

Northwest Words

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at our next Meeting



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.

Schedule for the August 5, 2008 Meeting

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

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The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot 's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

## Schedule for the September 2, 2008 Meeting

Evander Woo..... Toastmaster

Note - This is the Club Level Humorous Speech Contest. The winner will represent Northwestern Toastmasters at the Area Contest.

Northwestern Toastmasters has a strong reputation for speakers who go on to win at the next levels of competition. Be sure to attend this meeting and you will see why.

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

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Guests

Guests at the August 5th meeting were Milton and Lisa Middleton and Susan Halp. We enjoyed your presence and look forward to seeing you again.

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A recent study found that the average American walks about 900 miles in a year.

Another study found Americans drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

That means, on average, Americans get about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind of makes you proud, doesn't it?

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A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

August 5, 2008 Meeting Notes



by Evander Woo, Secretary

The theme of the August 5, 2008 was "Just for Fun". President Craig Thrift started the meeting with the introduction of three guests tonight – Milton and Lisa Middleton and Susan Halp. Lisa and Susan belonged to Blue Cross Toastmasters club.

During the new business discussion, Marcia stated that Speech Craft, an eight-week course to help new members and non-members develop basic speaking and evaluation skills. The course would start on September 16th.

After a ten-minute recess, President Craig Thrift introduced the Toastmaster of the evening, Butch Barney. Butch set theme of the meeting by an interpretive reading of the lyrics from an Irish Rovers song about unicorns.

Wordmaster Angela Rininger gave us "Facetious" as the word of the day.

Marcia Barney was the Table Topics Master. She asked Pam Christopher about what she did for fun. Pam replied that since she was retired from her job and from her position as District Governor, she had plenty of time to enjoy past times, such as going to see movies, such as "Mamma Mia". Elaine Wiles was asked about how past times vary from season to season. Elaine said that she did different things depending on her mood, situation, and time of year. Evander Woo was asked to explain the difference between a past time and a hobby. For him, a past time was playing cards and a hobby was something done over a long period of time, like collecting cameras. Angela Rininger was asked about her favorite hobbies, which she describe as playing instruments and being with friends.

Our prepared speakers for the evening were Barbie Morgan and Scott Anderson. Barbie's speech "Parenting 1, 2, 3" demonstrated the three essential rules of parenting, which were "Tell the Truth", "Location", and "Obey". She clearly explained that the rules applied to the parent as well as the child. Scott Anderson's speech "Home School Manifesto" compared public and private schools with home schooling.

The General Evaluator for the evening was Joel Schanker, who reviewed the meeting from the start of the business session through table topics. Brian Davidson was introduced to evaluate Butch Barney's Toastmaster warm-up. Craig Thrift evaluated Barbie Morgan. Jeff Walker evaluated Scott Anderson. Then, Joel evaluated the evaluators.

Tonight's timer was Susan Bush. The vote counter was Pam Christopher. Elaine Wiles gave the Grammarian's report.

Unfortunately, the secretary suffered from a case of TM Alzheimer's and could not remember the winners of each category during the last meeting.

Closing the meeting, our famous webmaster was also the Joke Master of the evening.

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### Top 10 attributes of really lazy people

10. Fail to put forth the effort to complete a task.
9. um... and probably some other stuff.

## Me? A Toastmaster?

By Evander Woo



What is life like as Toastmaster? Some of us are leaders in business, education, government, and religion. Most of us are ordinary people with an extraordinary desire to improve themselves anyway they can. Are you looking to become a better you? Visit a toastmasters club near you. Better yet, visit Northwestern Toastmasters at Mayberry's on Miller Street in Winston-Salem on the first and third Tuesdays of every month.

If you think Toastmasters is like that last speech class you took in high school or college, think again. It's nothing like it at all.

Believe me, that was what I thought when I joined Northwestern Toastmasters. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

Everyone here is here to help you become a better communicator. It's not just about how to speak better in public. It's about developing listening, leadership, and team building skills. Every new member starts with the ice breaker speech. When you do that first speech, don't think of it as doing your first speech. Think of it as telling new friends about who you are and what you do in life.

It takes courage to stand up behind that lectern for five minutes on you first try. But, remember that everyone in Toastmasters started with that first step. You are not alone when you go up there for the first time. Once that step is completed, you will soon realize how far you can go.

You will have opportunities to perform other duties such as timer, vote counter, word master, grammarian, joke master, table topics master, toastmaster, general evaluator, and evaluator to help you develop skills. You will even have opportunities to become an officer. You could even become a District Governor someday. What you become is up to you. Being a toastmaster will help you get there faster.

The next time someone asks you what life is like as Toastmaster, tell him or her that you are a person with extraordinary desires to improve yourself in a world surrounded by ordinary people.

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A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"

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A penny saved is a government oversight.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.