

Northwest Words

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See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday November 1, 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.

Welcome Visitors !

Our visitor for the October 18, 2005 meeting was a guest of Claudia Sortwell.

Division B Contests & Winners

The Division B Humorous Speech and Evaluations Contests were held on October 13 last Thursday night in Greensboro. Joel Schanker, the pride of Northwestern Toastmasters represented Area 21 in both contests. The Winner of both contests – Joel, of course! Congratulations, Joel. This means that Joel will be representing Northwestern Toastmasters, Area 21 and Division B at the District Contests on November 4 – 5

The rumor is being passed around that next year they will not be any Area, Division or District contests. The District will simply ask Northwestern to appoint someone to represent the District at the Regional contests.

Schedule for the November 1, 2005 meeting

THEME: A Toastmasters Promise

Toastmaster John Clark
Table Topics Marcia Barney
General Evaluator Butch Barney

Speaker Joe Bircher
Speaker Pedro Espino
Speaker Claudia Sortwell

Evaluator David Matthews
Evaluator Joel Schanker
Evaluator David Scruggs
Evaluator

Grammarian Pam Christopher
Wordmaster Randell Jones
Timer Teddy Burriss
Vote Counter Brian Davidson
Jokemaster Elaine Wiles

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.

The October 18, 2005 Meeting

Our presiding officer was President Teddy Burriss. Teddy was no neophyte at presiding over a meeting.

Our Toastmaster of the meeting was Donna Hall, who used the theme "A Dog's Life" as speech number two of the Humorously Speaking Manual.

Wordmaster Claudia Sortwell provided the word "Neophyte:" for members to use as they spoke. Vote Counting and timer responsibilities fell into the capable hands of Pam Christopher. Grammarian for the meeting was Joel Schanker. Our General Evaluator was Elaine Wiles. Jokemaster, John Clark, did his usual suburb job.

Table Topics master, David Scruggs provided questions relating to the theme of the meeting. If you know who received the questions, please let the recording secretary know. This list I have only contains the name of the best Table Topics Speaker – Teddy Burriss.

Our prepared speakers of the evening were well prepared as they presented their speeches:

- ü Joyce Potter gave her Icebreaker speech from the basic manual. Joyce was awarded best Prepared Speaker for her efforts.
- ü Dan Coffey also gave his icebreaker speech from the basic manual. (Both of these speakers show that the quality of Northwestern Toastmasters is once again on the rise.)
- ü Teddy Burriss entertained us with the story of "The Best Hamburger Ever." This was Teddy's second speech from the Story Telling Manual.

Our General Evaluator, Elaine Wiles did her usual superb job as she evaluated our meeting. She then called on:

- ü Butch Barney to evaluate Joyce's Speech.
- ü John Clark to evaluate Dan Coffey's speech.
- ü Marcia Barney (who earned Best Evaluator of the meeting) to evaluate Teddy Burriss's speech.

Elaine finished the evaluation session by calling on both our Grammarian and wordmaster for the evening.

The meeting ended with an excellent story by John Clark

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### ***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 (he is the shy bashful one) for the details.

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VP of Ed

Just as all meeting roles are important (how many times have you seen that message in a program or in the Newsletter?) all offices are important. Each one is designed for a specific purpose – to help each member of Toastmasters become a better speaker and communicator.

How can you tell if the VP of Education is doing a good job? Here is the key to evaluating the VP of Education --

- The meeting begins and ends on time.
- All meeting participants arrive on time and are prepared.
- Members and guests alike are greeted as they arrive.
- Everyone is made to feel welcome.
- The program is fast-paced and enjoyable.
- Transitions between segments are smooth.
- All members present have an opportunity to participate.
- Evaluations are helpful and constructive.
- Members' achievements are recognized.

Wow! Donna does all that? Yes. Although, some of it may be indirect. This is why the office, VP of Education, is critical to a Club's success. Donna -- Keep up the good work.

This is where the other shoe falls. (Shoes fall in pairs, Nuns travel in pairs, pears come in a can.) Each member of Northwestern Toastmasters must work with Donna in order for the Club to succeed. How, you ask? Just use common sense.

- If you know that you can't make a meeting, let her know as early as possible. It's always easier to make a schedule when you know who is going to be there. (Much easier than having to revise a schedule.)

- If some role makes you uncomfortable, then talk to Donna. She can see that you are not scheduled for that role until you are ready. She also has a list of Club members that will be happy to work with you and help you prepare for that role.

- If you would like to speak more often, let Donna know. She keeps a list of people that are able to fill in, at the last minute, with prepared speeches.

- The next time you see Donna – say "Thank You, for the great job you are doing."