

# Northwest Words

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We meet each first, third, and fifth Tuesday, 6:30 PM - Mayberry's, 50 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC

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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 P. Fantum, asst. Secretary



The business session included announcements about the Area 21 Contest we hosted on April 24. Contest Chair Craig Thrift expressed

appreciation for the support of NWTM. We welcomed two guests: Sha Tao and Jessica Richardson.

One of the stars of our Improved Communications Series that finished on April 20, Christa Neuhauser, served as Toastmaster-for-the-Meeting with a theme of "Graduation." Christa completed project #9 in her Competent Communicator Manual as her TM Warm-Up. Wordmaster Don Barnett gave "euphemism - a mild word substituted for a more blunt one" as the Word-for-the-Day and challenged us to add it to our vocabulary.

Table Topics Master Craig Thrift gave topics to:

- -Jeff Walker cited Mrs. Hickerson, who encouraged him to read, as his most influential teacher.
- -Elaine Wiles was reluctant to disclose some of her graduation memories.
- -Pam Windley learned to be persistent during the ICS program.
- -Marcia Barney encouraged all graduates to do what they loved to do as a profession.

Jeff Walker was the timer and Pam Windley counted the Votes. Prepared Speeches were given by:

- Bob Lauwers gave #5 from the CC Manual and was evaluated by Marcia Barney.
- Florian Neuhauser gave #7, "Homeopathic Medicine" and was evaluated by Craig Thrift.
- Barbie Morgan gave #3 from the advanced Specialty Speeches Manual and was evaluated by John Clark.
- Butch Barney evaluated Christa's TM warm-up.

Mark Perew served as General Evaluator. Elaine Wiles was the Grammarian.

Winners for the evening were:

- Best Table Topics Speaker: Marcia Barney
- Best Evaluator: Marcia Barney
- Best Speaker: Florian Neuhauser

We ended with a Joke Master report from Pam Windley.

## Guests

Recent guests at our meetings include Lisa Folger, Sha Tao and Jessica Richardson.

## Nominating Committee Appointed

President Don Barnett has appointed a nominating committee comprised of the DTMs of Northwestern Toastmasters to locate officer candidates for 2010-2011. Marcia Barney, DTM, will chair the committee. If you are interested in serving as an officer (President, VP-Education, VP-Membership, VP-Public Relations, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt.-at-Arms) for our club from July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 please talk to any NWTM DTM. The DTMs of our clubs are: Butch Barney, Marcia Barney, John Clark, Pam Christopher, Lance Kull, Mark Perew, and Joel Schanker.

Remember, we are a communications and leadership organization. Serving as a club officer can be a valuable leadership experience.

Whenever I find the key to success, someone changes the lock.

The road to success is always under construction.

Alcohol doesn't solve any problems, but if you think again, neither does milk.

The Confession of a Club Officer

by Craig Thrift CC/CL



In the spring of each year, following our club's by-laws, a nomination committee is formed from all the DTM's in our club. They will nominate and vote for whom they believe should be the next club officers. Once this decision is made, the nomination committee will present their

selection before the club who will then vote to approve or reject their selections.

In the spring of 2008, Marcia Barney approached me after a meeting for the spring conference we were hosting and asked me if I would be interested in being the club's president for the 2008-2009 year. I was shocked. I did not know what to think or say. After some very convincing minutes Marcia had me agreeing to have my name placed in nomination. Within a few weeks I was informed that I would be the club's next president.

The experience of being the club's president is a wonderful opportunity to improve your leadership skills. The President's role is to work with the other club officers to set the club goals for the year. Then insure that the club meets those goals. The President also is the one who presides over the business session of each club meetings. If you are lucky, you get the chance to experience at least one business session in which you are tested on Robert's Rules of Order. I had no clue as to what Robert's Rules of Order was until I went to the fall conference. At the conference I was part of a training session led by Marcia and Butch Barney. This was a great learning experience because I learned that the best thing to do if you are not skilled in Robert's Rule of Order is to appoint a Parliamentarian. This is a person who is well experienced in Robert's Rules. You can call upon your Parliamentarian if you get into a situation in a meeting which you are not sure which way to turn. They can assist you in making sure you follow the proper protocol. When we had our next meeting, I appointed Marcia as my Parliamentarian. This came in handy when not to long afterwards, Marcia and John Clark decided to test me on Robert Rules of Order. This experience has helped me to improve my confidence in my leadership skills at work and in my role of chairing a committee for the March of Dimes.

Last spring, Marcia once again approached me and asked me to be the Vice President of Education for the upcoming year. I knew from my experience as President that this role is the most important and challenging position. I decided that I was up for the challenge. The Vice President of Education is responsible for scheduling all Toastmasters roles for each meeting, creating the agenda and plan, and organizing the club's contests.

The VP of Education is also responsible to make sure that each Toastmaster meets their desired goals, along with the club's goals. Holding this position this year has been fulfilling personally. It has allowed me to improve on my organizational skills in a changing environment. Making sure new members get added to the schedule while still helping other member meet their goals. Knowing that I was responsible for all the important areas, it helped me make sure I do not put off things to the last minute.

If you are approached to fill one of the club's offices for the next year, take up the challenge. It builds your confidence to think our club's DTMs have the faith and trust in you to put the club's future in your hands. Take the chance. As my mom has always told me when trying to make a hard decision, "Hey, Columbus took a chance"! So I challenge you to accept the opportunity learn and improve on your leadership skills. I know for me, it has been an honor to server such a wonderful and distinguished club.

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 Vote Counter. Other roles described are:

- ü Evaluator
ü General Evaluator
ü Grammarian
ü Joke Master
ü Speaker
ü Table Topics Master
ü Timer
ü Toastmaster of the Meeting
=> Vote Counter
v 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.

Everyone has a scheme of getting rich. Which never works.

If at first you don't succeed... destroy all evidence that you ever tried.

You can never determine which side of the bread to butter. If it falls down, it will always land on the buttered side.

Anything dropped on the floor will roll over to the most inaccessible corner.

As soon as you mention something... if it is good, it is taken. If it is bad, it happens.

He who has the gold, makes the rules. Also known as Murphy's golden rule.

Area 21 Contest

A disgruntled member of another club complained to the Area Governor: "Why must Northwestern Toastmasters win every contest?" With some tough competition Don Barnett and Elizabeth McKinney brought home both first place trophies in the Area 21 International Speech and Table Topics Contests on April 24. Don's "Attitude Adjustment" was even better than at the club contest. Elizabeth adeptly dissected the meat from the bone of a challenging table topic. Don and Elizabeth will now represent Area 21 at the Division B contest in Greensboro on May 1.

Not only did our members make us proud winning the contest, our members made us proud as Chair (Craig Thrift) and Hosts for the event. Pam Windley is a chef with fruit as her median, Bob Lauwers is masterful as a registration chair, Jeff Walker's skills as Sgt.-at-Arms once again shined brightly, and Joel Schanker makes a mean cup of coffee. Marcia Barney was Host Chair. Contest officials included Chief Judge Butch Barney, Assistant Timer Pam Windley, Counter Bob Lauwers, and Judge Marcia Barney. Joel judged, too, as a representative of another club.

Make plans to attend the Division Contest to support Don and Elizabeth next Saturday if possible. Joel will be the Chief Judge for this one.

**Congratulation, Don and Elizabeth!**

If you come early, the bus is late. If you come late... the bus is still late.

Once you have bought something, you will find the same item being sold somewhere else at a cheaper rate.

When in a queue, the other line always moves faster and the person in front of you will always have the most complex of transactions.

If you have paper, you don't have a pen... If you have a pen, you don't have paper... if you have both, no one calls.

The door bell or your mobile will always ring when you are in the bathroom.

After a long wait for bus No.20, two 20 number buses will always pull in together and the bus which you get in, will be more crowded than the other.

If your exam is tomorrow, there will be a power cut tonight.

Irrespective of the direction of the wind, the smoke from the cigarette will always tend to go to the non-smoker.

To Err is human, to forgive is not a COMPANY policy.

In order to get a Loan, you first need to prove that you don't need it.

Since Light travels faster than Sound, people appear brighter before you hear them speak.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

Vote Counter Report

The votes have been counted and the final tally shows an overwhelming majority wish to discontinue the column by various members. The editor tells me that we have enough articles to last through the upcoming election cycle. So stay tuned for exciting changes by next years officers. (Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.)

Definition

A Holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, 'Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.' The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, 'You have seen Hell. They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, 'I don't understand. 'It is simple,' said the Lord. 'It requires but one skill...

You see, they have learned to feed each other. The greedy think only of themselves.'

Donation

Father O'Malley answers the phone. 'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?'

'It is!'

'This is the IRS. Can you help us?'

'I can!'

'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?'

'I do!'

'Is he a member of your congregation?'

'He is!'

'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?'

'He will.'

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

~~ 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		05 / 04 / 2010	05 / 18 / 2010	06 / 01 / 2010	04 / 20 / 2010
Don	Barnett, AC-B	Toastmaster	General Evaluator	Evaluator	
Butch	Barney, DTM		Evaluator	Grammarian	
Marcia	Barney, DTM	General Evaluator	Grammarian		
Ernst	Bonaparte		Speaker	Vote Counter	
Pam	Christopher, DTM	Speaker		Evaluator	
John	Clark, DTM			Word Master	
Brian	Davidson AC-S/CL		Evaluator	Speaker	
Maurice	Derbez				
Craig	Humphrey				
Greg	Jones		Joke Master	Speaker	
Lance	Kull, DTM	Grammarian		Timer	
Bob	Lauwers	Table Topics	Vote Counter		
Elizabeth	McKinney		Timer		
Linda	Minney				
Barbie	Morgan, CC	Timer	Toastmaster	General Evaluator	
Christa	Neuhauser		Evaluator	Speaker	
Florian	Neuhauser		Speaker	Joke Master	
Mark	Perew, DTM				
Zoltan	Rab	Vote Counter		Speaker	
Madan	Rangabasyam				
Barbara	Schanker, AC-S	Evaluator			
Joel	Schanker, DTM	Joke Master	Evaluator		
Craig	Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator		Evaluator	
Jeff	Walker, CC	Evaluator	Speaker	Toastmaster	
Elaine	Wiles. CC-G	Word Master	Speaker		
Pam	Windley	Speaker	Word Master	Table Topics	
Nancy	Wilson	Speaker	Table Topics	Evaluator	

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

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## **When You Are The Vote Counter - -**

The vote counter should rank all participants in each category, but should not include the vote counter's vote except in case of a tie. This insures that the result of balloting will never be a tie.

The Presiding Officer will ask for the results of balloting near the end of the meeting. The Vote Counter should give the results from a standing position near the Vote Counter's seat. Please do not give the number of votes for each person, just the name of the winner in each of the three categories.

The vote counter should count the votes as soon as they are received, so that presentation of the awards is not delayed. While the Toastmaster of the Meeting or General Evaluator should invite all members to vote, some members may choose not to do so. If you, as Vote Counter, receive 17 votes when 20 members are present, don't be surprised.

Some members also pass their short evaluations to the vote counter. These should be passed on to the appropriate speaker.