

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday April 18, 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 guests at the last meeting were Chuck Melton (who is now our newest member) as well as seminar students, Christy Seay, Evander and Debbie Woo. Guest John Sebring also attended for the first time.

All of us at Northwestern Toastmasters hope that you enjoyed the meeting. More importantly, we hope that you saw the benefits of mastering the skills of communication and leadership.

Please feel free to return. We are always glad to meet individuals that are looking for ways to improve their communication and leadership skills.

Gentle Reminder

Even with the grammatical error fines, Toastmasters and Northwestern remain a non-profit organization. All proceeds go directly to helping members improve their communication and leadership skills.

Mayberrys, however is a "for-profit" organization. They are kind enough to provide us with a free meeting room, based on the assumption that we will help their sales. Please order dinner (come on, the prices are not bad) to insure that we keep our "free" meeting room.

Schedule for the April 18, 2006 meeting

(Third Night of Improved Communication Seminar)

Toastmaster	Joel Schanker
Table Topics	Donna Hall
General Evaluator	tba
Speaker	Seminar Student
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Speaker	Brian Davidson
Evaluator.....	Butch Barney
Evaluator.....	Teddy Burriss
Evaluator.....	Marcia Barney
Grammarian.....	Pam Christopher
Wordmaster	John Clark
Timer	Elaine Wiles
Vote Counter.....	Derrick Webb
Jokemaster	tba

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.

District Conference

The District 37 (North Carolina) Spring Conference will be held on May 5 and 6 in Raleigh. This is a wonderful time to meet other Toastmasters and renew old friendships.

At the Club level is where we hone our speaking and leadership skills. That should be our first goal and our primary responsibility. At the same time, the District conference gives us the opportunity so meet other members of Toastmasters and put those skills in action.

For more information, or to register, go to the District web site www.toastmasters-nc.org

The April 4, 2006, Meeting

President Teddy Burriss demonstrated his leadership training as he ran our business session with the efficiency for which he is known. Treasurer Marcia Barney announced that the semi-annual reports have been sent to Toastmasters International.

Toastmaster of the meeting John Clark, used "Introduction" as the theme of the meeting. John was in his element as he demonstrated introductions as he called on Toastmasters to fill assigned roles. It was an amazing evening to watch as John flawlessly executed his assigned duties.

Wordmaster Marcia Barney gave us the word "Beguile" – used correctly by two Toastmasters.

Table Topics Master Joel Schanker called on Donna Hall, Barbara Schanker and Butch Barney with questions that matched the theme of the meeting.

Barbara Schanker served double duty as both Vote Counter and Timer for the meeting.

Our first prepared speaker of the evening was Teddy Burriss. Speaking from the Better Speaker Series, Teddy talked about "Overcoming the Fear." Teddy gave some good examples of teaching the butterflies (of public speaking) to fly in formation.

Our second prepared speaker of the evening was Pam Christopher. Pam's speech dealt with "Finding Speech Topics." After her speech everyone should have no difficulty in finding a topic for a speech.

The role of General Evaluator was superbly filled by that kind congenial Marcia Barney. Marcia was kind, as she pointed out flaws in the flow of the meeting and made suggestions for improvement. Marcia also called on the evaluators for our prepared speakers.

Teddy was evaluated by Butch Barney. Butch, as always has a kind word or two, with suggestions for improvement that the speaker AND the rest of us can use for improvement.

Pam was evaluated by Joel Schanker. It's always a pleasure to listen to Joel. Like Butch, he offered encouragement and suggestions for improvement.

Our Grammarian for the evening was Donna Hall. Donna has become very experienced in locating the filler words we all seem to let slip.

Don't Assume

A travel agent looked up from his desk to see an older lady and an older gentleman peering in the shop window at the posters showing the glamorous destinations around the world. The agent had had a good week and the dejected couple looking in the window gave him a rare feeling of generosity.



He called them into his shop and said, "I know that on your pension you could never hope to have a holiday, so I am sending you off to a fabulous resort at my expense, and I won't take no for an answer."

He took them inside and asked his secretary to write two flight tickets and book a room in a five star hotel. They, as can be expected, gladly accepted, and were on their way.

About a month later the little lady came in to his shop. "And how did you like your holiday?" he asked eagerly. "The flight was exciting and the room was lovely," she said. "I've come to thank you. But, one thing puzzled me. Who was that old guy I had to share the room with?"

Membership

In any organization, membership will fluctuate. Northwestern is no exception. Right now, our membership is at a low ebb.

Toastmasters has often been called the "World's Best Kept Secret." Ask anyone in advertising and they will tell you that the best advertising is work of mouth.

This is an ideal time for each member of Northwestern to talk to friends, neighbors and co-workers to tell them of the advantages of Northwestern and Toastmasters training in communication and leadership.