

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
October 5, 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 - Sept. 21, 2010

by Pam Windley, Secretary



This meeting was not business as usual. Although the meeting opened with a business session, the Educational portion of the meeting was the Club Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests

The business portion of the meeting covered several areas: Pam Christopher, Region VIII International Director, brought a set of the Successful Club Series, which were issued as an award to Northwestern Toastmasters. Please contact Christa Neuhauser, Vice-President of Education for reference, guides, and other materials that are available to all the Northwestern Toastmasters members. It was suggested that a list of materials available in this club be posted to the club website.

Other business included a discussion for a change in the format of meetings to include an evaluation of the Word Master, Joke Master, and the Grammarian roles. The result of the discussion was that the General Evaluator is responsible for the evaluation of these roles. An evaluation of the Joke Master is a challenge because the Joke Master presentation occurs at the end of a meeting. The General Evaluator can meet with the Joke Master at the end of the club meeting.

Marcia Barney was the Toastmaster for the Humorous Speech Contest. Three club members competed in the Humorous Speech contest:

- Ø Florian Neuhauser - The Joys of Camping
- Ø Jeff Walker - Getting Buff
- Ø Pam Windley - Pronunciation

Six club members competed in the Evaluation Contest: Brian Davidson, Mark Perew, Christa Neuhauser, Jeff Walker, Florian Neuhauser and Elaine Wiles

Butch Barney was the Chief Judge (and General Evaluator) for the meeting. We had another great contest, thanks to the outstanding work of the Northwestern Toastmasters who planned and performed during the contest

The winner of the Humorous Speech Contest was Florian Neuhauser. Florian is unable to compete in the Area 21 contest, so Jeff Walker, the runner up will represent Northwestern Toastmasters.

The winner of the Evaluation Contest was Mark Perew. Mark will represent Northwestern Toastmasters at the Area 21 contest on October 9th.

If you were unable to attend the September 21 Toastmasters meeting, you missed an evening of stress reducing laughter and the quirky observations of the Humorous Speech contestants. You also missed 6 thoughtful and well-crafted evaluations from the participants in the Evaluation Contest. But you will get a taste of a club contest if you attend the October 5th Toastmasters' meeting when the winners of both contests will be practicing for the Area 21 Contest.

Mark Your Calendar!

The Area 21 Contests will take place on October 9 at 9:00 am in Ted's room at Industries of the Blind. 7730 North Point Blvd.

The Division B Contests will take place on Saturday, October 23, at 2:00 pm. It will be held at the High Point Public Library. For More Information contact Division B Governor Kimberly Netter at 336-687-3626.

The Division 37 Fall conference will be November 5-7 in Wilmington, NC. For more information, see the district web site - www.toastmasters-nc.org/

Fun and Games

Lets find out who reads the newsletter AND have some fun doing it. Before the meeting or during the break between the business and education sessions, talk to those around you. Be sure to use the word "Octoberfest" in sentences such as "What did you think of the Octoberfest article?" Or, "Do you agree with the Octoberfest article in the newsletter?" If you get a blank look or a "Huh?" then give yourself 1 point. The person with the number of points closest to Marcia Barney will win a prize from the VP of Public Relations.

Nuggets of Wisdom

- 1. If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.
2. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
5. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
8. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
10. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
11. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
12. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
13. Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
14. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
15. No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
16. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
17. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
18. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
19. Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
20. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
21. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
22. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
23. Thou shall not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
24. Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.

From the Greeks - . Acme -The highest point of a structure. The peak or zenith of something.

For Northerners Moving South

- If you run your car into a ditch, don't panic. Four men in a four-wheel drive pickup truck with a tow chain will be along shortly. Don't try to help them, just stay out of their way. This is what they live for.
Don't be surprised to find movie rentals and bait in the same store. Do not buy food at this store!!!
Remember, 'Y'all' is singular, 'all y'all' is plural, and 'all y'all's' is plural possessive
Get used to hearing 'You ain't from round here, are ya?'
Save all manner of bacon grease. You will be instructed later on how to use it.
Don't be worried at not understanding what people are saying. They can't understand you either.
The first Southern statement to creep into a transplanted Northerner's vocabulary is the adjective 'big ol,' truck or 'big 'ol' boy. Most Northerners begin their Southern-influenced dialect this way. All of them are in denial about it.
The proper pronunciation you learned in school is no longer proper.
Be advised that 'He needed killin' is a valid defense here.
If you hear a Southerner exclaim, 'Hey, y'all, watch this,' you should stay out of the way. These are likely to be the last words he'll ever say.
If there is the prediction of the slightest chance of even the smallest accumulation of snow, your presence is required at the local grocery store. It doesn't matter whether you need anything or not. You just have to go there.
Do not be surprised to find that 10-year olds own their own shotguns, they are proficient marksmen, and their mammas taught them how to aim.
In the South, we have found that the best way to grow a lush green lawn is to pour gravel on it and call it a driveway
AND REMEMBER: If you do settle in the South and bear children, don't think we will accept them as Southerners. After all, if the cat had kittens in the oven, we ain't gonna call 'em biscuits

One early morning, a farmer was milking his cow. The farmer was just starting to get a good rhythm going when a bug flew into the barn and started circling his head. Suddenly, the bug flew into the cow's ear. The farmer didn't think much about it, until the bug squirted out into his bucket. It went in one ear and out the udder!

More From the Greeks - Acro means edge or extremity, while polis means city. Acropolis, therefore, refers to cities that were built with security purposes in mind. The word Acropolis is commonly associated with Greece's capital Athens, although it can refer to any citadel, including Rome and Jerusalem.

~~ 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 | 10 / 05 / 2010 | 10 / 19 / 2010 | 11 / 02 / 2010 | 11 / 16 / 2010 |
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| Steve Albon | Word Master | Speaker | Timer | Evaluator |
| Sujit Assudani | | | Speaker | Grammarian |
| Don Barnett, AC-B | Speaker | Toastmaster | Grammarian | Evaluator |
| Butch Barney, DTM | Grammarian | Evaluator | | Speaker |
| Marcia Barney, DTM | | Evaluator | Evaluator | |
| Pam Christopher, DTM | | | | |
| John Clark, DTM | Evaluator | Word Master | Joke Master | |
| Brian Davidson AC-S/CL | General Evaluator | Speaker | Vote Counter | |
| Scott Hill | | | | |
| Greg Jones | Timer | | Evaluator | Word Master |
| Lance Kull, DTM | Evaluator | | | Evaluator |
| Bob Lauwers | Evaluator | | Speaker | Timer |
| Elizabeth McKinney | | | | |
| Barbie Morgan, AC-B | Speaker | Grammarian | Evaluator | Toastmaster |
| Christa Neuhauser, CC | | Speaker | Evaluator | Vote Counter |
| Florian Neuhauser | Table Topics | Evaluator | Speaker | Speaker |
| Mark Perew, DTM | Evaluator | | Toastmaster | |
| Zoltan Rab | | Timer | | |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S | Toastmaster | General Evaluator | Vote Counter | Speaker |
| Joel Schanker, DTM | Evaluator | Evaluator | Word Master | Joke Master |
| Sha Tao | | | | |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL | Vote Counter | Speaker | General Evaluator | |
| Jeff Walker, CC | Speaker | | | Table Topics |
| Elaine Wiles, CC-G | Speaker | Vote Counter | Timer | General Evaluator |
| Nancy Wilson | Speaker | Joke Master | Table Topics | Speaker |
| Pam Windley | Joke Master | Table Topics | Speaker | Evaluator |

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

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