

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday -- October 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.

~~~ **Guests and New Members** ~~~

Mary Jones attended our last meeting (as a guest.) We must have made a good impression, since Marcia's enthusiasm convinced her to become our second newest member. Our newest member is David Scruggs. Actually, David is a former member returning from his sabbatical.

Please make these new members feel welcome. After all, that's the "Northwestern Way."

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

~~~ **Special Thanks** ~~~

. . . go to our president, Brian Davidson. Brian was kind enough to fill in for our Secretary who was doing a bang-up job in the contest. Brian also filled in for Zoltan who was unable to do the editorial column. Thank You Brian for demonstrating the Northwestern spirit.

~~~ **Dues Are Due** ~~~

Our semi-annual dues are due and must be to our club Treasurer **on or before** the next NWTM meeting on October 2. Those who have paid so far are: Barbara and Joel Schanker, John Clark, Elaine Wiles, Mary Jones, Pam Christopher, Butch Barney, Marcia Barney. If your name does not appear on that illustrious list, please send a check for \$31.50 (payable to "Northwestern Toastmasters") to:

Marcia Barney, DTM
3501 Lakefield Court
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Schedule for the October 02, 2007 Meeting

Scott Anderson..... Speaker
Don Barnett..... Grammarian
Butch Barney Evaluator
Marcia Barney Timer
Pam Christopher Toastmaster
John Clark..... Evaluator
Brian Davidson..... Speaker
Diana Garcia Vote Counter
Donna Hall Speaker
Matthew Hamby Evaluator
Karl Hastings..... Table Topics
Lance Kull Evaluator
Susan Lippow..... Joke Master
Zoltan Rab Word Master
Evelyn Ries..... Speaker
Joel Schanker General Evaluator
Derrick Webb Speaker
Elaine Wiles Evaluator
Evander Woo Evaluator

Schedule for the October 16, 2007 Meeting

Scott Anderson..... Table Topics
Don Barnett..... General Evaluator
Butch Barney Evaluator
Marcia Barney Evaluator
Teddy Burriss..... Toastmaster
Pam Christopher Timer
John Clark..... Evaluator
Brian Davidson..... Evaluator
Diana Garcia Speaker
Donna Hall Joke Master
Matthew Hamby Grammarian
Karl Hastings..... Speaker
Zoltan Rab Speaker
Barbara Schanker Word Master
Joel Schanker Speaker
Craig Thrift Speaker
Jeff Walker..... Evaluator
Elaine Wiles Vote Counter
Evander Woo Evaluator

September 4, 2007 Meeting Notes

by Brian Davidson, President



The September 18, 2007 Northwestern Toastmasters meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Brian Davidson. During the business portion of the meeting reminders were made regarding semi-annual dues that should be paid to Treasurer Marcia Barney. The dues are \$31.50. If you have not paid your dues please settle up at the October 2nd meeting so that we can stay in good standing with Toastmasters International. District Governor Pam Christopher announced that a new club is being chartered at BE Aerospace. Please contact Pam, or any NWTM club officer, if you are interested in helping this club organize as a mentor. Remember this can be used as part of your DTM goal. Meeting was recessed until 6:50 pm.

Toastmaster/Contest Master Elaine Wiles was introduced by the presiding officer. After a few motivating remarks Elaine presented an overview of how the evaluation and speech contests would proceed and then referred to Chief Judge Marcia Barney to review contest rules.

Target Speaker Teddy Burriss kicked off the contest with a humorous speech titled "Wedding Crashers". It was very apparent that Teddy has had a little experience with the topic in that he has four daughters and almost has all of them married off.

While the contest evaluators were preparing their evaluations, a quick round of Table Topics was in order. Evelyn Ries, Jeff Walker, Butch Barney and Christine Sternjacob fielded the table topics questions like old pros.

First up in the Evaluation Contest was Joel Schanker. Lance Kull followed up Joel. Both contestants skillfully evaluated Teddy's target speech. I am sure Teddy was able to pick up some suggestions to enhance his speaking skills. At this point Joel and Lance were running neck and neck and then the judges tallied their ballots.

The first contestant in the Humorous Speech Contest was Scott Anderson. Scott's side splitting speech was titled "Home Invasion". Returning to the lectern as a speech contest contestant was Joel Schanker. Joel kept the group laughing with his speech titled "With a Capital "T".

While the judges' ballots were collected and reviewed Scott and Joel were briefly interviewed by Contest Master Elaine.

Elaine finished up the contest with closing remarks and turned the lectern to President Brian Davidson. Brian presented the first place award for the Evaluation Contest to Joel Schanker. The first place award for the Humorous Speech contest was presented to Scott Anderson.

After congratulations were offered to all contestants the meeting was.....

ADJOURNED! 

Northwestern Shines Again!

by Brian Davidson, President



Scott Anderson walked away with a couple of trophies at the Area 21 Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest. After stepping up to the plate at the last minute and with the pressure of presenting his first entry in a speech contest, Scott took First Place in the Area 21 Evaluation Contest. Then he

won Second Place with his wonderful story and speech titled "Home Invasion". Scott's successes today will take him to the Division B Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest on October 13th in Greensboro. Scott will be representing Area 21 in the Evaluation Contest and will be on standby for the Speech Contest. Way to go Scott!!!!

Supporting Scott at the contest were nine Northwestern Toastmasters and his wife Marlene. Marcia Barney acted as the Chief Judge and Butch Barney was a contest judge. Zoltan Rab stood in as Sergeant at Arms and Don Barnett acted as the stand in backup timer. Brian Davidson was the Chief Counter. Pam Christopher and Christine Sternjacob assisted in the cheering section and lastly, returning member David Scruggs acted as the Target Speaker. What a crew and what support Northwestern Toastmasters offers others not only at our meetings but also at higher level events. It would appear to this scribe that Northwestern Toastmasters will be hosting the most exciting District Conference in the Spring of 2008 this state has seen in a number of years. This President is beaming with pride.

~~~~~ **Strange (Collected) Thoughts**

- * The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tire.
- * It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it
- * Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
- * Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
- * Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- * If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- * Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
- * If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- * If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- * If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- * Some days you're the pigeon; some days you're the statue.
- * Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
- * The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
- * A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- * There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.