

# 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 19, 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 - October. 5, 2010

by Pam Windley, Secretary



When President Brian Davidson opened the business section of the meeting, there was another award given to a Northwestern Toastmaster. Christa Neuhauser, Vice- President of Education, presented Florian Neuhauser with a Competent Communicator award for successfully completing the projects in the Competent Communication manual. Brian introduced Chuck Wooten, a guest. Chuck signed on to be the newest member of Northwestern Toastmasters after the close of the meeting.

In new business, Craig Thrift, Area 21 Governor, announced the Area 21 Humorous Speech Contest. There was a motion to file a complaint that there were no Northwestern Toastmasters members serving as judges in the Area 21 Contest on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. After a lively discussion regarding the rules for contests, a vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed and Northwestern Toastmasters filed a formal complaint to our Area Governor that there were no members from the Northwestern Toastmasters club serving as judges.

Nancy Wilson, Toastmaster for the evening, opened the education portion of the meeting with a theme of "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child". Her opening for the education section of the evening's meeting was timed and evaluated as a prepared speech. Her speech was full of vital education statistics and recent happenings in the local school system of Forsyth County. Other members participating in this meeting's activities were Pam Windley as timer and Craig Thrift as Vote Counter.

The Wordmaster for the evening, Steve Albon, introduced us to **satisficing**. This word means fulfilling the minimum requirements to achieve a particular goal.

Florian Neuhauser, the Table Topics leader, maintained the evening's theme of raising and educating children. Craig Thrift answered the question of what part of society is best for the upbringing of children. John Clark discussed how government should or should not be involved in the raising of children. Marcia Barney reasoned why universities give a free education to athletes versus academics.

The prepared speeches were diverse this evening. Don Barnett presented a one act play by Hermann Melville, "The Lightning Rod Man". He moved back and forth between the characters of a farmer/homeowner and a lightning rod salesperson.

Jeff Walker practiced his entry for the Humorous Speech Contest on Saturday, "At Your YMCA". Although this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation of Jeff's speech, it was not boring for he had honed his speech and his presentation.

Brian Davidson was the General Evaluator for the meeting. Marcia Barney evaluated Don Barnett, Christa Neuhauser evaluated Nancy Wilson, and Mark Perew evaluated Jeff Walker.

Butch Barney, Grammarian, reminded us to take time to "think" about what we are going to say prior to saying it. A pause of dead air is better than an "uh".

Craig Thrift announced the winners in the educational section of the meeting.

- ü Table Topics – Marcia Barney
- ü Evaluation - Marcia Barney
- ü Prepared Speech – Jeff Walker

Pam Windley, as Jokemaster, sent us out thinking about the value of our jewelry, whether natural or cultured.

## The Wisdom of Will Rogers:

- Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Contest Winners

Mark Perew was the first place winner in our Area 21 Evaluation Contest. This means that Mark will go on to the Division B contest where he will represent Area 21.

Jeff Walker was awarded second place in the Area 21 Humorous Speech Contest. This means that Jeff will be the alternate for the Division B contest in the event that the winner is unable to compete.

Congratulations to both Mark and Jeff for their demonstration of Toastmasters skills. Equally important, thanks go to all of the Northwestern Toastmasters who helped make the Area 21 contest a success. It takes a lot of talent - timers, counters, judges and a lot of other positions to make a contest a success.



Welcome Guests / New Member

Chuck Wooten entered the October 5th meeting as a guest and left as our newest member. Be sure to attend the next meeting where Chuck is scheduled to give his Icebreaker speech.

Quote of the Day

A keen sense of humor helps us to overlook the unbecoming, understand the unconventional, tolerated the unpleasant, overcome the unexpected, and outlast the unbearable.

~ Billy Graham

Octoberfest Winner

Congratulations to Marcia Barney. Based on her point score, Marcia was the contest winner. Her prize, awarded after the meeting, was to have her grammarian's fine paid for. Just think of all the "uh's" that Marcia had the opportunity to use for free.

Do you have a suggestion that could be used to encourage members to read the newsletter? If so, send them along to the editor. There just might be a prize for the best suggestion.

Mark Your Calendar!

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/](http://www.toastmasters-nc.org/)

There are three kinds of men. The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to touch the electric fence for themselves.

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good that he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him... The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Greek Words

Along with Latin, Greek is probably the language that most influenced other languages around the world. Many English words derive directly from Greek words. Here are some examples.

**Anathema** is a noun and it means a formal ban, curse or excommunication. It can also refer to someone or something extremely negative, disliked or damned. Curiously enough, the original Greek meaning for this word was "something offered to the gods."

**Anemia** refers to a condition characterized by a qualitative or quantitative deficiency of the red blood cells (or of the hemoglobin). Over the years, however, the term started to appear in other contexts, referring to any deficiency that lies at the core of a system or organization.

Random Thoughts from Strange Places

- I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.
- If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish

~~ 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 / 19 / 2010	11 / 02 / 2010	11 / 16 / 2010	11 / 30 / 2010
Steve Albon	Timer	Timer	Evaluator	Speaker
Don Barnett, AC-B	Toastmaster	Grammarian	Evaluator	Speaker
Butch Barney, DTM	Evaluator		Speaker	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator	Evaluator		Toastmaster
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM	Word Master	Joke Master		Evaluator
Brian Davidson AC-G/CL-B	Speaker	Vote Counter		Evaluator
Scott Hill				
Lance Kull, DTM	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	Joke Master
Elizabeth McKinney			Timer	Table Topics
Barbie Morgan, AC-B	Grammarian	Evaluator	Toastmaster	Timer
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Speaker	Evaluator	Vote Counter	Word Master
Florian Neuhauser, CC	General Evaluator	Speaker	Speaker	Vote Counter
Mark Perew, DTM		Toastmaster		General Evaluator
Barbara Schanker, AC-S		Vote Counter	Speaker	
Joel Schanker, DTM		Word Master	Joke Master	Evaluator
Craig Thrift, CC/CL		General Evaluator		Speaker
Jeff Walker, CC	Joke Master		Table Topics	
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Vote Counter	Timer	General Evaluator	
Nancy Wilson	Speaker	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator
Pam Windley	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator	
Chuck Wooten	Speaker			

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

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