

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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Next Meeting is on
September 7, 2010
(Next Tuesday)



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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 - August 31, 2010

by Pam Windley, Secretary



If you were one of the 16 persons attending the August 31st meeting of Northwestern Toastmasters, you experienced a meeting a bit different than usual. Fellow Toastmasters were still jovial, courteous, and attentive but the meeting structure had a "5th Tuesday" meeting quality.

The VP of Education, Christa Neuhauser, introduced our Toastmaster of the evening, President Brian Davidson. Brian's theme was "Mental Flexibility" and he challenged us to increase our brain power by suspending old patterns of thinking. At transition points in the meeting, we played optical puzzles, learned an anagram for open-mindedness, and discovered phrases for semantic flexibility.

Other members assisting with this meeting's activities included Joel Schanker as Grammarian, John Clark as Timer, and Steve Albon as Vote Counter.

There was no Wordmaster for the evening. As part of the exercise in flexing our mental acuity, Toastmasters were instructed to listen for a "grabber" word, defined as a word that catches your attention.

Marcia Barney was the Table Topics Master and selected situations for role playing with strict time limits. Short 1:00 minute responses that identified the character were required as if one was involved in a road construction tie-up. Another situation involved characters in a hectic Christmas shopping scene. Then there were 15 second responses for the swift listeners. The fast pace of this Table Topics session took the edge off impromptu speaking.

Prepared speeches were presented by Pam Windley, Craig Thrift, and Elizabeth McKinney. Pam's project, #6 from the Basic Manual, revealed the source of information used by a reporter to rank states

according to the laziness of their residents. Craig outshone the Emmy winners with Project # 5 "Receiving an Award" from the Special Occasions manual. Elizabeth's project # 7 from the Basic Manual brought the 5 year old memory of Hurricane Katrina's power and devastation to life again with her vivid and concrete descriptions.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Lance Kull. Evaluations were: Jeff Walker evaluated Brian Davidson, Christa Neuhauser evaluated Pam Windley, Butch Barney evaluated Craig Thrift, and Mark Perew evaluated Elizabeth McKinney.

The Grammarian of the evening, Joel Schanker, revealed the "grabber" words and phrases that were not appropriate for the subject matter or the sentence semantic.

Steve Albon, Vote Counter, announced the results of the evening's voting.

Award winners were:

- ü Best Table Topic – Lance Kull
- ü Best Evaluator – Mark Perew
- ü Best Speaker – Craig Thrift

Barbie Morgan, the Joke Master of the evening, selected a joke on persistence. When doing the same thing the same way produces the same results, it's time to change the method.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Christa Neuhauser reminded us that the next Area Contest is October 9th. Therefore the Club Contest will be September 21st. Please let Marcia know if you are going to participate in the Club Contest. Humorous Speech and Evaluation are the contest areas.

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"Always carry a flagon of whiskey in case of snakebite and furthermore always carry a small snake."

**Awards**

Brian Davidson has submitted his application for Advanced Leader. Bronze & Advanced Communicator, Silver. This will make our fearless leader known as President Brian Davidson, AC-S/AL-B.

If you want to know more about Toastmasters award system then visit our award winning web site, [www.NWTM.org](http://www.NWTM.org)

**Ask Lam (the Logical Answer Man)**

Why are we meeting again this week, since we just had a meeting?

- (Name withheld by request.)

Dear NWBR

Good question! We are used to meeting every other week, but you need to remember that our by-laws state that we meet on the "first, third and fifth Tuesday of each month." Since most months do not have a 5th Tuesday, we usually meet every two weeks, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

However, when there is a 5th Tuesday, it is always so close to the end of the month that the 1st Tuesday of the next month is always one week away. Go to our web site, [www.NWTM.org](http://www.NWTM.org) and click on calendar. You will see meeting days in red. Look for months that have a 5th Tuesday.

- LAM

**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.

**Jeanne Robertson**

Here is what International Speaker Dave Lieber has to say about Jeanne Robertson.

'When I saw Jeanne Robertson at the National Speakers Association convention in Orlando, I complimented her on the seven million views she earned on her You Tube channel, Jeanne Robertson.

"Eight million," she quickly corrected.

Now, as I write this, five weeks later, the number is 9,069,212.

By the time you read this and check for yourself, her view count could be above 10 million.

I wish I could buy stock in her.'

- Dave Lieber

Following this comment is a video and a great evaluation of her work. The web site is <http://davelieber.org/jeanne-robertson-gets-discovered-by-america/>



**From TI's web site**

"The Success/Leadership modules make outstanding training sessions for community and corporate Groups. In the dozens of times I've presented these modules I've never had a participant express boredom or leave feeling that he or she had not grown from the experience."

Marcia T. Barney, DTM  
Winston-Salem, NC



Sorry Sir, you know the rules: "Pigs can't fly"...

~~ 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                 | 09 / 07 / 2010    | 09 / 21 / 2010 | 10 / 05 / 2010    | 10 / 19 / 2010    |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Steve Albon            | Speaker           |                | Word Master       | Speaker           |
| Sujit Assudani         | Timer             |                | Evaluator         |                   |
| Don Barnett, AC-B      |                   | Word Master    |                   | Speaker           |
| Butch Barney, DTM      |                   | Chief Judge    | Grammarian        | Evaluator         |
| Marcia Barney, DTM     | General Evaluator | Contest Chair  |                   |                   |
| Pam Christopher, DTM   | Evaluator         |                |                   |                   |
| John Clark, DTM        |                   | Vote Counter   | Evaluator         | Word Master       |
| Brian Davidson AC-S/CL | Evaluator         |                | Speaker           |                   |
| Scott Hill             | Speaker           |                |                   | Speaker           |
| Greg Jones             |                   | Evaluator      | Timer             | Speaker           |
| Lance Kull, DTM        |                   | Evaluator      |                   |                   |
| Bob Lauwers            | Speaker           | Speaker        | Evaluator         | Toastmaster       |
| Elizabeth McKinney     |                   | Grammarian     | Table Topics      |                   |
| Barbie Morgan, AC-B    | Table Topics      | Evaluator      | Speaker           |                   |
| Christa Neuhauser, CC  | Speaker           | Timer          |                   | Speaker           |
| Florian Neuhauser      | Joke Master       | Speaker        |                   | Evaluator         |
| Mark Perew, DTM        | Grammarian        |                | General Evaluator | Grammarian        |
| Zoltan Rab             |                   |                | Evaluator         | Timer             |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S |                   | Joke Master    | Toastmaster       | General Evaluator |
| Joel Schanker, DTM     |                   | Table Topics   | Speaker           | Evaluator         |
| Sha Tao                |                   |                |                   |                   |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL    |                   | Toastmaster    | Vote Counter      |                   |
| Jeff Walker, CC        | Vote Counter      | Speaker        | Evaluator         |                   |
| Elaine Wiles, CC-G     | Toastmaster       |                | Speaker           | Vote Counter      |
| Nancy Wilson           | Evaluator         | Speaker        | Joke Master       | Joke Master       |
| Pam Windley            | Evaluator         |                |                   | Table Topics      |

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

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