

# Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting  
Tuesday January 2, 2007**



***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.***

## ~~~ Happy New Year! ~~~

The start of a New Year is always a time to look back over the last year AND plan for the next year. I challenge us, as individuals and as members of Northwestern Toastmasters to do the same.

We can be proud of our Club. Northwestern has a good mixture of Toastmasters. We continue to be a dynamic, thriving Toastmasters Club. While there are many examples, there is one outstanding reason. We are committed to becoming better communicators and leaders. We do have fun while we learn, but we are very serious about leaning.

That desire to improve, and help others improve, is the driving force in our success. So, for the New Year, I wish each and every one of us a continuation of that spirit of education and learning that has brought us to this point.

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***The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple.*** - - Oscar Wilde

***"First get your facts; then you can distort them at your leisure."*** - - Mark Twain

***"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damn lies, and statistics."*** - - Benjamin Disraeli

***"Then there was the man who drowned crossing a stream with an average depth of six inches."***

- - W. I. E. Gates

## Schedule for the January 2, 2007

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Kyle Adams.....        | Speaker           |
| Butch Barney .....     | Grammarians       |
| Marcia Barney .....    | Evaluator         |
| Teddy Burriss.....     | Toastmaster       |
| Pam Christopher .....  | Evaluator         |
| John Clark.....        | Evaluator         |
| Brian Davidson.....    | Wordmaster        |
| Matthew Hamby .....    | Joke Master       |
| Karen Harmon.....      | Speaker           |
| Lance Kull.....        | Evaluator         |
| David Lagadi.....      | Table Topics      |
| Zoltan Rab .....       | Vote Counter      |
| Barbara Schanker ..... | Speaker           |
| Joel Schanker .....    | Evaluator         |
| Derrick Webb .....     | Speaker           |
| Elaine Wiles .....     | General Evaluator |
| Evander Woo .....      | Timer             |

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

## Schedule for the January 16, 2007

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Kyle Adams.....        | Joke Master       |
| Don Barnett.....       | Speaker           |
| Butch Barney .....     | Evaluator         |
| Marcia Barney .....    | Timer             |
| Teddy Burriss.....     | Speaker           |
| John Clark.....        | John Clark        |
| Brian Davidson.....    | Evaluator         |
| Donna Hall .....       | Evaluator         |
| Matthew Hamby .....    | Vote Counter      |
| Karen Harmon.....      | Toastmaster       |
| Lance Kull.....        | Speaker           |
| David Lagadi.....      | Speaker           |
| Barbara Schanker ..... | Evaluator         |
| Derrick Webb .....     | General Evaluator |
| Elaine Wiles .....     | Table Topics      |
| Debbie Woo .....       | Grammarians       |
| Evander Woo .....      | Evaluator         |

## The December 19, 2006 Meeting

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

The December 19, 2006 meeting of Northwestern Toastmasters was called to order by President Donna Hall. President Hall discussed with the members present if Northwestern Toastmasters should meet on January 2, 2007 because of the New Year's holiday. An informal vote was made by the members present and it was decided that the meeting would be held. President Hall recessed the meeting until 6:45 pm. After the recess, Donna introduced the Toastmaster for the evening, Debbie Woo, who opened the meeting with a manual speech to introduce the meeting topic "Tis the Season". Debbie was working on Project 10 in the Basic Manual.

Word Master Donna was called on by TM Debbie. Donna challenged us to use the word "nefarious" during our speaking roles.

Table Topics Master Karen Harmon was introduced by TM Debbie. Karen offered some topics for discussion to Butch Barney, Brian Davidson, John Clark and Barbara Schanker. According to the Timer's report, presented by Zoltan Rab, all of the speaking times were within the allotted time limits.

After accepting control of the lectern from Karen, TM Debbie introduced the first prepared speaker. Evander Woo presented the 8th speech project from the Basic Manual. Next up was Brian Davidson. Brian was working on project 4 in the Storytelling Manual. Elaine Wiles worked from the Interpretive Reading Manual. John Clark's guide was the fourth project from the Entertaining Speaker Manual. What a variety of speeches for the audience and individual challenges for each speaker. Brian was the only speaker to exceed his requested time limit. It was a nefarious thing for him to do and it was duly noted by his fellow Toastmasters.

Next, Toastmaster Debbie introduced General Evaluator Marcia Barney. Marcia presented her view of how the meeting had progressed and where we could possibly make some improvements. Marcia then turned to her team of evaluators to help the individual speakers. Karen helped out Debbie with some suggestions on things she might consider to enhance her speech and presentation skills and Butch Barney sent some suggestions over to Evander with his evaluation. Barbara's suggestions to Brian were greatly appreciated. Don Barnett finished up the speech evaluations by offering some suggestions to John.

After wrapping up the General Evaluation Marcia changed hats and moved right into the role of Grammarian. It was a tough night for Northwestern Toastmasters and a lot of change could be heard rattling. Word Master Donna reported that both she and John Clark used the word of the meeting correctly.

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

President Hall received a report from Vote Counter Zoltan. Donna then presented the Best Table Topics and Best Speaker Award to John Clark. Butch Barney took the Best Evaluators Award home. The awarding winning John Clark finished the educational session with a joke. President Hall efficiently wrapped things up and called the .....

MEETING ADJOURNED!



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**Happy New Year!**

by Immediate Past President, Teddy Burriss



Happy New Year - I wish prosperity and happiness for you. I wish for you – **"Anew for You"**.

Now don't get alarmed – I'm not going to get religious, radical or right winged political. **"Anew for You"** is not a radical or drastic thing. It must be simple for it to be beneficial.

**"Anew for You"** is not something that has to be complete or all encompassing and does not have to rock the world around you or affect your loved ones and business associates a lot. No **"Anew for You"** simple refers to something new – for you and about you. And, it's all about your words, actions, attitudes & thoughts.

Here are some examples of areas where **"Anew for You"** has helped me – Maybe you will see a parallel for your self.

**Words** - My career lives and dies on what I say and how I say it. Here is an example of what I believe are the wrong words – "It was great to talk to you" - - I chose in the middle of this year to start using these words – "It was great to talk with you."

Can you see the difference and how talking with someone can be much more powerful than just talking to them? I believe that people respond differently once they know that I want to talk with them rather than talk to them. Because of this I believe I have been more successful creating great business relationships.

**Actions** – I worked for a guy for many years and early on in this job I heard him say to one of our Executive Managers – "Do what you say you are going to do." A few months later we were meeting with some of the front line minimum wage workers and he told them to "Do what you say you are going to do."

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## Happy New Year! (continued)

This stuck with me every since then. I saw employees fail and customer relationships falter because of people not realizing the importance of this saying. I am a firm believer that you are judged by your actions and if you say you are going to do something – you better follow through. I strive to always “Do what I say I am going to do.”

**Attitudes** – Yes I am harassed day in and day out for my “I’m Un-Believably Fantastic & Hovering Near Ecstasy” statement (Note – the full statement can be found at <http://teddyburriss.blogspot.com>). For me this is how I present **ME** to myself and the public. It is who I am and how I strive to feel every day. No – It’s not always 100% true – but it is 100% true that this is how I strive to be. I know that people react differently toward me if they know that I am in a great mood. Heck – who wants to hang out with someone who is “getting by”, “just making it” or “Not doing too bad.”

**Thoughts** – You are what you think.

Years ago I read the book The Power of Positive Thinking by Norman Vincent Peale and learned a lot. Abe Lincoln said - “Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.”

I decided years ago to strive to think Positive in as many aspects of my life as possible. It makes a difference for me. Thinking Positively goes hand in hand with my Un-Believably Fantastic Mantra

“**Anew for You**” does not require that you change all of your words, Actions, Attitudes and thoughts. “**Anew for You**” could be simply changing one item about you that is related to one of these areas.

Try it – Test how “**Anew for You**” in any one of these areas benefits you over the next year. If it helps – try another area of “**Anew For You**” and You will continue to **Anew Yourself**.

## ONLY IN AMERICA

*I really do love this country, but...*

1. Only in America... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
2. Only in America... are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
3. Only in America... do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. Only in America... do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
5. Only in America... do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
6. Only in America... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
7. Only in America... do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
8. Only in America... do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
9. Only in America... do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Polys' in Greek meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.
10. Only in America... do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille.

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