

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday May 30, 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.

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Our new members are:

- Debbie Woo
- Evander Woo
- Karen Harmon

Welcome to Northwestern Toastmasters and Toastmasters International! Contact information for these and all members are on the web site in the member sections.

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 May 30, 2006 meeting

Toastmaster	Teddy Burriss
Table Topics	Brian Davidson
General Evaluator	Lance Kull
Speaker	Chuck Melton
Speaker	Evander Woo
Speaker	Joel Schanker
Evaluator.....	Butch Barney
Evaluator.....	Pam Christopher
Evaluator.....	Marcia Barney
Grammarian	Derrick Webb
Wordmaster	John Clark
Timer	Christy Seay
Vote Counter.....	Debbie Woo
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.

District Conference

The District 37 (North Carolina) Spring Conference was held on May 5 and 6 in Raleigh. Our roving correspondent is preparing a report for us and should be in one of the upcoming issues.

One important function of the Spring Conference is to elect District Leaders for the next year. The incoming Lt. Governor of Education and Training is Northwestern's very own Pam Christopher, DTM. Be sure to congratulate Pam when you see her.

The May 2, 2006, Meeting

President Teddy Burriss presided over the business session with the efficiency for which he is known. There were the usual officer reports and stuff (Secretary's notes are not available.)

Toastmaster of the meeting Lance Kull used "The Effective Use of Visual Aids" as his theme. Our wordmaster was Butch Barney. John Clark was our table topics master and used "Effective use of humor" as a theme for table topics. Timer for the meeting was Joe Bircher, while Brian Davidson served as vote counter.

Our first prepared speaker was Evander Woo who used the topic "Adventures in Retailing" for speech number three from the basic manual.

Our second prepared speaker was Christy Seay. Her title was "Why Not Us?" as she, also, gave speech number three from the basic manual.

Our General Evaluator was Teddy Burriss. Teddy called on Elaine Wiles to evaluate Lance, Chuck Melton to evaluate Evander and Debbie Woo to evaluate Christy Seay.

The May 16, 2006, Meeting

Once again, our President (Teddy Burriss) ran a short but effective business session. (Again, the secretary's minutes are missing.)

Toastmaster Butch Barney used the theme "Don't Just Say it, Express it" in our next to last Improved Communications Seminar. Our word master was Teddy Burriss, Timers was Pam Christopher and Vote Counter was Donna Hall.

Our table topics master, Marcia Barney, demonstrated vocal variety as she presented questions to selected members.

Our first prepared speaker was Debbie Woo. Debbie's speech, from the basic manual was "A Big Fish Story."

Our second prepared speaker was Chuck Melton. Chuck talked about "Just Do it" as he gave his speech from the basic manual.

Improved Communication Seminar material (speeches) were presented by Barbara Schanker and Lance Kull.

Our General Evaluator was Elaine Wiles. Elaine called on:

- ü Christy Seay to evaluate Debbie Woo
 - ü Evander Woo to evaluate Chuck Melton
 - ü Marcia Barney to evaluate Barbara Schanker
 - ü Joel Schanker to evaluate to evaluate Lance Kull
- Elaine called on both our word master and our grammarian (Teddy Burriss and John Clark) – both members filled their roles in great style.

Children Not Clear On the Concept

- One of the opossums was St. Matthew.
- David fought the Finkelsteins, which a race of people who lived in Bible times.
- A Christian should have only one wife, this is called monotony.

Elections

Each year in June we elect officers who will serve for the following Toastmasters year. (July 1 through June 30 of the following year.) We have been fortunate in Northwestern Toastmasters to have officers who have done an excellent job in meeting the needs of members (This is the only "real" duty of an officer.) The officers for this year are listed on the masthead of the newsletter. Be sure to thank them for another great year at Northwestern Toastmasters.



If you are interested in serving as an officer, you know of someone that you think would do a good job, or if you just want to know what the responsibilities of a position are, then talk to Brian Davidson. Traditionally, the immediate past President serves as chairman of the election committee. Knowing Brian as I do, I'm sure that he is already rounding up a committee for this year.

Speaking for myself, It's been a great year and I have enjoyed doing the newsletter. At the same time, I'm looking forward to see what the next person is capable of doing.

Things to Think About

- Can you cry under water?
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
- Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Children Still Not Clear On the Concept

- Noah's wife was Joan of Ark.
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.
- Moses went to the top of Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.
- The seventh commandment is "thou shalt not admit adultery."
- Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
- The people who followed Jesus were called Decibels.
- The espistles were the wives of the apostles.