

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday January 17, 2006**



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.

Toastmasters Leadership Institute

TLI was held last Saturday (January 14th) – be sure to attend our next meeting to hear from our officers and members all the exciting things they learned.



With all the exciting and cute baby pictures in the last few issues, I thought it time for you see just one more.

Guess who?

Schedule for the January 17, 2006 meeting

Toastmaster	David Scruggs
Table Topics	Teddy Burriss
General Evaluator	Pam Christopher
Speaker	Joe Bircher
Speaker	Donna Hall
Speaker	John Clark
Evaluator.....	Elaine Wiles
Evaluator.....	Lance Kull
Evaluator.....	Randell Jones
Grammarian	Brian Davidson
Wordmaster	Butch Barney
Timer	Marcia Barney
Vote Counter.....	Dan Coffey
Jokemaster	Joyce Potter

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.

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Evaluator.....	David Scruggs
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The January 3, 2006 Meeting

President Teddy Burriss was our Toastmaster of the Meeting at the first 2006 meeting. Teddy's Toastmaster warm-up as well as speeches by Brian Davidson and David Scruggs provided a great start to this years meeting schedule.

Rather than go into the details of the meeting (After all, if you were there, you know what happened and if you weren't there then words can not really define the meeting.) I would like to commend the members who attend and help us continually raise the standards for Northwestern Toastmasters.

To grow and prosper, any organization must have a combination of factors. We have new members to keep us fresh and exciting. We have more "advanced" members to keep us on the learning curve. All of us have a desire to improve. Finally, we have those members who are there for every meeting. The ones you can count on to be there and be willing for fill a last minute role. To those members, THANK YOU! It's that dedication that makes Northwestern Toastmasters the preeminent and leading Club in North Carolina.

A Friendly Reminder

Toastmasters International is a non-profit organization. Northwestern Toastmasters, as a member of Toastmasters International is a non-profit organization. This means that all money raised is used to develop materials to help each of us become better speakers, leaders, and thinkers.

Mayberry's is a for profit organization. They are in the business of selling merchandise (i.e. food) in order to make money on their investment. (Gee, this sounds like Economics 101, doesn't it?)

Mayberry's kind enough to "give" us a free meeting room. They do this because they know that we will order food while we are here. If we fail to do so, we could loose our meeting room. Don't let this happen! Order something during the meeting.

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A truck driver was driving down a particularly icy road when he noticed a tollbooth ahead. He put on his brakes, but the truck failed to stop. The truck crashed into the tollbooth, smashing it.

As he surveyed the damage, a second truck pulled up. Workers scrambled out and began reconstructing the tollbooth with a white putty. Before long it looked as good as new. Puzzled, he asked about the substance. The worker said, "Oh, that's just tollgate booth paste."

## **Resolve to Renew**

A guest editorial by Immediate Past President Brian Davidson.

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As an educator, my father instilled in me at an early age that you don't have to know everything, but to succeed in life you may need to find out about things quickly and accurately. Therefore, you must have at your disposal reference materials such as a Thesaurus. To prepare for this short note to Northwestern Toastmasters I turned to this resource and looked up "Northwestern Toastmaster". Amazingly enough, because of the notoriety of Northwest Toastmasters, our club name was listed in the edition I recently received as a gift.

Northwestern Toastmaster:

Synonyms - best TM club members, best educated TM members, proudest TM club members, best TM club

Related Words - confidence, self-assurance, dignity, honor, prestige

Near Antonyms - least committed to excellence, modesty; diffidence, meekness, shyness, timidness

Actually, Northwestern Toastmasters was not listed, but note how the **Related Words** and **Near Antonyms** of the word "PRIDE" match up to the real definition of a Northwestern Toastmaster.

Where am I going with this? Well, if you attended our first meeting in 2006 you would have enjoyed President Burriss' introductory speech as Toastmaster titled "Resolve to Renew". Touching on the history and traditions of resolutions, President Burriss reminded us that now is a great time to get back to the lectern and commit to working with fellow Northwestern Toastmasters during the upcoming year and to continue our individual efforts to improve our own public speaking skills by contributing at every Northwestern Toastmasters meeting. As a result, Northwestern Toastmasters will remain my mind's Thesaurus entry of the best Toastmaster club members gathered to form the best Toastmaster club that strives to provide the best learning atmosphere and support system - all while having fun and a great Mayberry's hotdog!

To help us all "Resolve to Renew" you **MUST** attend the next Northwestern Toastmasters meeting because our Toastmaster of the evening, David Scruggs, **might** be using spirits to celebrate. You just never know where David will take his meeting's theme of "Celebrating the Human Spirit".