

# Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting  
Tuesday March 7, 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.***

## Guests !

Our guest at the last meeting was Evander Woo. Evander will be attending the Improved Communications seminar, which starts this week. (See page two for details.) We hope you enjoyed the meeting.

### ***Pam Christopher, DTM for D37 VPED.***

Pam Christopher, DTM has announced that she is running for the District 37 position of Lt. Governor of Education and Training.

It is the considered opinion of the editorial staff that she will make an excellent District Officer. Pam has served Northwestern and Vice President of Education and Training, as well as most of the Club Offices. Pam has also served on the District 37 Education and Training chair. She has worked with District Officers to set up educational functions including both District Conferences and Toastmaster Leadership Institute sessions.

All of this, along with her experience as Area Governor and Division Governor will assure the District that Pam will be a valuable asset to the District.

Please help Pam in her campaign.

## Schedule for the April 4, 2006 meeting

(First Night of Improved Communication Seminar)

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

**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.**

## Announcement from TI

- Dateline April 1, 2006

President Dillip Abayaskeara of Toastmasters International has announced the desolation of Toastmasters International effective this date. "Now that everyone speaks without filler words and Roberts 'Rules of Order' are taught in grade school," Mr. Abayaskeara said "there is no need for our organization. Our work is complete."

Did you check the dateline?

## ***The February 21, Meeting***

(Thanks to Marcia Barney, DTM)

Toastmaster of the meeting Brian Davidson guided us through our International Speech Contest masterfully. Chief Judge Marcia Barney was assisted by Butch Barney and Elaine Wiles as Judges with Pam Christopher as the Chief Timer and Barbara Schanker as the Assistant Timer.

Speech Contestants David Scruggs (evaluated by Donna Hall), Joel Schanker (evaluated by Pam Christopher) and Derrick Webb (evaluated by Teddy Burriss) provided the entertainment for the evening with three outstanding speeches.

President Teddy Burriss presented the first place trophy to Joel Schanker and reminded us that Joel would represent us at the Area 21 International Speech contest on March 28 at the Clemmons Library. The contest will be hosted by Northwestern Toastmasters.

## ***Schanker Collects Another Trophy***

Northwestern Toastmasters hosted an outstanding Area 21 Contest on March 28 at the Clemmons Library. We started the evening by provided some tempting delicacies for our guests. While some munched, Host Chair Teddy Burriss made sure all the details were in order.

Toastmaster for the Contest Elaine Wiles did an exemplary job conducting the Table Topics and International Speech Contest. Her Table Topics question asked the speakers to imagine that they could spend 3 months doing their dream job without financial consideration. They were to tell us about that job. The four contestants provided a variety of answers for which Northwestern's Joel Schanker provided the best and earned yet another first place trophy.

The International Speech Contest spotlighted 4 speakers also. The competition was tough and Joel took the first runner up certificate. Sindy Martin from Thomasville took home the trophy and the right to represent us at the Division B Contest next month.

In addition to the outstanding performances by Joel, Elaine, and Teddy, other Northwestern Toastmasters who made the contest a big success were: Chief Judge Marcia Barney, Judges Butch Barney (Teddy also Judged), Chief Timer Pam Christopher, Sgt.-at-Arms Brian Davidson, and Counter Joe Bircher. Thanks to Elaine, Teddy, Brian, Marcia, and Barbara for bringing the refreshments for the contest.

## ***Improved Communications Seminar***

This meeting starts another ICS, hosted by Northwestern Toastmasters Club. If you recently joined Toastmasters or if you need a Jump-start on effective speaking then this is where you will want to be. Topics include:



- Introducing Others
  - Prepared Speaking
  - Listening
  - Speech Organization
  - Impromptu Speaking
  - Selecting Speech Topics
  - Constructive Evaluation
  - Use of Visual Aids
- Group Discussion
  - Speech Language
  - Effective Use of Voice
  - Gestures and Other Body Language
  - Audience Analysis
  - Effective Use of Notes

Toastmasters International, a non-profit, educational organization, has been training members in improved communications and leadership techniques for more than 75 years, is the developer of this program.

This is also a great place for "more experienced" speakers to pick up some new tips and tricks as well as clean out some speech imperfections that have a nasty habit of creeping back.

For information on the next seminar contact Marcia Barney, DTM at (336) 712-8183

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## ***IN A VACUUM***

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?"

She thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?"