

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.

It's Official !

Talk about a clean sweep – Joel Schanker was the winner of both Northwestern Toastmasters Humorous Speech Contest and Northwestern Toastmasters Evaluation Contest. This means that Joel represented us in both contests at the Area level last Tuesday night. Again, Joel won both contests at the Area level and will be representing both Northwestern and Area 21 at the Division B contest.

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.

Web site Revision

Did you know that Northwestern Toastmasters has a web site? Check it out at 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.

Schedule for the October 4, 2005 meeting

THEME: Perfection

Toastmaster Joel Schanker
Table Topics Butch Barney
General Evaluator Derrick Webb

Speaker Brian Davidson
Speaker Barbara Schanker
Speaker David Scruggs
Speaker Joyce Potter

Evaluator..... Elaine Wiles
Evaluator..... John Clark
Evaluator..... Randell Jones
Evaluator..... Donna Hall

Grammarian Marcia Barney
Wordmaster Pam Christopher
Timer to be announced
Vote Counter..... David Matthews
Jokemaster Teddy Burriss

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.

Our Guests

Our guests at the last meeting were John Smith and Freida Todd. It's always a pleasure to see new faces. (Of course, it's a pleasure to see the same “old” faces too.) We hope you enjoyed the meeting and will return soon!

The September 20, 2005 meeting

This was our annual Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests. Thanks to the superb performance of both Toastmaster of the meeting, John Clark and Chief Judge, Marcia Barney, the meeting ran smoothly. The sterling performance of our judges (Claudia Sortwell, Teddy Burriss and Butch Barney) and our timer, Pedro Espino, proves, once again, that Northwestern does know how to put on a contest.

The contestants for the Humorous Speech Contest were –

- ü Randell Jones, "Now I understand"
- ü Joel Schanker, "What Really Bugs Me"
- ü Brian Davidson, "Duck"

If you missed the meeting, then you missed three great speeches by three great Northwestern Toastmasters. Brian Davidson's speech was also the target speech for the Evaluations Contest.

The contestants for the Evaluation Contest were Joel Schanker and Randell Jones. Again – If you missed the meeting, then you missed two prime examples of what an evaluation should be.

The winner for both contests was our very own Joel Schanker. Joel will represent Northwestern Toastmasters in the Area Contest on September 27th.



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Congratulations to Derrick and Natalie Webb on the birth of their daughter.

Maya Elise Webb was born Wednesday, September 14 at 6:02 am. She was 8 lbs. 13 oz.

Derrick – We will expect more pictures at the meeting.

Everyone else – be prepared to pamper the proud papa.

## A Toastmasters Promise



(I challenge you to copy or print these 10 promises and put them on your bulletin board, your refrigerator door or somewhere you will see them each day. Make them a part of your life.)

As a member of Northwestern Toastmasters and Toastmasters International, I promise to –

1. Attend Club meetings regularly,
2. Prepare all of my speeches to the best of my ability, basing them on projects in the Toastmasters manuals,
3. Willingly prepare for and fulfill meeting assignments,
4. Provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations,
5. Help the Club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow,
6. Willingly serve my Club as an officer when called upon to do so,
7. Treat my fellow Club members and our guests with respect and courtesy,
8. Bring guests to Club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers,
9. Adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters educational and recognition programs,
10. Maintain honest and highly ethical standards during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities

(These are from the *Keeping the Commitment* – a presentation in the Toastmasters International *Successful Club* series manual.

Angus was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up toward heaven, he said "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up Scotch." Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Angus looked up again and said "Never mind. I found one."