

# Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting  
Tuesday -- December 4, 2007**



## Schedule for the December 4, 2007 Meeting

Scott Anderson.....	Vote Counter
Don Barnett.....	Toastmaster
Butch Barney.....	Evaluator
Marcia Barney.....	Speaker
Teddy Burriss.....	Evaluator
Pam Christopher.....	Evaluator
John Clark.....	General Evaluator
Brian Davidson.....	Speaker
Donna Hall.....	
Mary Jones.....	Joke Master
Lance Kull.....	
Susan Lippow.....	
Fran Oakes.....	Speaker
Zoltan Rab.....	Grammarian
Evelyn Ries.....	Word Master
Barbara Schanker.....	
Joel Schanker.....	
David Scruggs.....	
Christine Sternjacob.....	Timer
Craig Thrift.....	
Jeff Walker.....	Evaluator
Derrick Webb.....	Table Topics
Elaine Wiles.....	Evaluator
Evander Woo.....	Speaker

## Schedule for the December 18, 2007 Meeting

Scott Anderson.....	Evaluator
Don Barnett.....	Timer
Butch Barney.....	Grammarian
Marcia Barney.....	
Teddy Burriss.....	
Pam Christopher.....	Evaluator
John Clark.....	
Brian Davidson.....	General Evaluator
Donna Hall.....	
Mary Jones.....	Word Master
Lance Kull.....	Table Topics
Susan Lippow.....	
Fran Oakes.....	
Zoltan Rab.....	Vote Counter
Evelyn Ries.....	Joke Master
Barbara Schanker.....	
Joel Schanker.....	
David Scruggs.....	
Christine Sternjacob.....	Timer
Craig Thrift.....	Evaluator
Jeff Walker.....	
Derrick Webb.....	Evaluator
Elaine Wiles.....	Toastmaster
Evander Woo.....	Evaluator

***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.***

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

**~~~ Happy Holidays to one and all ~~~**

No matter how you choose (or choose not) to celebrate whatever Holiday you may (or may not) celebrate as this year comes to a close – Enjoy! (The editorial staff has attempted to make this as generic and Politically Correct as possible. You know that we would not want to offend anyone.) If this greeting has offend, or you feel that it may offend you (now or at some future date) then please feel free to e-mail you editorial staff, where your comments will be duly filed and considered.

Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?

If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to see it, do the other trees make fun of it?

## November 26, 2007 Meeting Notes by the Secretarial Committee



Brian Davidson called the Northwestern Toastmaster's meeting to order. There were no announcements, no old business, and no new business to discuss. (At least none that the secretary's committee can remember.)

Zoltan Rab was our Toastmaster of the Evening, and a fine job he did. Zoltan used either the country or Benjamin Franklin's favorite bird as the theme. Zoltan called on Evander Woo as our Wordmaster of the evening. After our selected word was appreciated, Zoltan called on Jeff Walker to serve as Table Topics Master.

Our Prepared Speakers for the evening were Craig Thrift, who talked about being "Accident Prone" as he gave speech number five from the basic manual. Butch Barney was our second Prepared Speaker of the evening and used speech number one from Speaking to Inform as he spoke for seven minutes

Fran Oakes served as our Timer, while served as our Vote Counter. Marcia (two-bits) Barney was our General Evaluator. Marcia called on Teddy Burriss to evaluate Craig's speech and Brian Davidson to evaluate Butch Barney's speech. After evaluating the evaluators, Marcia called on Christine Sternjacob for the grammarian's report and Evander Woo for the word master's report.

Marcia then relinquished control of the lectern to our presiding officer, President Brian Davidson. Brian commented on how well we behaved and called on our meek mild-mannered joke master, John Clark.

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Van Gogh's Family Tree. It goes like this:  
His dizzy aunt: Verti Gogh  
The brother who ate prunes: Gotta Gogh  
The grandfather from Yugoslavia: U Gogh  
The cousin from Illinois: Chica Gogh  
His magician uncle: Wherediddy Gogh  
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother: Gring Gogh  
The nephew who drove a stagecoach: Wells Far Gogh  
The ballroom dancing aunt: Tang Gogh  
The bird lover uncle: Flamin Gogh  
His nephew psychoanalyst: E Gogh  
The fruit-loving cousin: Man Gogh  
An aunt who taught positive thinking: Way-to Gogh  
The little bouncy nephew: Poe Gogh  
A sister who loved disco: Go Gogh  
And his niece who travels the country in a van:  
Winnie Bay Gogh  
Well, there you Gogh.

## 'Tis the Season

By Donna Hall



This time of year people all over the world are banging their heads against the wall to think of a unique gift for that special someone. Well, maybe they aren't banging their heads but they are certainly scratching them. What do I get for Great Grandma Annie, Sister Sue, Uncle Stan and Aunt

Sally and don't forget, Bob that works in accounting? The first four names on the list are pretty simple. Grandma needs bedroom slippers, Sister Sue would like a new set of romance novels, Uncle Stan would like a bottle of Gin and Aunt Sally would like a bottle of Gin too so that just leaves Bob.

Bob and I are "work friends" so I feel obligated to give him a gift. We eat lunch together a few times per month and we share stories about our lives. I have never met his family nor he mine but we feel like we know them. He talks about his bowling league and I talk about Toastmasters. I am not very good at bowling and Bob is not very good at speaking. It would make sense that we could help each other. However, I am not that interested in learning to bowl and I am not sure that Bob is very interested in learning to speak better in public. After all he is an accountant. Where would he use those skills?

As I was trying to think of that unique gift for Bob, banging my head slightly against the wall, it fell right into my lap. Yes, there it was, my monthly Toastmaster Magazine. I could purchase him a subscription. What a wonderful idea. It would not be expensive and it may encourage him to visit a club. That was it. I would go online and order the magazine. As I perused the TM website ready to place my order and charge one more thing to the credit card, I realized that the only way to get the magazine is to be a member. Oh darn, there went my ultimate, super, spectacular gift for Bob. What would I get him?

After another hour or so surfing the web and buying gifts, mostly for me, the second most wonderful idea of the day popped into my head. I would invite Bob to my NWTM meeting and I would purchase Bob's membership for 6 months. What a great "work friend" I am. Bob would learn to speak better in public and Marcia would be happy that I brought in a new member and paid for him. WOW. I am on top of the world.

As you probably know this is just a story and there is no Bob but if you are out of ideas for Christmas gifts this year I just gave you the best idea ever. Give the gift that will last a life time. Bring a friend to NWTM.

PEACE. Happy Holidays.