

# Northwest Words

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*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.*

## You Are the Only You



by Barbie Morgan, CC  
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Part of the miracle that we call LIFE is that the mold is broken with each person created. You are the only person in the entire universe with the blend of personality, experiences, knowledge, and traits that you

have. You are the only you.

Toastmasters provides an opportunity to develop yourself to be a better you. Confidence and polish are results after we decrease fears and increase skills. A confident Craig is still Craig. The growth achieved as a Toastmaster is applied over your basic personality, much like a make-up artist lays product over your skin. The result is a beautiful improvement but the bones stay the same.

Study who you are and celebrate your uniqueness. Then consider how you can improve certain traits. If you admire Butch's melodious voice, practice some vocal variation with your own voice. You can learn to grow loud and soft, raise the pitch high or low, or insert appropriate pauses. Don't try to become Butch – become a better you. Look and listen to the club members and notice their strengths. John always finds humor. Joel sees dramatic gestures. Marcia delivers smooth and uhm-free messages. Select aspects you like and work on adding them to your personal style. Blend the new skills into your distinctive delivery so that you are not different, just better.

As you improve your delivery style, pay attention to your basic personality. Barbie will always be bubbly and enthusiastic. Jeff will always be intellectual and analytical. Neither should try to become the other. But intellectual does not have to be boring and bubbly does not have to be dumb.

Northwestern Toastmasters has a broad spectrum of abilities and talents. It is a safe environment to practice improving our skills. As you add each layer of skill to your repertoire, remember to celebrate the basic YOU that God created. You are special!

## Wrong but Strong Answers on Exams

Question: Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.

Answer: Learning to speak Latin

Question: What is a fibula?

Answer: A little lie

Question: What were the circumstances of Julius Caesar's death?

Answer: Suspicious ones

Question: Give an example of a smoking-related disease

Answer: Early death

Question: What are the Pyramids?

Answer: The Pyramids are a large mountain range which splits France and Spain

Question: In *Pride and Prejudice*, at what moment does Elizabeth Bennet realize her true feelings for Mr Darcy?

Answer: When she sees him coming out of the lake.

Question: What do we call a person forced to leave their home perhaps by a natural disaster or war, without having another home to go to.

Answer: Homeless

Question: Christians only have one spouse, what is this called?

Answer: Monotony

Question: In the Hawaiian Islands, there are around 500 different species of fruit fly. Give a reason for this

Answer: There are approximately 500 varieties of fruit

Question: Name an environmental side effect of burning fossil fuels

Answer: Fire

## That's the Way it Was on July 7, 2009

by P. Fantum, Reporter



A very nice - in color and amazingly complete - meeting program greeted us as we arrived at the meeting - Thanks, EVP Craig Thrift! Craig opened the business meeting and quickly relinquished control of the lectern to Past International Director Butch Barney to install our 2009-10 club officers. As the newly installed President Don Barnett did a very nice effective, efficient job of conducting the business session. VP of Education Craig encouraged members to be planning their Humorous Speech (the contest will be in September) and their speech for the International Speech Contest in March.

Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting Jeff Walker chose "The Joys of Summer" as his theme. Don Barnett served as Timer and Barbie Morgan counted the votes. Table Topics Master Craig Thrift gave role-playing topics to:

-Don Barnett opposed signing the Declaration of Independence because he is afraid of England.

-Marcia Barney created the first American flag.

-Brian Davidson thinks the Statue of Liberty appears welcoming.

-John Clark voted against "The Star Spangled Banner" as our National Anthem.

Prepared speeches were given by:

+Jordan Smith gave speech #5 from his basic manual "Convenience Culture" and was evaluated by Butch Barney.

+Pam Christopher gave speech #9 from the basic CC manual. Her title was "Elect Me" and was evaluated by Barbie Morgan.

Elaine Wiles served as the amiable General Evaluator. Marcia Barney served as the less-amiable Grammarian. John Clark told the joke. Now, how many members were present at the July 7 meeting? Who was notably absent? Tell John! Winners were:

Best Table Topic - Brian Davidson

Best Evaluator - Barbie Morgan

Best Speaker - Jordan Smith

## Working on the CL Manual?

If you are working in the CL manual (and if you are not, then why not?) talk with our Vice President of Public Relations, John Clark. He can always use help and that help will get you credit for helping with the newsletter (Northwest Words) or our web site, or both. John claims that the work is not difficult and it is mostly painless.

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars; but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?

## More Wrong but Strong Answers

Question: Define the term "intensive farming".

Answer: It is when a farmer never has a day off.

Question: Change 7/8 to a decimal

Answer: 7.8

Question: What does the term "lava" mean?

Answer: A pre-pubescent caterpillar

Question: Redundancy is often an unpleasant and unexpected event in someone's life. Give two examples of unexpected life events.

Answer: 1) death 2) Reincarnation

Question: What was introduced in the Children's Charter of 1908?

Answer: Children

Question: Explain the word "wholesaler".

Answer: Someone who sells you whole items - eg, a whole cake

Question: The race of people known as Malays come from which country?

Answer: Malaria

Question: What artificial waterway runs between the Mediterranean and Red Seas?

Answer: The Sewage Canal

Question: Name one famous Greek landmark

Answer: The most famous Greek landmark is the Apocalypse

Question: Expand  $2(x + y)$

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Question: Assess Fashion House choice to locate its factory near Birmingham. Is Birmingham the right location for this type of business?

Answer: No. People from Birmingham aren't very fashionable.

Question: Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

Answer: At the bottom.

Question: What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

Answer: Unusual names.

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

