

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday December 19, 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.

~~~ Web Site Update ~~~

Your Vice President of Education, Joel Schanker is working with the web master to improve our web site, www.nwtm.org. Under the members only section (if you have lost the password just ask any officer) we now have a complete roster and are working on a list of members activity and accomplishments. Some of us (the members who need memory upgrades) have trouble remembering what we need to achieve the next level. Here is a place to find the answer. I wish the web master had started this years ago.

Office Math

Smart boss + smart employee = profit
Smart boss + dumb employee = production
Dumb boss + smart employee = promotion
Dumb boss + dumb employee = overtime

Non-Office Math

Smart man + smart woman = romance
Smart man + dumb woman = affair
Dumb man + smart woman = marriage

Happiness

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.

To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

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

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

Schedule for the January 2, 2007

Kyle Adams..... Speaker
Don Barnett..... Timer
Butch Barney Toastmaster
Teddy Burriss..... Evaluator
Pam Christopher Evaluator
John Clark..... Evaluator
Brian Davidson..... Evaluator
Donna Hall Table Topics
Matthew Hamby Speaker
Karen Harmon..... Grammarian
Karl Hastings..... Speaker
Lance Kull General Evaluator
Zoltan Rab Speaker
Ben Vogler Vote Counter
Derrick Webb Jokemaster
Elaine Wiles Wordmaster
Debbie Woo Evaluator

The December 5, 2006 Meeting

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

The December 5, 2006 meeting of Northwestern Toastmasters was called to order by President Donna Hall. The business session moved quickly with no major announcements. After a short recess, Donna introduced the Toastmaster for the evening, Butch Barney. Toastmaster Butch opened the meeting with a manual speech to introduce the meeting topic "Calf Paths".

Word Master Evander Woo was called on by TM Butch. Evander challenged us to use the word "truculent" during our speaking roles. We may have to discuss changing how the usage of the word is counted. If we included the Word Master's presentation of the word then at least we could report that one toastmaster used it during the meeting.

Moving on, Table Topics Master Donna Hall was introduced by TM Butch. Donna offered some topics for discussion to Lance Kull, Don Barnett, Kyle Adams and Evander Woo. According to the Timer's report presented by Don Barnett, all of the speaking times were within the qualification range with the exception of possibly Don's. Whoops! He forgot to time himself. Even without knowing his time, Don did a great job as did all of the other Table Topics participants. But only one Best Table Topics award can be given and President Hall presented it to Lance.

After accepting control of the lectern from back from Donna, TM Butch introduced the first prepared speaker. Matthew Hamby got the audience chuckling with his Icebreaker. Thanks for helping us get to know you better Matthew and we look forward to more of that humor. Next up was Zoltan Rab. Zoltan explored the "Space" issue. Yes, it gets crowded out there and Zoltan has some ideas on how to use this finite resource more efficiently. Up next was Marcia Barney. Marcia's information packed speech title "Live to Eat" made this Scribe wonder why I am still carrying extra pounds around. I guess her advice doesn't work within two weeks time but I am sure it will work over time. What great speeches! Karen, Zoltan, Kyle, Brian, Butch, Marcia, John, Matthew, Lance, Donna, Evander, Debbie and Don had the chance to enjoy them. Did you?

Next, Toastmaster Butch introduced General Evaluator Lance Kull. Lance presented his view of how the meeting had progressed and where we could possibly make some improvements. Lance then turned to his team of evaluators to help the individual speakers. Debbie Woo helped out Matthew with some suggestions on things he might consider to enhance his speech and presentation skills and John Clark sent some suggestions over to Zoltan with his evaluation. Brian attacked Marcia's speech. I guess he felt guilty about eating the potato chips on his plate. Anyway, Marcia took what she needed from Brian's evaluation and filed the rest appropriately.

Grammarian Karen Harmon reported our grammatical mistakes. She must have been trying to make friends with our Treasurer because it was quarters all around!

Toastmaster Butch wrapped up the educational portion of the meeting and turned the lectern over to President Hall.

President Hall received a report from Vote Counter Kyle. Donna then presented the Best Table Topics Award to Lance, the Best Speaker Award to Marcia and the Best Evaluator Award to Brian. Don exercised his toastmaster skills by quickly filling in as Joke Master. President Hall efficiently wrapped things up and called the

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MEETING ADJOURNED!



Toastmaster's Convention By Debbie Woo

October 27-29, the Toastmaster's Fall Convention was held in Atlantic Beach, NC for District 37. My husband



and I proudly wore our blue "First Timers" ribbons. I came away from the convention convinced that each toastmaster member, should attend one of the conventions each year. A lot of hard work was put into making this convention a success. The

educational classes were well worth the long drive, and the bookstore was great. Our District 37 Governor, Mike Kesselring, DTM was a delight to meet and listen to his opening speech.

It was a pleasure to meet Toastmasters from other clubs and share thoughts and experiences with them. I actually heard other clubs complaining that their meetings were: boring; never started on time and tired of always receiving "warm and fuzzy" evaluations that did not help them make their speeches better. I wish those who were complaining could attend at least one of our meetings. Our meetings are never boring, they always start on time and our evaluations help us strive to make a good speech even better. Our fellow7 toastmasters want us to be the very best we can be.

I came away from this convention happy that we attended, pride in watching my husband as he walked into the room carrying our clubs' flag, and proud to be a member of our toastmasters club. We do have a great club and I sincerely hope each of you can attend the Spring Conference the last weekend in April. This one will be a lot closer by -- in Charlotte! I promise you will not be disappointed.

LONGEVITY

Married men live longer than single men do, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

