

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday November 21, 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 Decorum ~~~

It was pointed out at a recent meeting that we have become a little too vocal during parts of our meeting. This seems like a good time to point out that our meetings do run under Parliamentary Procedure. One of the prime directives is that one speaks only when recognized by the chair.

In plain (southern) English, we should speak only when the person behind the lectern recognizes us. Granted, there are times when a comment begs to be made. Resist that urge and get permission first.

~~~ Visitors and New Members ~~~

Our two guests at the last meeting are now our newest members. Please help make them welcome!

- Kyle Adams is an insurance agent with Mass Mutual Financial Group
- Matthew Hamby is an agent with NC Farm Bureau.

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### How to beat Stress –

- \* Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- \* Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them
- \* Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

### 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      |

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

### Schedule for the December 05, 2006 meeting

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Don Bircher.....      | Timer             |
| Butch Barney .....    | Toastmaster       |
| Marcia Barney.....    | Speaker           |
| Teddy Burriss.....    | Evaluator         |
| Pam Christopher ..... | Evaluator         |
| John Clark.....       | Evaluator         |
| Brian Davidson.....   | Evaluator         |
| Donna Hall .....      | Table Topics      |
| Karen Harmon.....     | Grammarian        |
| Lance Kull.....       | General Evaluator |
| Chuck Melton.....     | Speaker           |
| Zoltan Rab .....      | Speaker           |
| Ben Vogler .....      | Jokemaster        |
| Derrick Webb .....    | Vote Counter      |
| Elaine Wiles .....    | Wordmaster        |
| Debbie Woo.....       | Evaluator         |

## **The Secretary's Report**

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

### **The November 7, 2006 Meeting**

<Lost in translation, will be reprinted next week>

MEETING ADJOURNED!



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More ways to beat stress –

- * Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
- * If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- * If you lend someone \$20 and never see them again, it was probably worth it.
- * It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- * Never buy a car you can't push.
- * Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- * Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- * Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- * The second mouse gets the cheese.
- * When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- * Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- * You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- * Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- * We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- * A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Q - How many music critics does it take to change a light bulb?

A - Music critics don't know how, but rest assured they'll find something wrong with the way you do it!

Q - How many music critics does it take to change a light bulb?

A - None. They work in the dark.

Q - Why are music critics' columns bad choices to line the bottom of a bird cage?

A - It's too hard to distinguish the droppings from the writing.

Q - What do you get if you cross a music critic?

A - A bad review.

Invest Your Time

by Joel Schanker, VP Education

The next time you consider skipping a meeting because you are not speaking imagine what might happen the next time that you do speak. Your speech is the best you have written. It is tight, funny and informative. You have practiced enough to know that your voice, expressions and gestures will keep the audience attention riveted on you. You are ready for an amazing experience. Then you walk into the meeting room and find the chairs all stacked in a corner. There are no timing lights, agendas or assigned evaluators. No one is prepared to introduce you but how much does it matter if only three people are in the room.

It takes more than working on our manuals to have a successful Toastmasters experience. Successful meetings takes the attentive participation of toastmasters in at least eleven different roles (Toastmaster, Wordmaster, Table Topics Master, Speakers, Evaluators, Vote Counter, Timer, General Evaluator, Grammarian, and JokeMaster). Clubs require at least six officers to ensure the continued operation of the club (President, VP Education, VP Membership, VP Public Relations, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The reality is that You need to get involved in the ORGANIZATION of our organization. Not because you are more charitable then others, or because you are more caring then others, No. I suggest we need to get more involved as an expression of our SELF INTEREST.

If we want to meet what ever objective we have for ourselves in Northwestern Toastmasters we need to ensure that our club stays healthy and strong. We need to be there for the roles that keep the meetings running. We need to take the time to fill an office in the club to make sure that we continue to have meeting to be run.

The reality is that if we don't take the time to do more than just speak, we may have better speeches but worse experiences.

What can we do. the simplest steps are usually the most effective.

- Come to the meetings, even if you are not speaking
- The club has six officers who could use some help today and should be replaced by new officers in May. What could you do to help. ASK!!!!
- The club is in an Area which is in a Division which is in a District and there are lots of tasks that could be done at any of these levels. Contests, Newsletters, Training and Conferences all are made possible by people like yourself. All you need to do is offer.

Invest the time to make your time a better investment.

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Q - What do you get if you cross a music critic with a bowling ball?

A - You would get a bowling ball that wouldn't know a good performance if it heard one.