

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday June 6, 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 May 30, 2006 meeting were:

- Kimberly Anderson
- Florette Melton

We all hope you enjoyed the meeting and, more importantly, see how Toastmasters works to help each person improve their communication and leadership skills.

See you again soon!

New Members !

Our newest member is Christy Seay. Christy joined after attending some of our meetings. All of us at Northwestern Toastmasters wish you the best as you begin to develop your speaking and leadership skills.

New Officers !

Our election committee (Marcia Barney and Joel Schanker) has announced a slate of officers for the new Toastmasters year (that starts on July 1).

Elections will be held at the June 6th meeting with installation at the June 20th meeting. Nominations, in addition to the proposed slate, will be taken from the floor.

Schedule for the June 6, 2006 meeting

Toastmaster	Marcia Barney
Table Topics	David Srcuggs
General Evaluator	Pam Christopher
Speaker	Karen Harmon
Speaker	Debbie Woo
Speaker	Derrick Webb
Evaluator.....	Brian Davidson
Evaluator.....	Lance Kull
Evaluator.....	Barbara Schanker
Grammarian.....	Butch Barney
Wordmaster	John Clark
Timer	Chuck Melton
Vote Counter.....	Evander Woo
Jokemaster	Joel Schanker

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 June 20, 2006 meeting

Toastmaster	David Srcuggs
Table Topics	Elaine Wiles
General Evaluator	Joel Schanker
Speaker	Christy Seay
Speaker	Chuck Melton
Speaker	Derrick Webb
Evaluator.....	Teddy Burriss
Evaluator.....	Pam Christopher
Evaluator.....	John Clark
Grammarian.....	Barbara Schanker
Wordmaster	Evander Woo
Timer	Karen Harmon
Vote Counter.....	Debbie Woo
Jokemaster	Teddy Burriss

The May 30, 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 still not available.)

Toastmaster of the meeting Teddy Burriss used the theme "Wedding Crashers" as he described the planning of his daughters wedding.

Teddy called on our Wordmaster, John Clark, who gave us the word "Deride" and promised that he would deride anyone who used the work incorrectly.

Timer for the meeting was Christy Seay. Vote counter for the meeting was Debbie Woo. Both of these members were definitely not derided for the effective fulfillment of their roles.

Table Topics for the meeting was led by Brian Davidson continued the theme of the Toastmaster of the Meeting as he called on Debbie Woo, John Clark, Barbara Schanker and Donna Hall with questions related to weddings.

Our first prepared speaker was Evander Woo who used the topic "The Benefits of Gardening" as he gave speech number ## from the basic manual.

The second prepared speaker was Chuck Melton who gave speech number 5 from the basic manual. Chuck spoke for six minutes as he described his "Adventures in Europe."

Our final prepared speaker was Joel Schanker who use the Public Relations manual to tell us about "Home Security."

Our General Evaluator was Lance Kull. In addition to telling us the both the "good" and "room for improvement" areas of the meeting, Lance called on:

- ü Pam Christopher to evaluate Evander Woo
- ü Butch Barney to evaluate Chuck Melton
- ü Marcia Barney to evaluate Joel Schanker

Lance concluded the Evaluation portion of the meeting by calling on our Grammarian of the meeting, Barbara Schanker – otherwise known as "Queen of the uhs" and our Wordmaster, John Clark.

Teddy Burriss resumed control of the meeting. He announced tonight's winners:

John Clark for best table topics speech

Marcia Barney for best Evaluator

Chuck Melton for best prepared speaker.

The meeting concluded with the Jokemasters report delivered by Elaine Wiles who demonstrated her ability to handle humor

A Pun or two

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.
Practice safe eating -- always use condiments.
Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.
Divorce is the mourning after the knot before.
A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
Sea captains don't like crew cuts.

Meeting Quality



The quality of our meetings is either improving or my memory is beginning to fail. I'm unable to think of anything that needs to be seriously addressed in this editorial column. With a new officer next year (in July) perhaps the quality of this portion of the newsletter will

improve. In the mean time, here are some things that you might find amusing.

A Pun Too Far

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.
A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.
Without geometry, life is pointless.
Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
Dijon vu -- the same mustard as before.
When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
A backwards poet writes inverse.
With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
Even a calendar's days are numbered.
A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
Those who jump off Paris bridge are in Seine.
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
Acupuncture is a jab well done.
Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of de feat
What's the definition of a will?
(Come on, it's a dead giveaway!)

New Computer Viruses

The Arnold Schwarzenegger Virus.
Terminates some files, leaves, but will be back.
The Mike Tyson Virus.
Quits after two bytes.
The Oprah Winfrey Virus.
Your 350 GB hard drive shrinks to 100 GB, then slowly expands to re-stabilize around 200 GB.
The Prozac Virus.
Totally screws up your RAM, but your processor doesn't care.
The Michael Jackson Virus.
Only attacks minor files.
The Lorena Bobbitt Virus.
Reformats your hard drive into a 3.5 inch floppy, then discards it through Windows.
The Martha Stewart Virus.
Taxes your computer, which imprisons your hard drive for 6 months, rendering it useless throughout your network.