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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.

~~~ Our Web Site ~~~

Our web site, www.nwtm.org (That's NWTM for NorthWestern ToastMasters) has lots of information about both Northwestern and Toastmasters in general. Your Vice President of Education and the web master work diligently to keep the information on our web site current. For example, there is a schedule of roles for the rest of the year (its under "Schedule") plus the members section is being updated with a page for each member. This will help you keep track of your educational goals. While you are there, don't forget to check out the new and improved roster of current members. Thanks, and a tip of the hat, to Marcia Barney and her camera for providing many of the photographs of our members.

~~~ Visitors and Guests ~~~

Jason Benetti was our guest at the October 31 meeting. Jason, we hope you enjoyed the meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you again.

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Be sure to read the third page of the newsletter. We had three meetings last month and only two newsletters to tell about them. Thanks to our new secretary, Brian Davidson, we have two secretary's reports. When you add the guest editorial by Evander Woo, there is just too much to fit on two pages.

## Schedule for the November 7, 2006 meeting

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Toastmaster .....       | Evander Woo      |
| Table Topics .....      | Derrick Webb     |
| General Evaluator ..... | Marcia Barney    |
| Speaker .....           | Butch Barney     |
| Speaker .....           | Donna Hall       |
| Speaker .....           | Joel Schanker    |
| Speaker .....           | Debbie Woo       |
| Evaluator.....          | Teddy Burriss    |
| Evaluator.....          | Pam Christopher  |
| Evaluator.....          | John Clark       |
| Evaluator.....          | Barbara Schanker |
| Evaluator.....          | Elaine Wiles     |
| Grammarian.....         | Brian Davidson   |
| Wordmaster .....        | Karl Hastings    |
| Timer .....             | David Lagadi     |
| Vote Counter.....       | Ben Vogler       |
| Jokemaster .....        | Zoltan Rab       |

**Remember: All roles are important! If you can not attend the meeting, then contact our VP of Education.**

## Schedule for the November 21, 2006 meeting

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Toastmaster .....       | John Clark      |
| Table Topics .....      | Brian Davidson  |
| General Evaluator ..... | Joel Schanker   |
| Speaker .....           | Don Barnett     |
| Speaker .....           | Pam Christopher |
| Speaker .....           | David Lagadi    |
| Speaker .....           | Ben Vogler      |
| Evaluator.....          | Marcia Barney   |
| Evaluator.....          | Karen Harmon    |
| Evaluator.....          | Lance Kull      |
| Evaluator.....          | Chuck Melton    |
| Evaluator.....          | Derrick Webb    |
| Grammarian.....         | Donna Hall      |
| Wordmaster .....        | Zoltan Rab      |
| Timer .....             | Karl Hastings   |
| Vote Counter.....       | Evander Woo     |
| Jokemaster .....        | Debbie Woo      |

## **The Secretary's Report**

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

### **The October 17, 2006 Meeting**

The October 17, 2006 meeting of Northwestern Toastmasters was called to order by President Donna Hall. After quickly dispensing with the business portion of the meeting, Donna turned it over to Lance Kull. Taking charge of the meeting as the Toastmaster, Lance presented his introductory comments as manual speech. Lance inspired us with stories about his brother and daughter. He told us about some of the good deeds that they have selflessly taken head on. Lance raised some of our goal setting bars mighty high.

Lance turned the meeting over to Table Topics Master Debbie Woo. Debbie stayed with the theme of goal setting. She also challenged some of us by throwing out topics for discussion, such as, how did you help your children and what have you done to pitch in and help charities or your church. Teddy Burriss, Brian Davidson, Ben Vogler and Marcia Barney all addressed their topic with skill and ease. Apparently Marcia was in her groove because she took home the First Place award for Table Topics. Thanks to Debbie for keeping everyone on their toes and the great questions.

Debbie relinquished the lectern to Lance who welcomed Zoltan Rab to present his Ice Breaker. Zoltan introduced himself to the group with memories from his childhood "Behind the Iron Curtain". Zoltan shared fascinating stories, a history lesson and a cultural tutorial about living under communist rule.

Next up was Karl Hastings. Imagery is Karl's forte. His Ice Breaker came alive as he crafted his speech around the similarities between the growth of a tree and his life journey. Karl's curving road to becoming a state champion florist will make us all appreciate flowers and plants more.

Elaine Wiles really got into character next as she presented an advanced manual speech. In a flowing gown fit for Queen Elizabeth herself, Elaine reminded and educated us with information about the Queen's life and then shared a passage with us. Thanks for making history come alive, Elaine.

Next, Lance introduced General Evaluator Teddy Burriss. Teddy was nice to the group but suggested a couple of areas that we can improve on in conducting meetings. After his review of the meeting, Teddy asked Pam Christopher to evaluate Lance's opening remarks. John Clark, Butch Barney and Barbara Schanker offered Zoltan, Karl and Elaine some suggestions and support to use at their discretion in future speeches.

Grammarian Marcia Barney was on cloud nine as she collected quarters all around. Word Master Brian Davidson reported that Teddy Burriss, John Clark and Marcia Barney used the word of the evening, vacuity,

correctly. Timer Evander Woo was busy all evening with the stopwatch and lights.

Donna Hall counted and verified all of the votes taken during the meeting, reported the results to herself as President, and then presented the Best Speaker award to Elaine Wiles and the Best Evaluator award to Butch Barney. Marcia Barney won the Best Table Topics award.

To wrap up the meeting President Hall called on Joke Master John Clark. Living life with a smile, John shared one with us.

MEETING ADJOURNED! 

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### **Behavior**

by Evander Woo

When my sister-in-law Gladys was alive, she used to tell my wife Debbie that the behavior you expected from another person would be the behavior that you would see.

Based on my own perceptions, prejudices, and expectations of others, I have found this to be true.



You cannot change the behavior of another human being, good or bad. You can only change your reaction or expectation of that person's behavior.

When I started at Toastmasters, I knew it would be a long time before I could be as good as many of my fellow toastmasters. I thought I was the worst toastmaster in our club. Despite what I felt, I made the effort to attend every meeting since my first visit with Northwestern Toastmasters. Missing a meeting would have been the equivalent of missing a day of class or a day at work. There was always something to learn.

After the last two meetings, I have learned to "savor the moment" and regained the desire to "make a difference" one day and one person at a time. Since several experienced toastmasters had started out like me, there was hope for me. Their accomplishments have given me a positive outlook during and after each meeting.

In a few weeks, on November 7th, I will have the role of toastmaster for the first time. It is a role that I look forward to, knowing that I may make mistakes along the way. That is part of the learning process.

Gladys was right about expecting types of behaviors from other people. Each of us can only change our expectations and reactions to other people and situations. Change has to come from within. If she were alive today, she would have been glad to know that Northwestern Toastmasters was the right club for Debbie and me to belong to.

## ***The Secretary's Report***

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

### **The October 31, 2006 Meeting**

The October 31, 2006 meeting of Northwestern Toastmasters was called to order by President Donna Hall. During the business portion of the meeting VP of Ed. Joel Schanker updated us with our roles and responsibilities for the next couple of meetings. Please refer to Page 1 of this newsletter for a detailed listing of future roles.

After the business session Pam Christopher reminded us of the opportunities Toastmasters has to offer on a much larger scale. Pam, a long time Northwestern Toastmaster, currently serving as District Lt. Gov. of Education, was awarded Division B - President's Distinguished award and the Division Governor of the Year award.

Donna introduced the Toastmaster for the evening, Marcia Barney. Marcia opened the meeting with a manual speech to introduce the meeting topic "Mental Flexibility". Marcia then called on Word Master Zoltan Rab. With his presentation, Zoltan assisted with Marcia's meeting theme.. Maria then turned the meeting over to Table Topics Master Joel Schanker. Joel changed things up with a rapid fire Table Topics session. Instead of the normal four questions, Joel elicited answers from Karl Hastings, Zoltan Rab, Brian Davidson, Butch Barney, Pam Christopher and Debbie Woo.

After accepting control of the lectern from Joel, Marcia introduced Karen Harmon, our first prepared speaker.. Karen provided advice and commentary about communicating through email with her speech "Speaking Through Email". Next up was Teddy Burriss, who presented a story telling project from an advanced manual with his speech "Measure Twice, Cut Once". The art of persuasion was Barbara Schanker's forte with "Importance of Voting". Barbara's project was also from an advanced manual and successfully relayed some of the history and a lot of the need for all of us to act with our votes in the upcoming election. (That would be this coming Tuesday – The same day as our next meeting. Let's make Barbara smile by reporting 100% participation.

Next, Toastmaster Marcia introduced General Evaluator Donna Hall. Donna had a great report about the opening of the meeting and business portion. Then she called on Butch Barney to evaluate Karen's speech. Brian evaluated Barbara's speech and Debbie offered her advice to Teddy. John Clark evaluated Marcia's opening remarks and introductions.

Grammarian Pam Christopher swept up the funds for our mistakes during the meeting.

Sorry guys I stopped taking notes. I'm new at this you know. But I do know that awards were given, Evander made us laugh and the .....



MEETING ADJOURNED!

A crusty old Sergeant Major found himself at a gala event, hosted by a local liberal arts college. There was no shortage of extremely young, idealistic ladies in attendance, one of whom approached the Sergeant Major for conversation.

She said, "Excuse me, Sergeant Major, but you seem to be a very serious man. Is something bothering you?" "Negative, ma'am," the Sergeant Major said, "Just serious by nature."

"The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, "It looks like you have seen a lot of action. "The Sergeant Major's short reply was, "Yes, ma'am, a lot of action." The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation, said, "You know, you should lighten up a little. Relax and enjoy yourself." The Sergeant Major just stared at her in his serious manner. Finally the young lady said, "You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when is the last time you had sex?" The Sergeant Major looked at her and replied, "1955."

She said, "Well, there you are. You really need to chill out and quit taking everything so seriously! I mean, no sex since 1955! She took his hand and led him to a private room where she proceeded to "relax" him several times. Afterwards, and panting for breath, she leaned against his bare chest and said, "Wow, you sure didn't forget much since 1955!" The Sergeant Major, glancing at his watch, said in his matter-of-fact voice, "I hope not, it's only 2130 now."

### **Remember when Insults had Class?**

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." -- Billy Wilder

"Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; truth isn't." -- Mark Twain

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." -- Andrew Lang

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him."  
-- Forrest Tucker

"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily." -- Charles, Count Talleyrand

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" -- Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." -- Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." -- Oscar Wilde