remember how you felt when you first started your Northwestern Toastmasters experience.

Michel has already demonstrated his speaking ability during his first speeches. Pedro, we look forward to your ice breaker speech.

## Dues are Due

Please get your dues to our treasurer, Marcia Barney. It was with great sadness, groaning, gnashing of the teeth as well as a few well-chosen words (what else would you expect from a Toastmaster?) that Marcia announced that Toastmasters International has raised the semi-annual fee. As a result, dues for six months are now \$30.50.

This is the first time in almost six years that Toastmasters International has raised the membership fee. Even with the raise to the new price, membership in Toastmasters is a real bargain for the learning experiences that are provided all members.

Did you hear the one about the penguin, the nun and a Scotsman who walked into a bar? The bar tender took one look and said, "What is this, a joke?"

## Schedule for the September 5, 2005 meeting

THEME: ..... Working

Toastmaster ..... Barbara Schanker  
Table Topics ..... Brian Davidson  
General Evaluator ..... David Scruggs

Speaker ..... David Matthews  
Speaker ..... Lance Kull  
Speaker ..... Michael Harrold

Evaluator..... Teddy Burris  
Evaluator..... Pam Christopher  
Evaluator..... Derrick Webb

Grammarian..... Randell Jones  
Wordmaster ..... Joel Schanker  
Timer ..... Donna Hall  
Vote Counter..... John Clark  
Jokemaster ..... Marcia Barney

**Remember: All roles are important! If you can not attend the meeting, then do contact either our VP of Education or the Toastmaster of the meeting.**

## Coming Soon!

September 27, 2005 is the Club level Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests. Mark it on your calendar and be prepared to laugh!

Because of its popularity (and the number of people who attend) we will be holding the contest at the Clemmons Library. If you don't know where that is, then ask any officer for directions. . This contest will replace our usual third Tuesday meeting. **See You There!**

## Web site Revision

Did you know that Northwestern Toastmasters has a web site? Check it out at [www.nwtm.org](http://www.nwtm.org) – our web master has just finished revising the site. He has added a “members only” section. Be sure to attend the next meeting, or call John Clark, for the details.

## The August 30, 2005 meeting

Our Toastmaster of the meeting was Butch Barney with the theme of “George, John, Harry and Bill.” The warm-up included interesting facts about current and former Presidents of the United States.

Wordmaster John Clark provided the word Conversant for members to use as they spoke. Vote Counting fell into the capable hands of Pam Christopher. Our timer was Joel Schanker. Grammarian for the meeting was Elaine Wiles. Our General Evaluator was Joel Schanker. Jokemaster was Pam Christopher.

Table Topics master, Brian Davidson, provided thought-provoking questions as he asked –

- Elaine Wiles – what is the easiest part of being a President?
- John Clark – What is the most difficult part of being a President?
- Pam Christopher – Who was the best US President?

Our first speaker was Teddy Burris. His speech “Little Hands” was a first person account of an unusual situation. Teddy spoke for five minutes, using Speech # 1 “Telling a Folk Tale” from the Advanced Communications Manual as a guide. His evaluator was Claudia Sortwell.

Our second speaker was Randell Jones. His speech “Hero” was a stirring story of early America. Randell spoke for 9 minutes, using Speech # 2, from the Storytelling Manual. His evaluator was Barbara Schanker.

General Evaluator of the meeting was Joel Schanker.

Vote Counter Pam Christopher announced the evening's winners:

Best Table Topics	Pam Christopher
Best Prepared Speaker	Randell Jones
Best Evaluator	Claudia Sortwell

## Op-Ed Report by John Clark

(Background: By tradition, the editorial page of any newspaper is on the left side of an opened paper. “Op-ed” is a term used to refer to articles found opposite (or on the right side of the Editorial Page. Frequently, the articles are also opposite of the Editorial view.)



During my sojourn with Uncle Sam, I noticed two phrases that were frequently used. RHIP and RHIR. If you were an enlisted man RHIP stood for Rank Has It's Privileges. If you were an officer RHIR stood for Rank Has It's Responsibilities. (I

also encountered several other phrases, but they are beyond the scope of this article and probably shouldn't be used here anyway.)

When we volunteer to serve as an officer, or fill a meeting role, we have a responsibility to complete the task. More and more, I've noticed that there is scrambling just before the meeting to fill roles for members who accepted a position but are not there to fill it.

Granted, there are times that the unexpected occurs. We may have a conflict where something more important prevents us from fulfilling our role. I can not believe that it happens this frequently. I also cannot believe that it happens so suddenly (ie. the last minute) that there is not time, before the meeting, to let the Vice President of Education, The Toastmaster of the Meeting or the General Evaluator know that an emergency exists.

Please look at the schedules from our VP of Education. If you know that you cannot be at a meeting, then let her know EARLY so a replacement can be found before the last minute. If you are an officer and cannot attend a meeting, then find someone to deliver you officer's report.

Northwestern Toastmasters has a reputation of doing things right. (Plus having fun doing them.) When we are seen trying to fill roles – and have one member listed on the program while another member performs that role, we give an impression that belies our reputation.

Please join with me to rededicate our efforts to make Toastmasters and enjoyable learning experience for all members and guests.