

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday -- May 20, 2008**



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.....	
Brian Davidson.....	General Evaluator
Eddy Gaasbeek.....	
Dale Holder.....	Speaker
Mary Jones.....	
Lance Kull.....	
Zoltan Rab.....	Speaker
Angela Rininger.....	
Barbara Schanker.....	Timer
Joel Schanker.....	Table Topics
David Scruggs.....	Grammarians
Craig Thrift.....	
Brenda Kay Tuttle.....	Vote Counter
Jeff Walker.....	
Derrick Webb.....	
Elaine Wiles.....	Evaluator
Evander Woo.....	Speaker

Schedule for the June 3, 2008 Meeting

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

Officer Elections

We will be electing officers for the new Toastmaster's year at our business session on May 20. These officers will serve for the Toastmaster year which begins July 1st and ends June 30 next year.

These positions are President, VP of Education, VP of Membership, VP of Public Relations, Secretary and Treasurer. One of the reasons for Northwestern's success are the quality of the people that we elect to these offices. Remember, Toastmasters is a learn by doing experience. We want to elect those members who are willing to learn and grow into the position.

May 6, 2008 Meeting Notes
by Scott Anderson, Secretary



Note: Scott spent too much time working on the Spring Conference. His meeting report will be included in the next news letter

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**YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM NORTH CAROLINA IF:**

1. You measure distance in minutes.
2. You've ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.
3. You use "fix" as a verb. For example: "I'm fixing to go git some more beer."
4. All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect or animal.
5. You know what a "DAWG" is.
6. You carry jumper cables in your car. For your OWN car.
7. You only own five spices: salt, pepper, Texas Pete, Tabasco and Ketchup.
8. The local papers cover national and international news on one page, but require 6 pages for local gossip and motorsports.
9. You think that the first day of deer season is a national holiday.
10. You find 100 degrees Fahrenheit "a bit warm".
11. You know all four seasons: Almost Summer, Summer, still Summer and Christmas.
12. Going to Wal-Mart is a favorite past time known as "goin' Wal-martin" or off to "Wally World."
13. You describe the first cool snap (below 70 degrees) as good chicken stew weather.
14. A carbonated soft drink isn't a soda, cola or pop... it's a Pepsi, regardless of brand or flavor.  
For example: "What kinda pepsi jew want?"
15. Fried catfish is the other white meat.
16. We don't need no dang Driver's Ed. If our mama says we can drive, we can drive dag-nabbit.
17. You understand these jokes and forward them to your North Carolina friends (and those who just wish they were).

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When I erase a word with a pencil, where does it go?

Tell a man that there are 400 billion stars and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint and he has to touch it.

Why do scientists call it research when looking for something new?

If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?

How come Superman could stop bullets with his chest, but always ducked when someone threw a gun at him?

We ARE Special!

by Marcia Barney, DTM



"From the moment I met her I knew she was special" began the introduction of Communications and Leadership Award recipient Susan Pauly. Butch Barney's words caused a catch in my throat because that sentiment so precisely expressed my feeling about

Northwestern Toastmasters. I knew our club was special – just not *how* special!

This weekend proved to be an eye-opener even for an old cynic. The good cheer, teamwork, talent, and dedication of a group of people toward achieving such a resounding success was truly refreshing! From the fantastic job Craig did on the programs and signs through the dedicated persistence Zoltan showed in taking care of his charge and all points between, we were the Northwestern wonders!

Scott's Registration Desk, Brian's Facilitating, Barbara and Joel's Goodie Bags, as well as Evander and Susan's decorations were smashing successes. Butch Barney, Don Barnett, Elaine Wiles, John Clark, Eddy Gaasbeek, and Lance Kull proved that a person can be in 2 or more places at one time. David Scruggs and Jeff Walker filled vital roles during the education program and at the registration desk. Brian Davidson even went so far as to enlist another invaluable asset, Dorothy Davidson, to help out. Best we not forget the fabulous person who got us into this in the first place – Pam Christopher, who showed why she is so loved by the Toastmasters of District 37. We even know how to pick the best friends: Nancy Guenther and Pete Breidenbach from the Forsyth Club acted like Northwestern Toastmasters in the Hospitality Room and Bookstore! Designated responsibilities were first priority, but "pitching in where needed" was next and was seen all weekend.

Northwestern has a reputation for hosting outstanding conferences and this weekend proved the reputation was deserved. Northwestern has a reputation for being an outstanding club and this weekend showed why. Northwestern Toastmasters has a reputation for knowing the value of teamwork and this weekend showed what a team of terrific Toastmasters can accomplish.

Thank you, Northwestern Toastmasters, from over 170 North Carolina Toastmasters and guests, for a wonderful conference. Thank you, Northwestern Toastmasters, for proving that our club IS special!

Marcia Barney, DTM, Host Conference Chair

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A guy walks into a bar. A horse behind the bar serving drinks. The guy is just staring at the horse, when the horse says, "What are you staring at? Haven't you ever seen a horse serving drinks before?" The guy says, "Honestly, no. I never thought the parrot would sell the place."