

# Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting  
Tuesday -- May 6, 2008**



## Schedule for the May 6, 2008 Meeting

Scott Anderson.....	Speaker
Don Barnett.....	
Butch Barney.....	Evaluator
Marcia Barney.....	
Susan Bush.....	
Pam Christopher.....	
John Clark.....	Table Topics
Brian Davidson.....	Grammarian
Eddy Gaasbeek.....	Vote Counter
Dale Holder.....	Timer
Mary Jones.....	
Lance Kull.....	General Evaluator
Zoltan Rab.....	Joke Master
Angela Rininger.....	Word Master
Barbara Schanker.....	
Joel Schanker.....	Toastmaster
David Scruggs.....	
Craig Thrift.....	
Brenda Kay Tuttle.....	
Jeff Walker.....	Speaker
Derrick Webb.....	
Elaine Wiles.....	
Evander Woo.....	Evaluator

## Schedule for the May 20, 2008 Meeting

Scott Anderson.....	Evaluator
Don Barnett.....	Toastmaster
Butch Barney.....	Evaluator
Marcia Barney.....	Joke Master
Susan Bush.....	Word Master
Pam Christopher.....	
John Clark.....	Evaluator
Brian Davidson.....	General Evaluator
Eddy Gaasbeek.....	Speaker
Dale Holder.....	Speaker
Mary Jones.....	
Lance Kull.....	
Zoltan Rab.....	Speaker
Angela Rininger.....	Timer
Barbara Schanker.....	Evaluator
Joel Schanker.....	Table Topics
David Scruggs.....	Grammarian
Craig Thrift.....	
Brenda Kay Tuttle.....	Vote Counter
Jeff Walker.....	
Derrick Webb.....	
Elaine Wiles.....	Evaluator
Evander Woo.....	Speaker

***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.**

## New Members

Northwestern Toastmasters has four new members. They are Susan Bush, Dale Holder, Angela Rininger and Brenda Kay Tuttle. Contact information for everyone is in the Roster on the Members section of our web site.

## Officer Elections

If you are interested in serving as an officer of Northwestern, or you would like to nominate someone, then please speak to President Brian Davidson or any member of the nominating committee.

## April 15, 2008 Meeting Notes

by Scott Anderson, Secretary



President Brian Davidson opened the Northwestern Toastmasters Club meeting. He quickly marched us through the general business meeting. During the new business session, a motion was ratified to develop a speechcraft session for Wachovia near the end of May 2008.

Marcia Barney was the toastmaster for the evening. Her theme was teamwork and timing. She reminded us that a toastmaster club is a team dedicated to developing our strengths in leadership and communication skills.

Lance Kull introduced the word for the meeting, opulent. Jeff Walker was the table topics master. He asked Craig Thrift to speak about a project at work that involved teamwork. Next, he asked Lance Kull to speak about the practical difference of teams and groups. Finally, he asked Scott Anderson to speak about the challenges involved in working with disparate cultures or age groups.

Eddy Gaasbeek was the first prepared speaker. His voluminous speech covered all the aspects of health. Don Barnett was the second prepared speaker. His speech was titled "My Store Card Profile." He entertained the audience with his "editorial comments" by his favorite scanning machine at a local market, his philosophical probing of what the stores are using the profile information for, and his uproarious attempts to confuse the store and create mystery. Elaine Wiles was the third prepared speaker. She urged us to "Leave No Stone Unturned." Her speech persuaded the audience to think critically about the political climate. She urged us to be like Friday on a Tuesday and demand "just the facts." The final prepared speaker for the evening was Brian Davidson. His oratorical speech came from a commencement speech at Lake Forest given by Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss.

Butch Barney was the general evaluator. John Clark evaluated Eddy's speech. Zoltan Rab evaluated Don's speech. Pam evaluated Elaine's speech. Joel evaluated Brian's speech.

Craig Thrift was the self-proclaimed tax collector for the evening. As grammarian, he helped to amend the clutter of ahs, uhs and general English usage errors. Scott, Brian, Lance, Eddy, Don, Zoltan, and Elaine all found themselves on this list of offenders.

Lance Kull won the ribbon for Best Table Topics. John Clark won the ribbon for best Evaluator. Don Barnett won the ribbon for best speaker.

Scott ended the meeting by telling the tale of a farmer who cried "I'm fine!"

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If the universe is everything, and scientists say that the universe is expanding, what is it expanding into?

If you got into a taxi and the driver started driving backward, would the taxi driver end up owing you money? When two airplanes almost collide why do they call it a near miss? It sounds like a near hit to me!!

Why are there five (5) syllables in the word "monosyllabic"?

Why do they call it the Department of Interior when they are in charge of everything outdoors?

## April 29, 2008 Meeting Notes.

by Scott Anderson, Secretary



President Brian Davidson opened the meeting for the Northwestern Toastmasters Club. Brian welcomed the three guests visiting that evening, Dale Holder, Angela Rininger and Brenda Kay Tuttle. Lance Kull petitioned the club members for leads from local companies that do not currently have a Toastmasters club but are interested in starting one.

Evander Woo was the toastmaster for the evening. The theme was "Believe what you want to be." Evander informed us that beliefs can function as self-fulfilling prophecies; what you believe will often come true.

Eddy Gaasbeek, the wordmaster for the meeting, prepared us for the mental gymnastics ahead of us by introducing the word "stretch."

Scott Anderson was the table topics master for the meeting. He asked Susan if it is true that some things must be seen to be believed. Then he asked Lance to explore if it is true that some things must be believed to be seen. Finally, he asked Marcia to speak about the "lemming effect" in her life. It should be noted that Marcia, as she eloquently stated, has lived a life generally unaffected by lemmings or other small woodland creatures.

John Clark was the first prepared speaker. His speech was titled "Life Lessons." John informed us of the two rules of thumb, the left one and the right one. He carefully explained the things that are designed to explain things, and the things that are designed to confuse you.

The next speaker was Butch Barney. His speech was titled "Six Dollars a Gallon." Butch examined the economical factors involved in the rising prices of oil: world usage rising, OPEC maneuvers, and the pricing of oil in dollars.

The final speaker was Joel Schanker. Joel spoke about performance enhancing drugs in professional sports. He argued that players should be allowed to take whatever drugs they wish. He then addressed what he termed the "hypocrisy of politics" and the "holier than thou" attitude which buttress the other side's arguments against performance enhancing drugs.

Barbara Schanker was the general evaluator for the meeting. She called on Don Barnett to evaluate John's speech. Then she called on Brian Davidson to evaluate Butch's speech. Finally, she called on Lance to evaluate Joel's speech.

Elaine Wiles was the grammarian for the evening. She caught quite a few "uhs", "ahs", "you knows", and one "I want to..."

Lance won the ribbon for the best table topics and the best evaluator. Butch won the ribbon for the best speaker. Our guests rose and briefly commented on the meeting. Susan told a parting joke and had us all laughing at the professor who was after all just another "standing moron."

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An amnesiac walks into a bar and asks the bartender, "Do I come here often?"

A skeleton walks into a bar. The bartender asks, "What'll you have?" The skeleton says, "Give me a beer, and a mop."