

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 21, 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-September 7, 2010

by Pam Windley, Secretary



The business session of Northwestern Toastmasters September 7, 2010 meeting was dominated by discussion of the Area 21 Contest to be held on October 7th. In preparation for the Area 21 Contest, Northwestern Toastmasters will hold a Club Contest on September 21st.

Elaine Wiles was the Toastmaster for the evening. Her theme was "Things That Go Wrong." Elaine gave examples of events that go wrong due to deficient thinking, over-scheduling, or just being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Members assisting with this meeting's activities included Mark Perew as Grammarian, Christa Neuhauser as Timer, and Jeff Walker as Vote Counter.

The Wordmaster, John Clark, introduced two words for the meeting: mutable and its antonym, immutable. The words mean changeable and changeless, respectively. Although this tactic increases the odds of usage, the words were used only by three persons.

Barbie Morgan selected "One Month to Live" as the theme for Table Topics. She selected 4 focus areas. Florian Neuhauser was asked what changes he would make in his physical habits if he knew he had only one month to live. From his answer, it sounded as if Florian would take a hedonistic approach to life. John Clark discussed the appreciation of his relationships if he only had one month to live. Jeff Walker discussed the spiritual aspect of a very short earthly tenure and considered that he may review his childhood roots in the Baptist church. Christa Neuhauser responded to her topic of intellectual goals for the short timer, by elaborating on the difficulty of answering such a deep question in such a short period of time as Table Topics.

Prepared speeches were presented by Steve Albon and Scott Hill. Steve presented project 2 from the Basic Manual titled "Decision Making." Steve's speech examined how a methodology for making decisions prevents stalled projects and later regrets. Scott's presentation was titled "The Trauma Patient". His speech moved from the hospital bed of a severely injured patient to the cause of those injuries, drunk driving.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Marcia Barney. Pam Windley evaluated Steve Albon. Brian Davidson evaluated Scott Hill. The novice evaluator learned a valuable lesson about addressing the proper audience when presenting an evaluation.

The Grammarian of the evening, Mark Perew, exposed the use of "filler words and utterances" this evening. Mark taught that it is acceptable to be silent while gathering thoughts for your next sentence.

Jeff Walker, Vote Counter, announced the results of the evening's voting.

Award winners were:

- ü Best Table Topic – Florian Neuhauser
- ü Best Evaluator – Brian Davidson
- ü Best Speaker – Scott Hill

Florian Neuhauser, the Joke Master of the evening, gave us the choice of a "clean" joke or a "dirty" joke. Should I reveal which was selected? No, but I'll give a hint. I haven't forgotten the joke and I've re-told it myself.

It is not too late to participate in the Club Contest on September 21st. Please let Marcia Barney know which area (Humorous Speech or Evaluation) you want to enter.

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A fool and his money had no business together in the first place. - L Long

Letter To The Editor:

I realize that I am not a charter member or even a member of the Distinguished Toastmasters group, but I do have two suggestions that, it seems to me, would improve the quality of our already great meetings. I realize that there are no "official" positions for these roles; however, I feel that they would help our meetings.

I wonder why we do not have an evaluator for the grammarian and the joke master roles. It seems, at least to me, that while some grammarians do a good job of identifying inappropriate words (fillers, incorrect words, etc.) others simply do a "white-wash" then assign everyone a quarter fine. (Please don't ask me to identify these members - they may be my next evaluator.)

The other position would be evaluator for the joke master. As example, in a recent meeting, the joke master referred to a couple in bed as "naked" when, he intended to say that they were "nude." This is because naked indicates "being without defense" as in "The naked truth needs no defense." Nude, however, means "without clothes" as in "The nude statues were anatomically correct."

Thank You (Name withheld by request.)

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.

New On-line Roster

Thanks to Northwestern Toastmasters great photographers (Christa Neuhauser and Marcia Barney) our roster has been updated. There are only a few members that are yet to be updated. To see your picture and those of your fellow Toastmasters, go to our web site, NWTM.org, click on members, enter your log-on name and password, then click on Roster.

If you have forgotten your log-on name and password just talk to our VP of Public Relations, John Clark and for a small fee will provide you with that information. John's contact information can be found in our on-line roster.

"A man finally realizes that there is something abnormal about him and goes to see a doctor.

The doctor examines him and says, "Like everyone else, your brain is divided into two parts, the left and the right."

The abnormality is that on your left side there is nothing right, and on the right side there is nothing left."

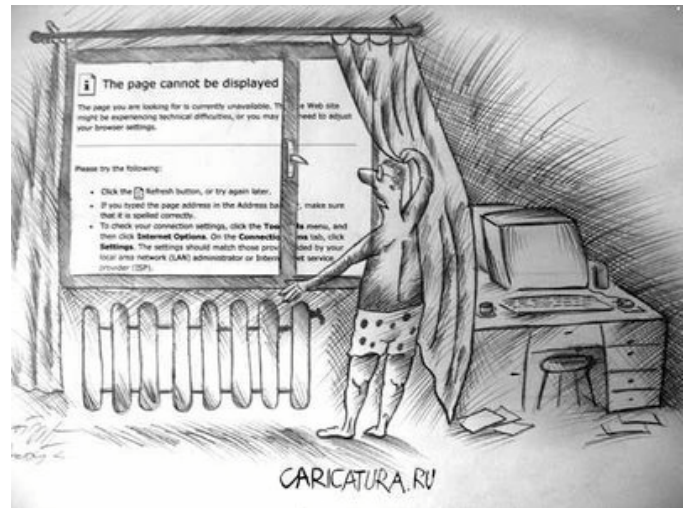


I finally remembered—red with hunter, white with fisherman.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese (The early worm deserves the bird.)

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.



From a Titanic theme related tour brochure - - "Learn of the Titanic tragedy along with a guided tour visit to the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, where 121 victims are still buried on a deluxe air-conditioned motor coach."

When I visit my Doctor, the staff won't let me see her until they weigh me, check my height (hasn't changed in years) take my blood pressure and check my blood sugar. This requires sticking a small needle into a finger to get a small amount of blood. On my last visit, the nurse asked which finger would I like for her to use. My reply - "One of yours."

~~ 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 / 21 / 2010 | 10 / 05 / 2010    | 10 / 19 / 2010    | 11 / 02 / 2010    |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Steve Albon            |                | Word Master       | Speaker           | Timer             |
| Sujit Assudani         |                | Evaluator         |                   | Speaker           |
| Don Barnett, AC-B      | Word Master    | Speaker           | Toastmaster       | Grammarian        |
| Butch Barney, DTM      | Chief Judge    | Grammarian        | Evaluator         |                   |
| Marcia Barney, DTM     | Toastmaster    |                   |                   | Evaluator         |
| Pam Christopher, DTM   |                |                   |                   |                   |
| John Clark, DTM        | Vote Counter   | Evaluator         | Word Master       | Joke Master       |
| Brian Davidson AC-S/CL | Speaker        |                   |                   |                   |
| Scott Hill             |                |                   | Speaker           | Vote Counter      |
| Greg Jones             | Timer          |                   |                   | Evaluator         |
| Lance Kull, DTM        |                |                   |                   | Evaluator         |
| Bob Lauwers            |                | Evaluator         |                   | Speaker           |
| Elizabeth McKinney     | Grammarian     | Table Topics      | Evaluator         | Speaker           |
| Barbie Morgan, AC-B    |                | Speaker           | Grammarian        | Evaluator         |
| Christa Neuhauser, CC  | Evaluator      |                   | Speaker           |                   |
| Florian Neuhauser      | Speaker        |                   | Evaluator         |                   |
| Mark Perew, DTM        | Evaluator      | General Evaluator |                   | Toastmaster       |
| Zoltan Rab             |                | Evaluator         | Timer             |                   |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S | Joke Master    | Toastmaster       | General Evaluator | Vote Counter      |
| Joel Schanker, DTM     | Table Topics   | Speaker           | Evaluator         | Word Master       |
| Sha Tao                |                |                   |                   |                   |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL    |                | Vote Counter      | Speaker           | General Evaluator |
| Jeff Walker, CC        | Speaker        |                   |                   |                   |
| Elaine Wiles, CC-G     | Evaluator      | Speaker           | Vote Counter      | Timer             |
| Nancy Wilson           |                | Evaluator         | Joke Master       | Table Topics      |
| Pam Windley            | Speaker        | Joke Master       | Table Topics      | Speaker           |

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

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