

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday May 1, 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.

~~~ New Club Officers ~~~

Our officers serve a one-year term – from July 1 through July 31 of the next year. In addition to helping us remain a strong and vibrant Club (ie. Members who are meeting their goal) individuals who serve as officers are also given the opportunity to learn more about leadership.

Each year in late May or early June (depending on when the meetings fall) we elect officers. A nominating committee has been formed to develop a slate of officers.

If you would like an opportunity to serve Northwestern, then please let them know. If you know of a member who, you think, would do well in an office, then please pass their name onto the nominating committee. If you recommend someone else, then the nominating committee will contact that person to make sure that they are willing to serve.

To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of an office, talk to any member of the nominating committee or just ask Marcia Barney. She will be happy to tell you what the office requires and who is on the committee.

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

~~ Northwestern and the Spring Conference ~~

Members of Northwestern presented a seminar on how to succeed with speechcraft. To see what was presented, go to our web site and click bar between the blinking lights. Marcia Barney collected the evaluations and will present them at Tuesday's meeting. If we all ask politely, perhaps Marcia will give us a report during the business session.

Schedule for the April 17, 2007 Meeting

Schedule for the May 1, 2007 Meeting

Kyle Adams.....	Vote Counter
Scott Anderson.....	Speaker
Don Barnett.....	General Evaluator
Marcia Barney.....	Evaluator
Teddy Burriss.....	Evaluator
Pam Christopher.....	Table Topics
Dianna Garcia.....	Speaker
Donna Hall.....	Evaluator
Karl Hastings.....	Toastmaster
Lance Kull.....	Wordmaster
Zoltan Rab.....	Grammarian
Evelyn Ries.....	Joke Master
Craig Thrift.....	Speaker
Elaine Wiles.....	Evaluator
Debbie Woo.....	Evaluator
Evander Woo.....	Evaluator

Schedule for the May 15, 2007 Meeting

Kyle Adams.....	Speaker
Scott Anderson.....	Timer
Don Barnett.....	Toastmaster
Butch Barney.....	Evaluator
Marcia Barney.....	Evacuator
Teddy Burriss.....	Speaker
Pam Christopher.....	Evaluator
John Clark.....	Grammarian
Brian Davidson.....	Evaluator
Dianna Garcia.....	Vote Counter
Donna Hall.....	Evaluator
Matthew Hamby.....	Joke Master
Lance Kull.....	General Evaluator
Evelyn Ries.....	Speaker
Craig Thrift.....	Speaker
Barbara Schanker.....	Table Topics
Jeff Walker.....	Speaker
Derrick Webb.....	Speaker
Elaine Wiles.....	Wordmaster
Debbie Woo.....	Evaluator

April 17, 2007 Meeting Notes

by asst. to Brian Davidson, Secretary

The April 17, 2007 meeting of Northwestern Toastmasters was called to order by President Donna Hall. Joel Schanker, Vice President of Education, reminded us of the Spring Conference in Charlotte on April 27 and 28.

After a short recess Donna reconvened the meeting and introduced the Toastmaster for the evening, Elaine Wiles. Elaine introduced the meeting topic "Heroes on the Home Front".

Elaine then called on our Wordmaster, Joel Schanker, who gave us the word "Optimal." After Joel, Elaine called on Table Topics Master, Don Barnett. Don continued the theme of the meeting as he asked - -

- q Name a hero you have known of Scott Anderson
- q Give a hero from history of Karl Hastings
- q Name a fantasy hero of John Clark

Elaine then called on our prepared speakers for the evening. Zoltan Rab gave speech number five from the basic manual as he talked about "No Regrets" for five minutes. Our second prepared speaker was Barbara Schanker as she gave speech number two from the Persuasive Speaking Manual - "Conquering a Cold Call." Barbara asked for a total of 12 minutes and divided it into three parts The set-up (three minutes) the role playing demonstration (five minutes) and concluded with a four minute question and answer session.

Elaine called on General Evaluator Evander Woo. Evander complimented the St-at-Arms for quality of the meeting room arrangements. (Oh! He also made some comments about how smooth the meeting appeared.) The dynamic duo (Butch and Marcia) served as evaluators for our two prepared speeches. As an additional treat, Teddy Burriss evaluated Marcia's evaluation to help Marcia as she works toward her Competent Leader award.

The meeting leading team also contained Dianna Garcia as vote counter. Donna Hall as timer and Scott Anderson demonstrated his skill with humor as our Joke Master.

Also attending the meeting and making his semi-annual Area Governor's visit was Pete Breidenbach. "Best" awards went to - -

- Scott Anderson - Best Table Topics Speaker
- Barbara Schanker - Best Prepared Speaker
- Butch Barney - Best Evaluator

MEETING ADJOURNED!



Pun-tificating

- In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- His parents thought he was a budding genius, but he turned out to be a blooming idiot.
- Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

Love is Two-Way Street

by Sgt.-at-Arms Evander Woo



Communication is a two-way street. It is about the balance between speaking and listening. If you insist on being the speaker all the time, eventually no one will want to listen to you. If you do all the listening, people will assume that you have nothing to say and walk away.

If you don't have anyone to help you develop your speaking and listening skills, a tape recorder and a radio can be quite useful. A handheld tape recorder will help you improve your vocal variety, while reducing the amount of filler words. Take the tape recorder with you. Did you ever have a brainstorm for a speech while you were driving, but couldn't write down the idea on paper? With a handheld recorder, you tape those ideas while you are driving, then turn the recording into notes when you are safely off the road.

Once you have your edited speech ready, record yourself, time yourself, evaluate yourself, and record yourself again. Most people think they sound terrible on a tape recorder. But, the truth is that you sound like that to other people. Once you understand how you sound to others, you will learn how to sound better in your presentation.

The other device I mentioned was a radio. Why a radio? Every topic and every speech does not appeal to everybody. At some point, you may have to evaluate a speech that may contain subject matter that you disagree with. Scan the AM radio band and listen for news and talk radio. If you have a shortwave radio, scan for English broadcasts from across the world. You may disagree with what is said on the radio, but challenge yourself to evaluate that broadcast objectively. Use your tape recorder to record your evaluation.

Two basic devices, a tape recorder and a radio, can help you become a better speaker, listener, evaluator, table topics master, and communicator. When you become an effective communicator, you have found love on a two-way street.

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Sam and a beautiful woman walk into a very posh Beverly Hills furrier. "Show the lady your finest mink!" the fellow exclaims. So the owner of the shop goes in back and comes out with an absolutely gorgeous full-length coat.

As the lady tries it on, the furrier discreetly whispers to the man, "Ah, sir that particular fur goes for \$65,000." "No problem! I'll write you a check!" "Very good, sir." says the shop owner. "Today is Saturday. You may come by on Monday to pick it up, after your check has cleared."

So Sam and the woman leave. On Monday, Sam returns to the store. The storeowner is outraged: "How dare you show your face in here? There wasn't a single penny in your checking account!"

"I just had to come by," grinned Sam, "to thank you for the most wonderful weekend of my life!"