

# Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting  
Tuesday June 5, 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 Officers ~~~

Elections were held at the last meeting and the ballots are in. It is now official - our officers for next year are:

- Brian Davidson; President
- Evander Woo VP of Education
- Don Barnett VP of Membership
- John Clark VP of Public Relations
- Scott Anderson Secretary
- Marcia Barney Treasurer
- Barbara Schanker. Sergeant-at-Arms

The swearing in ceremony will take place at the June 19 meeting. The swearing in will begin July 1. Seriously, these fine Toastmasters volunteer their time and effort to make Northwestern a better Club. Next time you see them, thank them for their effort.

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

## ~~ Northwestern Guests ~~

Our guest at the last meeting was Harriet Clark. She is the wife of our illustrious newsletter editor.

## ~~ Newsletter Notes ~~

Because we have two meetings to report in this issue, the newsletter will run to three pages. Even with three pages it is difficult to describe all that goes on in Northwestern Toastmasters. So sit back, relax and enjoy this weeks newsletter.

## Schedule for the June 5, 2007 Meeting

Scott Anderson..... Table Topics Master  
Don Barnett..... Speaker  
Butch Barney ..... General Evaluator:  
Marcia Barney ..... Evacuator  
Pam Christopher ..... Evaluator  
John Clark..... Evaluator  
Brian Davidson..... Toastmaster  
Dianna Garcia ..... Jokemaster  
Donna Hall ..... Speaker  
Matthew Hamby ..... Speaker  
Lance Kull ..... Evaluator  
Zoltan Rab ..... Wordmaster  
Evelyn Ries..... Vote Counter  
Craig Thrift..... Timer  
Barbara Schanker ..... Grammarian  
Joel Schanker ..... Evaluator  
Derrick Webb ..... Speaker  
Elaine Wiles ..... Speaker  
Evander Woo ..... Evaluator

## Schedule for the June 19, 2007 Meeting

Scott Anderson..... Speaker  
Don Barnett ..... Toastmaster  
Butch Barney ..... Evaluator  
Marcia Barney ..... Evaluator  
Teddy Burriss..... Grammarian  
Pam Christopher ..... General Evaluator  
John Clark..... Evaluator  
Brian Davidson..... Evaluator  
Donna Hall ..... Table Topics Master  
Matthew Hamby ..... Wordmaster  
Karl Hastings..... Speaker  
Jokemaster ..... Lance Kull  
Zoltan Rab ..... Speaker  
Evelyn Ries..... Speaker  
Barbara Schanker ..... Evaluator  
Jeff Walker..... Timer  
Derrick Webb ..... Vote Counter  
Elaine Wiles ..... Evaluator  
Evander Woo ..... Speaker

## May 15, 2007 Meeting Notes

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

The Northwestern Toastmaster's May 15, 2007 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer, Vice President of Education Joel Schanker at 6:30 pm. Marcia Barney, Chairwoman of the NWTM Officers Nominating Committee reported that Northwestern Toastmaster's officers elections will take place at the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of NWTM. Nominations will be accepted until just before the elections.

After a short recess, VP of Ed. Schanker reconvened the meeting and introduced Zoltan Rab, the Toastmaster for the evening. Toastmaster Zoltan introduced the meeting topic "Curiosity – A Key Element for Learning". TM Zoltan transitioned from his opening remarks to the introduction of Word Master Elaine Wiles to challenge us with her word for the evening, "magnanimous".

TM Zoltan introduced Table Topics Master Barbara Schanker. Staying with the meeting's theme, Barbara did not hesitate to offer some thoughtful suggestions for discussion to Karl Hastings, Elaine Wiles and Matthew Hamby. According to Timer Matthew Hamby, all of the speaking times were within the allotted time limits. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Diana Garcia.

After accepting control of the lectern back from Barbara, TM Zoltan introduced the first prepared speaker, Jeff Walker. Jeff mastered the second project from the Competent Communication Manual with his speech "Land of the Free". Next up was Teddy Burriss. Teddy presented the first project from an advanced manual, Public Relations. Teddy's speech title was "My Club". The third speaker of the evening was Derrick Webb. Derrick worked the third project from the Humorously Speaking Manual. This was also an advanced manual speech titled "Free Medicine". The last prepared speaker for the evening was Evander Woo. Evander presented the first project from advanced manual "Speaking to Inform". Evander's speech was titled "Setting the Stage for Success". Great lineup! Timer Matthew reported that all prepared speakers met their target times. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Diana.

Next, Toastmaster Zoltan 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. Joel Schanker skillfully helped out Jeff with an evaluation of his speech. Brian Davidson offered Teddy some suggestions on things he might consider in enhancing his speech and presentation skills. Pam Christopher sent some suggestions over to Derrick with her evaluation. Marcia Barney evaluated Evander's speech.

GE Lance obtained a timer's report from Timer Matthew. Matthew indicated that all of the evaluators had qualifying speaking times. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Diana. GE Lance called on Grammarian John Clark. John took it easy on us but pointed out many speaking flub-ups that we all could address. Word Master Elaine reported that the word of the evening, "magnanimous" was used correctly during the meeting by Teddy, Pam, Lance and John Clark.

GE Lance returned control of the meeting to TM  
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Zoltan. TM Zoltan wrapped up the educational portion of the meeting by sticking with his meeting theme "Curiosity – A Key Element for Learning". He then turned control of the meeting back to Presiding Officer Schanker. VP of Ed. Schanker obtained the vote count from Vote Counter Diana. VP of Ed. Schanker then presented the Best Table Topics Award to Karl Hastings. The Best Evaluator Award went to Marcia Barney. The Best Prepared Speaker Award went to Teddy Burriss.

Joke Master Matthew Hamby invoked chuckles just before VP of Ed. Schanker wrapped things up and called the



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## May 29, 2007 Meeting Notes

by Brian Davidson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Northwestern Toastmaster's President Donna Hall at 6:30 pm. President Hall introduced our honorable guest, Harriet Clark. VP of Ed. Joel Schanker reviewed the roles for upcoming meetings. Marcia Barney, Chairwoman of the NWTM Officers Nominating Committee, reported that the following members were nominated: President, Brian Davidson; VP of Education, Evander Woo; VP of Membership, Don Barnett; VP of Public Relations, John Clark; Secretary, Don Barnett; Treasurer, Marcia Barney; Sergeant-at-Arms, Barbara Schanker. All nominees were elected to the offices indicated.

After a short recess, President Hall reconvened the meeting and introduced Joel Schanker, the Toastmaster for the evening. Toastmaster Joel introduced the meeting topic "Speaking From Head to Toe". TM Joel transitioned from his opening remarks to the introduction of Word Master Donna Hall to challenge us with her word for the evening, "vociferous".

TM Joel introduced Table Topics Master Evander Woo. Staying with the meeting's theme, Evander did not hesitate to offer some thoughtful suggestions for discussion to Diana Garcia, Matthew Hamby and Scott Anderson. According to Timer Matthew Hamby, all of the speaking times were within the allotted time limits. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Diana Garcia.

Evander relinquished control of the meeting to Joel Schanker. Since this was a fifth Tuesday meeting all of the speakers undertook projects from various manuals and addressed the various topics of preparing and presenting a speech. All of the presenters for the evening were Distinguished Toastmasters. The first prepared speaker was Marcia Barney. Marcia presented an advanced manual project with her speech titled "A Speaking Trip". Next up was Pam Christopher. Pam presented a project from the Basic Manual. Pam's speech title was "Ha, Ha, Ha". The third speech was present by John Clark. John also spoke from an advanced manual. John's speech was titled "Notes". Butch Barney took control of the lectern and presented the fourth speech of the evening. Butch's project was from an advanced manual and was titled "Delivering the Message". The last prepared speaker to present was Lance Kull. Lance revisited a Basic Manual project with his speech titled "Gestures". What an all star lineup! Timer Matthew reported

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that all prepared speakers met their target times. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Diana.

Next, Toastmaster Joel introduced General Evaluator Teddy Burriss. Teddy presented his view of how the meeting had progressed and where we could possibly make some improvements. Teddy then turned to his team of evaluators to help the individual speakers. Karl Hastings skillfully helped out Marcia Barney with an evaluation of her speech. Barbara Schanker offered Pam Christopher some suggestions on things she might consider in enhancing her speech and presentation skills. Zoltan Rab sent some suggestions over to John Clark with his evaluation. Elaine Wiles offered Butch Barney suggestions regarding his impressive hip action and offered suggestions. Brian Davidson offered Lance a couple of suggestions for his consideration for mixing up his speech technique.

GE Teddy obtained a timer's report from Timer Matthew. Matthew indicated that all of the evaluators had qualifying speaking times. Ballots were directed to Vote Counter Diana. GE Teddy called on Grammarian Don Barnett. Don did not have to dig too deep to remember some of our grammatical missteps. Don ensured that all fines were passed to Treasurer Marcia Barney. Word Master Donna reported that the word of the evening had been used correctly by six members. Teddy took an honorable mention for vociferously trying to use the word of the evening.

GE Teddy returned control of the meeting to TM Joel. TM Joel wrapped up the educational portion of the meeting by sticking with his meeting theme "Speaking from Head to Toe". He then turned control of the meeting back to President Hall. President Hall obtained the vote count from Vote Counter Diana. President Hall then presented the Best Table Topics Award to Scott Anderson. The Best Evaluator Award went to Elaine Wiles. The Best Prepared Speaker Award went to Lance Kull.

Visitor Harriet Clark was kind enough to say she enjoyed the meeting. Joke Master Craig Thrift invoked chuckles just before President Hall wrapped things up and called the .....

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## **A Time Review**

*Marcia Barney, DTM*



Most of us know that prepared speakers who speak either more than or less than their chosen time are penalized. That 1 and 1/2 minutes up or down that can take away the "Best" designation is designed to keep us honest.

However, for Table Topics Speakers and for Evaluators, the timer will simply use the lights to let us know when we have spoken 1 and 1/2 minutes, 2 minutes, and 2 minutes plus 15 seconds. Time limitations do not penalize the Table Topic Speakers and Evaluators in the prize category.

A Table Topic Speaker can say one sentence and win the best Table Topic Speaker for the evening - even if that sentence is only 5 seconds. The brilliance of the answer is the sole determining factor in choosing a Best Table Topic Speaker (unless, of course, someone votes simply on personality). A speaker who goes well over or under that 2 minute target time may be penalizing themselves through missing the purpose of Table Topics, but they can still be chosen "Best."

Evaluators also have a target time of 2 minutes and no overt penalty for being too long or too short. For evaluators, this is even more important. Let's assume that someone makes a 3 minute speech (yes, there are some of the advanced speeches that are best done in this short time.) Expecting their evaluator to give an evaluation that is 2/3 the length of the speech just doesn't seem appropriate. Likewise, on the other end of the scale, a 15 minute speech offers so much more material and technique for comment. While the purpose of the evaluation is to help the speaker become a better speaker, the evaluator needs evidence upon which to base his comments.

Admittedly, Evaluations are the culprits on most overtime offenses. Perhaps by remembering that too much advice or too many suggestions can cause overload and loss of all input by the listener we can keep evaluations closer to 2 minutes. Need we discuss the elimination of personal comments during evaluations or the repetition of passages from the speech?

Remember when you are Toastmaster or Timer that all Table Topics Speakers and all Evaluators are eligible for "Best" of the meeting, regardless of how much time they use. When you are a Table Topics Speaker or an Evaluator remember the purposes of these speaking opportunities and make an extra effort to keep your comments very close to 2 minutes in length.

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A fire starts inside a chemical plant and the alarm goes out to fire departments miles around. After crews have been fighting the fire for over an hour, the chemical company president approached the fire chief and said, "All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved! I will give \$100,000 to the engine company that brings them out safely!" The crews try, but no one can get through. Then another fire truck, filled with a volunteer fire company of men over 65, comes roaring down the road and drives straight into the middle of the inferno. The other men watch unbelieving as the old timers hop off of their rig and heroically extinguish the fire, saving the secret formulas. The company president walks over to reward the volunteers.

"What do you guys plan to do with the money?" the president asks the group.

The firetruck driver looks him right in the eye and answers, "The first thing we are going to do is fix the darn brakes on that truck."