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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday December 5, 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.

~~~ Toastmasters Leadership Institute ~~~

This year's District Leaders have scheduled two TLI's so Club officers will not have so far to travel. These sessions are designed for all Club officers and all Club members who are interested. The TLI's are --
1. Western TLI - Saturday, January. 13 (Charlotte, NC)
2. Eastern TLI - Saturday, January 20 Raleigh, NC)
Sign in time at both sessions are 8 am to 9 am. For more informaton and to register, click on this link -
<http://www.toastmasters-nc.org/tliregistration.html>

Misc. Thoughts from the editor

Be sure to read all THREE pages of this issue. We have two Secretary's reports by Brian Davidson and a great guest editorial by our President, Donna Hall. Donna has some great ideas and thoughts for our Toastmasters Club.

This is the "Holiday Season" so no matter which holiday you choose to celebrate, be sure to do it up right. Your editor will be celebrating the birth date of Sir Bagus of Pipe, known for his wonderful invention with the soothing melody.

For those of you who may not be aware of this holiday, it is traditionally celebrated with mass consumption of a discovery by the Earl of Sandwich and his brother, Sir Loin of Beef.

Schedule for the December 05, 2006 meeting

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

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

Schedule for the December 19, 2006 meeting

Don Bircher..... Evaluator
Butch Barney Evaluator
Teddy Burriss..... Vote Counter
John Clark..... Speaker
Brian Davidson..... Speaker
Donna Hall..... Evaluator
Karen Harmon..... Table Topics
Lance Kull..... Grammarian
David Lagadi..... Joke Master
Chuck Melton..... Word Master
Zoltan Rab Timer
Barbara Schanker Evaluator
Joel Schanker General Evaluator
Derrick Webb Evaluator
Elaine Wiles Speaker
Debbie Woo..... Toastmaster
Evander Woo Speaker

The November 7, 2006 Meeting

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

The November 7, 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. Donna introduced the Toastmaster for the evening, Evandor Woo. First time Toastmaster Evandor opened the meeting with a manual speech to introduce the meeting topic "Thanksgiving". Evandor's wit and humor got the meeting off to a fast start. Word Master Karl Hastings set the bar high with his word "cogent". After Karl's challenge to use the word of the day Evandor introduced Table Topics Master Derrick Webb. Derrick stayed with the "Thanksgiving" meeting theme and threw out questions to Zoltan Rab, Don Barnett (we need some documentation from Don...Gen Evaluator Marcia is sure his real first name is Dan), Teddy Burriss and Karl Hastings. Karl was the most cogent with his response and took home the Best Table Topics award. Don also did very well with his Table Topics response but Dan may have stolen some of his votes. Sorry Dan/Don our Vote Counter Zoltan could only report the facts. All kidding aside, Derrick and Table Topic participants did great jobs.

After accepting control of the lectern from back from Derrick, TM Evandor introduced Debbie Woo. Debbie, our first prepared speaker, kept our focus with her speech "Communications". She really is quite good at it. Donna Hall was up next with her first project from the Humorously Speaking manual with her speech "Keep Them Laughing". VP of Ed. Joel Schanker followed Donna with "Lesser is Still Less". The last prepared speaker for the evening was Butch Barney who entertained with a reading from Dr. Seuss. Let's just face it we have great speakers but only one gets the honor of Best Speaker of the night and the honor went to Butch Barney. He obviously knows a lot about Green Eggs and Ham.

Next, Toastmaster Evandor introduced General Evaluator Marcia Barney. Marcia also took on the task of evaluating Evandor's opening for credit as a prepared speech. John Clark helped out Debbie with some suggestions and Brian Davidson evaluated Donna Hall's great speech. Teddy Burriss evaluated Joel's speech and Lance Kull sent some suggestions over to Butch with his evaluation. Thanks to all of our evaluators for cogently presenting their evaluations but once again we only can call one the best for the evening and Lance took home that price.

Grammarians Dan/Don Barnett was up next and he apparently was listening to everyone very closely because we all made some mistakes, even our Gen. Evaluator Marcia Barney slipped up. Quarters flowed down the table to the Treasurer.

Even with a few mistakes, Karl reported that five Northwestern Toastmasters used the word of the day. Some more cogently than others, but at least the effort was made.

Gen. Evaluator Marcia finished up her remarks and turned the meeting back to Evandor who wrapped up the educational portion of the meeting and gave control to over to President Hall, who presented the aforementioned

awards for the evening and asked our guests to comment on the meeting. I think we got a favorable review, even "Grandmotherly" Marcia Barney. Thanks to our guests and Joke Master Zoltan Rab our meeting was concluded with smiles all around. With power in her gavel President Hall called the



MEETING ADJOURNED!

~~~~~ Attracting New Members to our Club

by Donna Hall, CTM and President of Northwestern

Virtually all Toastmasters clubs need a constant inflow of new members to stay healthy. That's not necessarily a bad thing! Most members join Toastmasters with specific objectives in mind and leave when they have achieved them. More than 95% of the people who leave Toastmasters leave happy and say they might join again in the future.



At Northwestern Toastmasters we do several things throughout the year to attract new members to our club.

1. We hold an annual Speechcraft. Speechcraft is a program designed to teach non-members public speaking skills. Experienced members of our club present the fundamentals of public speaking in the atmosphere of a Toastmasters club meeting. Speechcraft brings prospective new members into our club to see, first-hand, what Toastmasters is all about. It is a great way to promote our club in our community or company.
2. We participate in the Club Coach Program. A club coach is an experienced Toastmaster who is asked to help a struggling club. For purposes of the Club Coach Program a struggling club is one that has twelve (12) or fewer paid members at the time of appointment. The club coach comes from the outside with new viewpoints, perspectives and experience. He or she cannot be a member of the club prior to assignment, but may join after being assigned. Assignments are made only by district governors. Of course, a club needs to want a club coach before one can be assigned.
3. Public Relations are an excellent way of drawing attention to our club. People can't join our club if they don't know we exist! There are thousands of people waiting to join Toastmasters who "just haven't gotten around to it." Undoubtedly, there are people who are ready to join our club. They just need a little push in the form of a reminder. There are many ways to publicize our club and one way is by word of mouth via an existing member. We talk to hundreds of people on a weekly basis, invite someone to come see what NWTM is all about.

The next time you meet someone that you think would benefit from Toastmasters, which in my opinion is anyone breathing, then tell them about our club.

The November 7, 2006 Meeting

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

The November 21, 2006 meeting of Northwestern Toastmasters was called to order by President Donna Hall. Donna proceeded with the introduction of guests and visitors. 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. Joel announced that he would be unavailable to prepare the agenda for the December 5th meeting. Zoltan Rab offered to fill-in and prepare the agenda in Joel's absence. December 5th meeting Toastmaster Butch Barney might want to note this change as all agenda changes are to be communicated to Zoltan in time to prepare the agenda. Joel also requested that members let him know if you want to be placed on the on-call speaker list. This is a great opportunity for those wanting to get more speaking opportunities as our membership continues to grow. (Who let the word out that we have the best thing going for an evening of entertainment with a little education thrown in? ☺) Keep in mind that if you wish to act as a fill-in speaker, the speech you present should be a prepared manual speech.

After a short recess, Donna introduced the Toastmaster for the evening, John Clark. Toastmaster Clark opened the meeting with a manual speech to introduce the meeting topic "Thank-mas". Leave it to John to get the meeting off with a bang with another excellent speech. Word Master Zoltan really dug deep to find "efficacy".

John next introduced the Table Topics Master Brian Davidson. Brian offered some topics for discussion to Zoltan Rab, Karl Hastings, Debbie Woo and one of our newest members Matthew Hamby. Zoltan took home the Best Table Topics award. Of course Karl and Debbie's efficacy showed with their responses. However, Matthew deserves the honorable mention for handling his topic so well so early in his Toastmaster experience. Great job done by all!

After accepting control of the lectern from back from Brian, TM John introduced Kyle Adams, the first prepared speaker. Kyle grabbed our attention with her Icebreaker. Thanks for helping us get to know you better Kyle. Next up was Don Barnett. Don painted vivid images for us with his word usage describing a recent sight seeing and picnicking trip along the Blue Ridge Parkway. David Legadi presented "Why Not Celebrate?" I am pretty sure David is a Dallas/Texas football fan. And I don't think he is alone in making sure that a few hours of football viewing is an important part of any holiday season.

Next, Toastmaster John introduced General Evaluator Barbara Schanker. Barbara was so diplomatic with her overall assessment of the meeting. She gave us an encouraging appraisal but also slipped in some comments regarding areas where we can improve our meetings. Barbara then turned to her team of evaluators to help the individual speakers. Butch Barney helped out John with some suggestions and Marcia Barney evaluated Kyle's Icebreaker. Debbie Woo evaluated Don's speech and Chuck Melton sent some suggestions over to David with his evaluation. Thanks to all of our evaluators for

working fast and hard to prepare and present their helpful evaluations.

Grammarian Donna Hall reported that everyone but the club President made some sort of grammatical error during the meeting. About this time I looked around and noticed that someone did not finish the fish sticks they had ordered for dinner. Sorry, this distracted me and I could not tell from which end of the table the fishy odor was coming from. Let's see – Grammarian Hall, President Hall, Grammarian Hall's Report. Who's to say?

Word Master Zoltan reported that Don used the word of the meeting correctly. Barbara gave it a shot twice but Zoltan only gave her partial credit for each use. Hey, good effort Barbara.

Gen. Evaluator Barbara finished up her remarks and turned the meeting back over to TM John. John wrapped up the educational portion of the meeting with a song and dance. If you weren't there, you should have been.

President Hall received a report from Vote Counter Evander. Donna then presented the Best Table Topics Award to Zoltan Rab, the Best Speaker Award to Don Barnett and the Best Evaluator Award to Marcia Barney. Joke Master Debbie Woo shared a laugh with us just before President Hall called the

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One day, there was this lawyer who had just bought a new car, and he was eager to show it off to his colleagues, when all of a sudden an eighteen wheeler came out of nowhere and took of the driver's side door with him standing right there. "NOOO!" he screamed, because he knew that no matter how good a mechanic tried to fix it, it never would be the same. Finally, a cop came by, and the lawyer ran up to him yelling. "MY JAGUAR DOOR WAS JUST RUINED BY SOME FOOLISH DRIVER!!!" he exclaimed. "Your a lawyer aren't you?" asked the policeman. "Yes, I am, but what does this have to do with my car?!?!" the lawyer asked. "HA! Your lawyers are always so materialistic. All you care about is your possessions. I bet you didn't even notice that your left arm is missing did you?" the cop said. The lawyer looked down at his side and exclaimed "MY ROLEX!"

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An actuary, a lawyer and an accountant are discussing the merits of having a mistress or a wife. The lawyer reckons it is better having a mistress, because the wife can take everything if you should come to a divorce. The accountant reckons it is definitely better having a wife, from a taxation perspective. The actuary reckons it is better having both, because when you are not with the wife, she thinks you are with the mistress, and when you are not with the mistress, the mistress thinks you are with the wife, and that way, you can spend more time at the office.