

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
 Tuesday October 17, 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.

Meeting Schedule!

Northwestern Toastmasters meets on the first, third and fifth Tuesday of Each month. Usually, that means every other Tuesday since most months do not have a fifth Tuesday.

October is an exception. We have three meetings this month. This means that there is ONLY one week between the last meeting in October and the first meeting in November. So be sure to adjust your memory.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	October
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	2006
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					
			1	2	3	4	November
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2006
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			

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
Jokemaster	Don Barnett

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 31, 2006 meeting

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

The Secretary's Report

by Brian Davidson, acting Secretary

The October 3, 2006 Meeting

The October 3, 2006 meeting of Northwestern Toastmasters was called to order by President Donna Hall. President Hall efficiently ran the business session. VP of Ed. Joel Schanker reminded us of our future meeting roles and responsibilities. Brian Davidson was appointed Secretary until...

After speeding across several counties Pam Christopher took charge of the meeting as the Toastmaster for the evening. Through her warm-up speech, Pam narrated her trip to the coast and a visit to the venue for the upcoming District Conference taking place October 27th – 28th in Atlantic Beach. As District Lieutenant Gov. of Ed., Pam also invited and encouraged all to attend.

After Table Topics Master Barbara Schanker's brief introductory comments, she called on three members to try their hands at impromptu speaking. Joel Schanker, Donna Hall and Evander Woo all did great jobs with their answers to Barbara's questions. However, there can only be one winner, and Joel was it with his educational response about his best experience at losing a speech contest.

After accepting control of the lectern back from Barbara, Pam invited our first prepared speaker to the lectern. Ben Voglar was not introduced because he presented his Ice Breaker as his own introduction. Thank you Ben for sharing with us some fun memories from your youth. We all look forward to hearing more. Next up was Don Barnett. Don shared with us what he has learned and will build on in the future by attending all Northwestern Toastmasters meetings. Thanks Don, it is great that your hard work is paying off.

The next opportunity for learning came as John Clark, our General Evaluator, was introduced by Pam. John took it easy on us but did point out several instances where we can improve our speaking and meeting organization skills. After his review of the meeting, John asked Brian Davidson to evaluate Pam Christopher's opening remarks. Marcia Barney provided support and pointers to Ben Voglar with her evaluation of his speech. Derrick Webb offered some suggestions and support to Don Barnett to use at his discretion in future speeches.

After Butch Barney funded the treasury with our quarters Evander Woo gave the Word Master report. According to Evander we had a little trouble using the word of the day. Actually no one mispronounced it because no one used it. Great job guys.

Pam summed up the educational portion of the meeting and relinquished the lectern back to President Hall who awarded Don as the Best Speaker, Joel as Best at Table Topics and Marcia as the Best Evaluator for the evening.

Listen and Grow!

by Marcia Barney, DTM



The purpose of Toastmasters is to improve our listening, speaking, and thinking abilities. Listening is listed first for a very good reason. Even the most loquacious among us spends far more time listening than speaking.

Our meetings are designed to improve each of these aspects of communications. To improve this very important listening part requires effort just as improving the speaking part. Take advantage of the opportunity Table Topics offers. The Table Topics Master should state the question before specifying which Toastmaster gets to speak aloud on the subject. Listen very carefully to every (even if you've already received a topic that meeting) topic and assume that you name will be the one called to answer that question. Even write the question on a piece of paper to reinforce it. Concentrate on the question, being sure to note the word emphasis and emotion expressed in the question.

We joke about being called for Table Topics, but hopefully we realize the potential learning experience. Now lets learn the potential of not being called - after all we have many more of these experiences from which to grow.

Make Table Topics a real growth laboratory for your listening abilities - whether or not you are called to develop your speaking skills. After all, you can still develop your most important communications skill - that of listening.

More of 'When Insults Had Class'

"I feel so miserable without you, it's almost like having you here." -- Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator."

-- John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." -- Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself, he is the cause of dullness in others." -- Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up."

-- Paul Keating

"He had delusions of adequacy."

-- Walter Kerr

"There's nothing wrong with you that reincarnation won't cure." -- Jack E. Leonard

"He has the attention span of a lightning bolt."

-- Robert Redford

"They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge." -- Thomas Brackett Reed