

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday February 21, 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.

Speech Contests

The Club level Table Topics Contest will be held during our regular meeting on arch 7, 2006. The Club level International Speech Contest will be held on March 21, 2006 during our regular meeting.

Northwestern Toastmasters will also host the Area 21 2006 International Speech & Table Topics Contest on March 28, 2006 at the Clemmons Library. We will need volunteers to bring snacks, as well as people to judge, and help run the contest. Please let us know if you can donate your time, food or money for the Area Contest.

Improved Communication Seminar

ICS will start next month. Be sure to make plans to attend. Detail will be announced at Northwestern Toastmasters Club Meetings.



Wow! It Finally Happened.

Schedule for the February 21, 2006 meeting

Toastmaster	Lance Kull
Table Topics	Elaine Wiles
General Evaluator	Marcia Barney
Speaker	Joe Bircher
Speaker	Derrick Webb
Speaker	Joel Schanker
Evaluator.....	Barbara Schanker
Evaluator.....	Butch Barney
Evaluator.....	Pam Christopher
Grammarian	Teddy Burriss
Wordmaster	Joyce Potter
Timer	Donna Hall
Vote Counter.....	Claudia Sortwell
Jokemaster	Brian Davidson

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.

Schedule for the March 7, 2006 meeting

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

The January 31, 2006 Meeting

President Teddy Burriss was our Presiding Officer for the meeting. The business session ran with its usual efficiency, if the details are not too closely examined.

Joel Schanker made a motion that Northwestern Toastmasters host the Area contest. The motion was seconded and approved.

Joel Schanker was our Toastmaster of the meeting. Joel's theme was "The Cycle of Life."

Joel, as Toastmaster, introduced our Wordmaster, Teddy Burriss, who gave us the word "Mantra" as the word of the day,

Next was our Table Topics Master, Donna Hall (who did an exemplary job of filling in for Lance Kull) who continued with the theme of the meeting and call on Teddy Burriss, Joyce Potter and Marcia Barney with questions.

Our first prepared speaker was Pam Christopher, who gave speech number four from the Specialty Speeches Manual as she defined the "Funny Valentine."

Our second prepared speaker was Barbara Schanker (with a little help from Joel) as she gave speech number two from the Interpersonal Communication Manual. After her speech on Diffusing Verbal Criticism, she demonstrated her speech by diffusing Joel.

General Evaluator Brian Davidson turned in a stellar performance. After evaluating the meeting to point out the shortcomings of our meeting, he called on the evaluators and then carefully evaluated the evaluators:

- ◆ John Clark evaluated Pam Christopher's speech.
- ◆ Butch Barney evaluated Barbara Schanker's speech.

Brian then called on his support staff:

Timer and Votecounter, Joe Bircher gave his reports. Grammarian Marcia (two-bits) Barney gave her report. Wordmaster Teddy Burriss gave his report.

Every one in Toastmasters is a winner. Winners this night were:

Best Table Topics	Joyce Potter
Best Prepared Speaker	Pam Christopher
Best Evaluator	Butch Barney

In Honor of St. Patrick's Day

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died.

He quickly phoned his best friend Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

It is important to speak Clearly!

There is a factory in Northern Minnesota which makes the Tickle Me Elmo toys. The toy laughs when you tickle it under the arms.

Lena is hired at The Tickle Me Elmo factory and reports for her first day of work promptly at 8:00. That same day, a few hours later, there is a knock at the Personnel Manager's door.



The Foreman throws open the door and begins to rant about the new employee. He complains that she is incredibly slow and the whole line is backing up, putting the entire production line behind schedule.

The Personnel Manager decides he should see this for himself, so the two men march down to the factory floor. When they get there the line is so backed up that there are Tickle Me Elmos all over the factory floor and they're really beginning to pile up.

At the end of the line stands Lena surrounded by mountains of Tickle Me Elmos. She has a roll of plush red fabric and a huge bag of small marbles. The two men watch in amazement as she cuts a little piece of fabric, wraps it around two marbles and begins to carefully sew the little package between Elmo's legs.

The Personnel Manager bursts into laughter. After several minutes of hysterics he pulls himself together and approaches Lena.

"I'm sorry," he says to her, barely able to keep a straight face, but I think you misunderstood the instructions I gave you yesterday.....Your job is to give Elmo two test tickles".

Quotable Quotes

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body," - - -Winston Bennett,
University of Kentucky basketball forward.

"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"
--Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC.

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life,"
--Brooke Shields, during an interview to become
Spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.