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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday October 3, 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.

Brian Wins At Area !

Silver-tongued Brian Davidson walked away with first place in the Humorous Speech Contest and second place in the Evaluation Contest. This means that Brian will go on to represent Northwestern Toastmasters and Area 21 in the Division B contest. Be sure to congratulate Brian on this impressive feat.

Division B Contest

The Division B Contest will be on Saturday, October 14, at Moses Cone Hospital (in Greensboro, NC) 10 am to 12 noon. Make plans to attend and cheer for Brian.

District 37 Conference

The District 37 Fall Conference will be held on October 27-28, 2006 Atlantic Beach North Carolina. For more information, or to register, go to the District web site, www.toastmasters-nc.org.

About the Web Site

There is a wealth of information about the format of a Toastmasters meeting and a description of the roles in a meeting. Click on "About Us" then click on "Meetings" for the format of a typical meeting. Click on "Roles" for the responsibilities of each role in a meeting. Hint: Even "experienced" members need refreshing once in a while. Heck, even your newsletter editor uses this information when he prepares for a role.

Schedule for the October 3, 2006 meeting

Toastmaster	Pam Christopher
Table Topics	Barbara Schanker
General Evaluator	John Clark
Speaker	Don Barnett
Speaker	Chuck Melton
Speaker	Christy Seay
Evaluator.....	Marcia Barney
Evaluator.....	Derrick Webb
Evaluator.....	Brian Davidson
Evaluator.....	Donna Hall
Evaluator.....	Elaine Wiles
Grammarian	Butch Barney
Wordmaster	Evander Woo
Timer	Zoltan Rab
Vote Counter.....	Libby Lagadi
Jokemaster	Karen Harmon

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 October 17, 2006 meeting

Toastmaster	Lance Kull
Table Topics	Debbie Woo
General Evaluator	Teddy Burriss
Speaker	Zoltan Rab
Speaker	Libby Legadi
Speaker	Brian Davidson
Speaker	Elaine Wiles
Evaluator.....	Karen Harmon
Evaluator.....	Butch Barney
Evaluator.....	John Clark
Evaluator.....	Christy Seay
Evaluator.....	Barbara Schanker
Grammarian	Marcia Barney
Wordmaster	Derrick Webb
Timer	Chuck Melton
Vote Counter.....	David Lagadi
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The Secretary's Report

by Christy Seay, Secretary

The September 19, 2006 Meeting

This was our annual Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest meeting. After a brief business session, President Donna Hall Introduced the Toastmaster of the Contest, Marcia Barney. During her warm-up, we learned a few things from Marcia's past.

Our chief judge was Joel Schanker who did a very good job of coordinating the judges, ballot collectors, ballot counters and timers.

The three contestants for the Humorous Speech Contest were:

- Karen Harmon - "Second Career"
- David Legadi - "Special Things I Learned from the Board of Education."
- Brian Davidson - "Mother Knows Best."

Pam Christopher provided the target speech for the Evaluation Contest as she spoke about "Scarlet O'Hara Indeed!" Our Evaluation Contestants were Karen Harmon and John Clark.

Marcia ended the evening as she awarded Brian Davidson first place in the Humorous Speech Contest and John Clark first place in the Evaluation Contest.

It was a great evening and will long be remembered as one of Northwesterns best contests.

Our winners will go on to represent Northwestern Toastmasters at the Area 21 contest.

Real Speaking Time

by Marcia Barney, DTM



Each NWTM gets an opportunity to speak on a rotating basis. True, some are scheduled more frequently than others by request. However, each of us should consider our speaking slots as a privilege as well as a responsibility. The privilege comes from the agreement from the other members of our club to listen to us for a few minutes as we discuss a subject of our choosing. The responsibility is in realizing just how much those fellow members are investing in our growth by listening to us for those minutes.

Making a speech at a Northwestern Toastmasters Club meeting is far different from "cocktail conversation." When I give a 5 minute speech to 15 fellow members, I am not using 5 minutes - I am actually using 80 minutes. Yes, that is one hour and 15 minutes of valuable time that **my fellow members** are investing in my growth. With that much time being invested at the meeting surely I am willing to spend at least that amount of time in preparing the speech.

Each of our speeches should have a distinct purpose to entertain, inform, persuade, or educate. Achieving that purpose is the payback to those who are investing all that time in our growth. Use those valuable minutes - yours and ours - to the maximum by being well prepared, by saying something worthwhile, and by working on distinct points for your self-improvement. Real growth will surely be the result.

When Insults Had Class

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." -- Winston Churchill

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about." -- Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." -- Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." -- William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway) "Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?" -- Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." -- Moses Hadas

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." -- Abraham Lincoln

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." -- Groucho Marx

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." -- Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." -- Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play, bring a friend... if you have one." -- George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one." -- Winston Churchill, in response