

Northwest Words

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**See YOU at our next Meeting
Tuesday -- June 17, 2008**



Schedule for the June 17, 2008 Meeting

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

Schedule for the July 1, 2008 Meeting

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

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.

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## New Members and Guests

Guests at the June 3, 2008 meeting were Princess Edwards, Mick Scott, Veronica Sherborne, Jennifer Davis and Tyana Roth. Two of these guests decided to join us and are now our newest members -- Madan Rangabasyam and Mick Scott.

Contact information for these new members has been added to the roster in the members section. Let's make sure that our new members feel at home as they grow with us.

## June 3, 2008 Meeting Notes

by Marcia Barney, DTM/asst. Secretary



It was neither dark nor stormy - in fact, it was quite delightful to see 5 guests at our meeting. President Brian introduced Princess Edwards, Mick Scott, and Veronica Sherborne as returning visitors. Jennifer Davis and Tyana Roth were first-timers. Before the meeting ended a 6th visitor entered and became our newest member\*: Welcome to Northwestern Toastmasters, Madan Rangabasyam!

The election of our 2008-09 officers did cause a bit of a storm - of applause. Officers for the coming year are:

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| President                       | Craig Thrift        |
| Vice President-Education        | Don Barnett, CTM    |
| Vice-President-Membership       | Elaine Wiles, ATM-S |
| Vice-President-Public Relations | John Clark, DTM     |
| Secretary                       | Evander Woo, CC     |
| Treasurer                       | Marcia Barney, DTM  |
| Sgt-at-Arms                     | Eddy Gaasbeek       |

Elaine Wiles used "Taking Chances" as the theme for this night of Ice Breakers. Table Topics Master Butch Barney gave some challenging topics eliciting interesting responses:

Craig Thrift addressed "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler."

Don Barnett took "Conscience is what hurts when everything else feels so good."

John Clark held forth on "Indecision is the key to flexibility."

The underused word-for-the-Day was "vociferous" as given by John Clark. Craig served as Timer and Jeff Walker was vote counter. Eddy Gaasbeek was Grammarian for the first time.

The two prepared speeches were Ice Breakers. Angela Reninger told us a great deal about growing up on a farm, going to UT, and about her interests in music. Barbie Morgan made it clear that Barbie's can have more than blonde hair, blue eyes and long legs.

Marcia Barney evaluated Angela's speech and Joel Schanker evaluated Barbie's. Evander Woo evaluated the entire meeting.

Pam Christopher and Barbara Schanker did a fine job of listening as did Lance Kull most of the time.

Winners for the evening were: Best Table Topics Speaker - John Clark; Best Evaluator Joel Schanker; Best Speakers were Angela and Barbie.

Don Barnett sent us home with a spot of humor.

\*Madan was only our newest member for a few days. Mick Scott has since joined us as a new Toastmaster! Welcome to each of you!

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A brain goes into a bar and says to the bartender, "I'll have a beer, please." The bartender says, "Sorry, I can't serve you. You're out of your head."

Why is it lemon juice contains mostly artificial ingredients, but dishwashing liquid contains real lemons?

If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

Speaking About Speaking

by Butch Barney DTM



I recently attended a large state convention of a non-toastmaster organization. The featured speaker sounded as though someone else had written his speech and he was not really interested in the words he was saying. They were

without enthusiasm or personality. He struggled to read the speech, occasionally stopping in mid-sentence as he turned the page. I could recognize him by the top of his head but could not tell you the color of his eyes. He never looked at us.

Most of us have been there before. You know the drill. "He had 412 'ahs' and 26 'you knows' in a speech that lasted 3 minutes and he read the entire speech without looking up."

Don't get me wrong. There is nothing wrong with reading a speech. It just cannot be the first time the speaker has read it. And not the second, third, or fourth time either.

What most people forget is that a speech is really a conversation. Maybe one person does all the talking but the audience is thinking with the speaker and conducting a silent conversation as they review each point and store it in their memory for future use.

A good speaker believes what they are saying. You show your belief through voice and body language. "AND" is the key word. It takes both and maybe a few more things to keep your audience with you.

Choose words that are normal for you. Stop occasionally as you are writing a speech and read it with the enthusiasm you had when you wrote it. That will give it more life and will normally give you an idea on how to say the next thought. Keep sentences short, ideas definite, and voice strong enough to be heard.

("I promise that if I am elected I will give this legislation my")

End each page with a complete sentence. DO NOT trap yourself into having to move your notes in mid-sentence. Always keep two pages in front of you. Read from the one on your left and slide the page on the right side to the left side as you begin to read it. That way you are never without your next thought in front of you. And yes, NEVER turn the page. Don't get cheap and print on both sides of the paper. Waste 3 cents on paper and give a better presentation.

Print your speech in a font size that you can read. Don't forget that lighting will probably be worse than at your computer. Dark spots on lecterns or glaring spotlights can make notes useless. Use either colored print or a highlighter to emphasize your key points.

Finally, practice your opening and closing so you can deliver them with energy and conviction. Start confident and finish confident. They may not remember all that you said but they sure will like the way that you said it.

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If "con" is the opposite of "pro," then what is the opposite of progress?