

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.

That's the Way it Was - April 6, 2010

by deQ Phantum, asst. Secretary



President Don Barnett opened and led the business session with his usual flair for brevity. He then opened the Educational Session by introducing

the Toastmaster of the Club Level International Speech and Table Topics contests.

Joel Schanker, DTM (class of '97) was the Toastmaster and Butch Barney, DTM was the Chief Judge. After the contestants met with the Toastmaster and the Judges and Timers met with the Chief Judge, the contest began.

The International Speech Contestants, in the order that they spoke were

- Florain Neuhauser
- Barbie Morgan
- Don Barnett

Our contestants for the Table Topics Contest (again in the order drawn for speaking) were

- Greg Jones
- Pam Windley
- Elizabeth McKinney

The question given each of the Table Topics Contestants (paraphrased, since I didn't write it down) was "Comment on doing things right or doing the right thing."

Our judges included Marcia Barney, John Clark, Barbara Schanker, Craig Thrift and Elaine Wiles. Our Counters were Christa Neuhauser and Nancy Wilson. Timers were Mark Perew and Jeff Walker.

The winner of the International Speech Contest was Don Barnett. Winner of the Table Topics Contest was Elizabeth McKinney. These two will represent us at the Area Contest.

Area 21 Contest

The Area 21 International Speech and Table Topics Contests will be held on April 24, 2010, starting at 9:15 am in Tad's Room at Industries For The Blink at 7730 North Point Drive here in Winston. A reservation form is attached to this newsletter.

We should attend this contest, as we are the Host Club. If you would like to assist with the hosting, contact Marcia Barney." Those already on the committee are John Clark, Lance Kull, Joel Schanker, Barbie Morgan, and Don Barnett.

While you are adding this auspicious date to your calendar also remember the Division B contest will be on May 1 and the District 37 contest will be at the spring conference on May 21-23.

TLI Presenter Training

In an effort to improve the quality of officer training and ensure key messages are delivered and retained, the District now requires trainer certification for all TLI trainers. To be eligible to train at the upcoming June TLIs and future TLI events, all presenters must attend a (free) Train-the-Trainer session. Those certified last fall do not need to re-certify, but are welcome to repeat the class

Pre-registration is required. Train-the-Trainers classes will be offered pm Sunday, May 23 at the Clarion Hotel in Greensboro from, 8:00 AM to noon. (Note: this is just after the District 37 Conference.)

Seating is limited. You may pre-register for the class by contacting Jamie Stamey at (704)-576-7302 or email him at Jamie.Stamey@charter.net

Bits and Pieces

by John Clark, DTM



The local radio station where I grew up had a 15 minute program every morning called "This, That, The Other and A Guy Named Charley. It was sponsored by four local businessmen and consisted of their comments about whatever they wanted to talk about. I feel sort of like that show

as I write this article - so please bear with me (and Enjoy!)

In a recent article, Joel Schanker wrote about the contributions made by some of our newer members. One of the questions that the Toastmaster asked of each contestant was "How long have you been a member of Northwestern Toastmasters?" That question drove home the point that Joel was making - the answers ranged from six months to five years. If that question had been asked of the judges, timers and counters that helped in the support of the contest, the sum of the answers would equal a lot of experience.

To my simple way of thinking, this simply proves that Northwestern Toastmasters is serious about helping its members improve their communication and leadership abilities. AND, by golly, we're going to have fun while we do it.

Did you notice on our banner, that we have received the President's Distinguished Club ribbon for each year since the program was set up? There is a reason for that. Instead of each years officers designing ways to win the award, we have taken the opposite tact. When our members are the best that then can be, then the awards follow. It's just another way of proving that "If you build it, they will come."

Following this line of reason, let's think about ways to improve this newsletter. The two major goals of the newsletter have been to provide a history of meetings (The Secretary's Report) and to remind members that there will be a meeting on the following Tuesday. It is also a useful marketing tool when we mention guests and send them a copy. Finally it may provide a bit of humor.

Over the years we have included an article from various members on topics that would be of general interest to our members. Questions have been raised about the usefulness of these articles. Would you like to see them discontinued? Please send and email to the editor with your vote (keep or drop.) Depending on the results, we can look at other questions about the articles or a replacement for them.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects.

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

Meeting Roles Supplement

With each issue, we are including a definition of the various roles in a Toastmasters meeting. Feel free to print this role and keep it with your Toastmasters Notes. Because all roles are important, these roles are presented in alphabetical order. This issue contains the role of the Joke Master. Other roles described are:

- ü Evaluator
- ü General Evaluator
- ü Grammarian
- ü Joke Master
- ü Speaker
- ü Table Topics Master
- ü Timer
- ⇒ Toastmaster of the Meeting
- ✓ Vote Counter
- ✓ Word Master

These are also available on our award winning web site - www.NWTM.org or, if you like, talk to our Vice President of Public Relations, and ask for an embossed and personally autographed copy.

ICS - Session 7

The ICS Meeting on April 13 once again provided some outstanding speeches by seminar participants:

- § Pam Windley gave her B-4 "What's the Point?" and was evaluated by Mark Perew
- § Nancy Wilson gave her B-3 "Greetings" and was evaluated by her Mentor Barbara Schanker
- § Bob Lauwers gave his B-4 "The Art of Detachment" and was evaluated by Don Barnett
- § Elizabeth McKinney gave her B-4 and was evaluated by Joel Schanker
- § Christa Neuhauser opened our eyes a little with her B-8 "The Digital Age". The evaluation was by Elaine Wiles.

Butch Barney gave us some valuable information about improving our Vocal Variety with his Speaking to Inform "Don't Just Say It, Express It."

Marcia Barney went over some pointers on selecting a great speech Title after which the group participated in a lively workshop on Title Selection.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.

Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.

~~ Meeting Schedule ~~

Please Note: The Vice President of Education is continually adjusting the schedule to meet the requirements of the members. So, if you need to see the current schedule, contact our VP of ED (see the top of the newsletter for contact information.)

Member	04 / 20 / 2010	05 / 04 / 2010	05 / 18 / 2010	07 / 01 / 2010
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	Toastmaster	General Evaluator	
Butch Barney, DTM			Evaluator	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Grammarian	
Ernst Bonaparte			Speaker	
Pam Christopher, DTM		Speaker		
John Clark, DTM				
Brian Davidson AC-S/CL	Evaluator		Evaluator	
Maurice Derbez				
Craig Humphrey				
Greg Jones	Word Master		Joke Master	
Lance Kull, DTM	Evaluator	Grammarian		
Bob Lauwers	Speaker	Table Topics	Vote Counter	
Elizabeth McKinney	Table Topics		Timer	
Linda Minney		Speaker		
Barbie Morgan, CC		Timer	Toastmaster	
Christa Neuhauser	Toastmaster	Speaker	Evaluator	
Florian Neuhauser	Speaker	Evaluator	Speaker	
Mark Perew, DTM	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Speaker	
Zoltan Rab	Speaker	Vote Counter		
Madan Rangabasyam				
Barbara Schanker, AC-S		Evaluator		
Joel Schanker, DTM		Joke Master	Evaluator	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Timer	Evaluator		
Jeff Walker, CC				
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Grammarian	Word Master	Speaker	
Pam Windley	Joke Master	Speaker	Word Master	
Nancy Wilson	Vote Counter	Speaker	Table Topics	

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

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You are Invited to the

Empire, Forsyth, Insuring Success, VIPS, Mainstream, Northwestern Toastmasters Clubs
Area 21
of District 37, Region 8, Toastmasters International

International Speech and Table Topics Contests



When: Saturday, April 24, 2010
Reception and Registration – 9:15 AM
Officials and Contestants Meeting – 9:30 AM
Contests - 10 AM



Where: Tad's Room
Industries For the Blind
7730 North Point Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Directions: From Interstate 40 Take Exit 188 toward downtown Winston-Salem. Take Exit 2B "Silas Creek Parkway-North" and go approximately 5 miles through 4 traffic lights. (The distance between the first and second traffic light is about 2 1/2 miles. Just before the second traffic light the road will veer to the left.) Silas Creek Parkway becomes North Point Boulevard. About 200 yards down the hill after the 4th traffic light is a Jeep dealership on the left side of the road. North Point Drive bisects the dealership. Turn left onto North Point Drive. Industries for the Blind is straight ahead. At the "T" go right to the Employee Parking Lot. Enter the building at the Employee entrance and you will be escorted to Tad's Room by a welcoming Toastmaster.

Hear the top prepared and the top impromptu speakers from each of the clubs in Area 21 vie for the right to represent our Area in the Division B Contests. Bring friends and family members 16 or older as interested spectators, cheerleaders, or prospective members.

Registration:

Register on or before April 16 and it's \$4 per person. Afterwards and at the door it's \$5 per person. Use the form below.
Questions: Call Host Chair Marcia Barney @ 712-8183, Contest Chair/Assistant Area Governor Craig Thrift @ 764-2024, or Area Governor Kim Netter @ 336-687-3626.

----- Registration Form (detach here) -----

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____ Club: _____

Before April 16: Please reserve _____ seats @ \$4 = _____
After April 16: Please reserve _____ seats @ \$5 = _____

Total Enclosed: _____

(Make checks payable to "Northwestern Toastmasters")

Mail to:
Marcia Barney, DTM
3501 Lakefield Court
Clemmons, NC 27012

If you'd like to make several reservations together, list the names, phone numbers, e-mail address, club name (or guest) on the back and simply indicate the ticket reservations above.

When You Are The Toastmaster of The Meeting - -

The Toastmaster of the Meeting is the single most important job in the Toastmasters' meeting. The Toastmaster of the meeting acts as the host to see that the meeting is fully organized, enjoyable for all, and runs smoothly from start to finish. The Toastmaster of the Meeting selects the theme for the Meeting.

IN ADVANCE: The Vice President of Education publishes a schedule (found on the back of the program schedule and in the newsletter.) The scheduled participants for your program can be obtained from these schedules. If any of your participants must cancel, you will need to find a replacement before the meeting. For speakers, such replacements should be made at least 3 days (preferably more) in advance. For other participants, 2 days may be ample time. If you are unable to find a replacement, call the Vice President of Education for assistance.

BEFORE THE MEETING: Provide the presiding officer with an introduction. This will help you set the pace for the meeting. You should also talk with the Vice President of Education to insure that all roles are filled.

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR GUESTS: If first-time guests are present, very briefly explain the purpose of each segment of the program as you introduce that section. (For example, in Table Topics we practice impromptu speaking. This gives us experience in thinking quickly on our feet, organizing our thoughts and presenting these thoughts in a logical, coherent manner before the group.)

AT THE MEETING: The Toastmaster-of-the-Meeting should introduce the theme for the meeting with a short dissertation on the significance of the theme, background remarks, and some entertaining comments. It is perfectly acceptable for this to be a manual speech. Just let the Vice President of Education know ahead of time so an evaluator can be assigned. Remember that you are the host for the meeting, so try to make everyone feel comfortable and glad to be there. Be sure to greet any guests present. Then, introduce your staff of other program participants. The order in which you then call on them (with brief interesting comments of introduction) is:

Wordmaster - to give the Word for the meeting.

- Table Topics Master - Introduce and relinquish control of the lectern
- Timer - for the time used by each Table Topics Speaker. Ask all present to vote for best Table Topics speaker and to pass their ballots to the Vote Counter. The meeting should not be halted for voting. Prepare a few appropriate remarks to fill-in while the audience is voting. "Dead time" at the lectern is also death to meeting continuity.
- Introduce each prepared speaker - Make sure that the introduction (unless otherwise requested by the speaker) includes the title of the speech, the speech number and manual, the speech purpose, the requested time and a few appropriate comments (less than 30 seconds worth) about the speaker. Call the less experienced speakers first. After all prepared speakers have finished, ask for a second report from the Timer, then ask the audience to pass their ballots for best speaker to the Vote Counter. Review the list of eligible speakers. (Only those who are making Communication and Leadership Manual Speeches (The only accepted speech type at Northwestern.) and are within the time limits are eligible for this honor.) Remind the audience to also pass their short written evaluations from the ballot to the speakers.
- Introduce and relinquish control the lectern to the General Evaluator who will conduct the evaluation session. When the General Evaluator returns control to you, be sure to do anything that the
- General Evaluator normally does - but overlooked.
- When you have finished the above, thank your program participants and, like a good host, express your appreciation for having been the Toastmaster-of-the-Meeting. Finally, relinquish control of the meeting to the Presiding Officer.

The next page contains a brief check-list that will help prevent skipping over a role.

Toastmaster of the Meeting

Opening Remarks (can be manual speech)

Call on word-master. [If guests, explain role of word-master]

Optional remarks

[If guests, explain purpose of Table Topics]

Introduce Table Topics master, give {him/her} control of lectern

Resume control of lectern

If Table Topics Master did not call for vote for best Table Topics Speaker, then do so.

If Table Topics Master did not call for time used by Table Topics Speakers, then do so.

Optional Remarks

Read introduction for speaker, give them control of lectern, resume control after the speech. (Do this for each speaker)

Call for Timers report for best prepared speaker

Ask audience to vote for best prepared speaker.

must be within 1 minute (plus or minus) of the target time.

Introduce General Evaluator, give him/her control of lectern

Resume control of the lectern.

If the General Evaluator did not call for voting for best evaluation, then do so

If the General Evaluator did not call for the Timers report for evaluators, then do so

If the General Evaluator did not call for the Word Masters report, then do so

If the General Evaluator did not call for the Grammarian's report, then do so

Closing Remarks

Return control of the lectern to the presiding officer