

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday -- July 17, 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.

~~~ Three Meeting Month ! ~~~

Don't forget – we have three meetings this month. Northwestern normally meets on the first, third and fifth Tuesday of each month. This month has a fifth Tuesday. That means that we will meet on the July 31 and we will meet one week later on the first Tuesday of August.

~~~ New Members ! ~~~

We have two new members and both have a role in our next meeting. Be sure to welcome Sue Lippow and Christine Sternjacob

Ponderisms

- Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- If you drink Pepsi at work in the Coke factory, will they fire you?
- Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet soup?
- Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

Schedule for the July 17, 2007 Meeting

Don Barnett.....	Speaker
Butch Barney	Evaluator
Marcia Barney	General Evaluator
John Clark.....	Table Topics
Brian Davidson.....	Speaker
Matthew Hamby	Joke Master
Donna Hall	Grammarian
Sue Lippow	Vote Counter
Evelyn Ries.....	Timer
Barbara Schanker	Evaluator
Joel Schanker	Toastmaster
Christine Sternjacob.....	Speaker
Craig Thrift	Wordmaster
Jeff Walker.....	Speaker
Evander Woo	Evaluator
Debbie Woo	Evaluator

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

Schedule for the July 31, 2007 Meeting

Scott Anderson.....	Evaluator
Butch Barney	Speaker
Marcia Barney	Toastmaster
Pam Christopher	Speaker
John Clark.....	Table Topics/Speaker
Matthew Hamby	Evaluator
Donna Hall	General Evaluator
Karl Hastings.....	Evaluator
Lance Kull	Vote Counter
Sue Lippow	Speaker
Evelyn Riser.....	Timer
Joel Schanker	Speaker
Craig Thrift	Evaluator
Elaine Wiles	Evaluator
Evander Woo	Grammarian
Debbie Woo	Evaluator
To B. Announced	Joke Master



July 3, 2007 Meeting Notes by Scott Anderson, Secretary

The Northwestern Toastmaster's president Brian Davidson opened the meeting by congratulating the splendid job performed by the 2006 club officers. He welcomed our two newest members, Christine Sternjacob and Susan Lippon. Northwestern Toastmasters achieved 9 out of the 10 goals qualifying again as a Presidential Distinguished Club.

After a short recess, Brian reconvened the meeting and promptly handed control over to Elaine Wiles, the toastmaster for the evening. The theme for the meeting was "Beginnings". Elaine called on Scott Anderson to announce the word for the meeting "expiate".

Elaine then recognized Barbara Schanker, the Table Topics Master for the meeting. Barbara wove several famous quotations into her table topics, asking Marcia, Don, Brian, and Evander to agree or disagree with the quote. Control of the meeting flowed back to Elaine.

Elaine introduced the first prepared speaker for the evening Craig Thrift. Craig's Speech was titled "You Just Might Find Yourself". It was speech number three from the Basic Manual. Craig's speech focused on volunteering in different capacities. Craig spoke about making a difference in our world through actions and overall kindness. Craig showed us that we learn about ourselves by helping others. Everyone benefits from volunteering, even the volunteers.

The second speaker for the evening was Matthew Hamby. His speech was titled "How to Celebrate It." This was also the third speech from the Basic Manual. Matthew's speech was about how his family traditionally celebrates the fourth of July. His vivid use of imagery brought us right into the parade marching down Main Street. Matthew mesmerized the audience as we imagined the fireworks bursting across the sky in the Mountain Park Community.

The final speaker was Debbie Woo. This was the first speech in the Speaking to Inform manual. It was titled "Are You Listening?" Debbie sprinkled humor throughout her presentation. The speech informed the audience how to practice active listening skills. We learned how to hear, understand, and judge our communication more clearly. She taught us to value and accept all people. Always agree or disagree with the argument, not the person.

Elaine turned control of the meeting over to Brian Davidson, who with a wry smile quickly reminded Barbara Schanker that she had committed one of the worst procedural errors: calling on the General Evaluator as one of the impromptu table topics speakers. After the uproarious laughter died down, Brian called on the first evaluator John Clark. John gave advice to Craig to get to the point, and not to wash his hands in public. The next evaluator was Joel Schanker. Joel commented on Matthew's great use of imagery. Joel set a new precedent for evaluations. His evaluation lasted half as long as Matthew's entire speech. The final evaluator was Karl Hastings. Karl advised Debbie not to apologize or acknowledge mistakes in a speech.

Control of the meeting returned to Elaine who called on the grammarian for the evening. Marcia Barney rose with a twinkle in her eye, a smile on her face, and a laugh that bordered on being a cackle. Some who were there reported thinking they saw her imperceptibly bring her arm down to her side quickly and mouth the phrase "Cha-Ching." Only twice in my life have I ever seen a Treasurer of anything this happy. I believe the grammarian section can be best summed up by this direct quote "If you spoke tonight or even

said anything to your neighbor you owe a quarter." Control returned to Elaine who commented on Northwestern Toastmaster's great beginning for a new year.

The results were reported by our Counter Zoltan Rab. Marcia won the Table Topics contest, which incidentally means she owes herself a quarter. Butch we expect you will keep her honest in this debt. Matthew won the Best Prepared Speaker. Joel Schanker won the longest, I mean best, Evaluator Ribbon.

Our two newest members rose to speak off the cuff for two minutes each. Marcia closed the meeting with a hilarious ribald joke the humble secretary found himself laughing uncontrollably and blushing..

MEETING ADJOURNED!

~~~~~ **Passion With Purpose** by Pam Christopher, DTM, DG



Northwestern Toastmasters will once again "top the charts" as a President's Distinguished Club for 2006 and 2007. All of us have accomplished so much and this is one member that is very proud of her home club!

It is not just the accolades or awards. NWTMs members are so much more than that! The planning and the goal setting are remarkable. Our officers plan for the year, and then each member plans for their own set of goals. Achieving that next level of communication or leadership is always just a few speeches away. The feeling each of us receive when that final speech is completed and we turn in our "paperwork," is awesome! Achieving my DTM was one of the most wonderful moments in my life.

However, nothing is going to compare to being District Governor. How did I arrive here? The only possible way was for all of you to give me the strength and guidance I needed to take the step to district leadership. The one and only reason I am in this position is because I had the BEST training in NC. Northwestern Toastmasters trained me right!

I will do my best to make you as proud of me as I am of our club. I have a true passion for Toastmasters. Now, I have a major purpose to do my best. I hope to be the best example of "Passion with Purpose" you have ever witnessed! Thank you to all Northwestern members for teaching me so much.

I will enjoy watching OUR "Passion with Purpose" this year!

~~~~~ **Ponderisms**

- Can you cry under water?
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?
- Since bread is square, then why is sandwich meat round?
- Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?
- Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?