

# 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

## OFFICERS for 2010-2011

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Jeff Walker, CC	VP-Membership
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Pam Windley	Secretary
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Next Meeting is on  
**November 2, 2010**  
(Next Tuesday)

For More Information, call

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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. 19, 2010

by Pam Windley, Secretary



The business section of the Northwestern Toastmasters meeting opened like the White Rabbit's attendance at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party...late. But Brian Davidson, President, proved more nimble than the White Rabbit and jumped into the meeting with the results of the Area 21 Humorous Speech Contest.

In new business, Pam Christopher, Region VIII International Director, brought in stacking nameplates for club review. The metal nameplates were designed to allow an exchange of pieces when club member roles changed. The name plate project will be reviewed by the executive committee for any copyright problems and suitability for use at Northwestern Toastmasters.

Don Barnett, Toastmaster, began the educational section of the meeting with a prepared speech from the Professional Speaker's Manual, "Speaking with a Purpose." Don presented the basics elements of speech: to express ourselves, to educate, and to influence others.

Don introduced our newest member, Chuck Wooten, who presented his Ice Breaker speech. Chuck's speech was concise yet through his careful selection of words and imagery, Chuck is no longer a stranger to his fellow Toastmasters.

Brian Davidson followed with his speech on "Spring of 2008", a speech describing his involvement in the preparation of the 2008 District 37 Spring Conference. Brian's speech is a step towards earning a Distinguished Toastmasters award.

Christa Neuhauser presented a Radio Talk Show from the Public Relations Manual. Assisted by Jeff Walker, Christa presented information on Motorcycle Safety and the promotion of a Motorcycle Safety

Organization. Jeff asked questions after her presentation.

Wordmaster John Clark gave us the word "anathema". The word originated with the Greeks and means a formal ban, curse or excommunication. Anathema was used at least 3 times during the meeting.

Pam Windley was the Table Topics leader and adhered to the Toastmaster's theme of "Speaking with a Purpose". Jeff Walker was queried on how he learned to express his needs as an adult. Pam Christopher educated us on how to prepare a favorite recipe for her family and friends. John Clark inspired us with how he escapes the speaker with no purpose when in a social situation.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Florian Neuhauser. Florian reminded all speakers, especially prepared speakers, that the audience does not have to be thanked at the conclusion of a speech. Prepared speeches were evaluated as follows:

- ü Butch Barney evaluated Don Barnett
- ü Marcia Barney evaluated Chuck Wooten
- ü John Clark evaluated Brian Davidson
- ü Pam Christopher evaluated Christa Neuhauser

Other members participating in this meeting's activities included Steve Albon as Timer, Barbie Morgan as Grammarian, and Elaine Wiles as Vote Counter.

Brian Davidson announced the winners in the education portion of the meeting.

- § Table Topics – Pam Christopher
- § Evaluator – Marcia Barney
- § Prepared Speech – Brian Davidson

Jokemaster, Jeff Walker, concluded the meeting with a story about why there was such a high attendance at a particular lawyer's funeral.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we discussed the upcoming District 37 Contest. Northwestern Toastmasters Club has agreed to supply a Club Pride basket for a silent auction

Contest Winners:

by Pam Windley

The Northwestern Toastmasters' contests did well: Jeff Walker's speech evoked belly laughs from the audience while Mark Perew's thoughtful, well organized evaluation impressed the judges. Alas, Jeff's journey ended at the Area Contest, but Mark moves on to the Division B Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the High Point Library.

Club Pride Basket:

by Pam Windley

Please bring items to fill the basket at the meeting on November 2, 2010. Pam Christopher has volunteered to arrange the basket and transport it to the meeting in Wilmington.

Readership Suggestions

Congratulations to Pam Windley, Brian Davidson and Pam Christopher for their award winning suggestions for ways to improve the newsletter readership. Be sure to see me before the meeting to collect your prize.

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/)

Mark Your Calendar (again)

If your political views are similar to mine, then be sure you vote on Tuesday, November 2. If, however, your views are the opposite of mine, then be sure to mark Thursday, November 4 as your day to vote.

Mark Your Calendar (one more time)

Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 7. In other words, our kind and benevolent government is giving us back the hour that they stole from us last spring. My humble theory is pick one and stick with it; avoid this switching back and forth.

I'm always reminded of the Will Rogers story. In it, he gives a very succinct description of Daylight Savings Time. "It's like cutting a foot off the top of my blanket, sewing it to the bottom of the blanket and claiming that the blanket is now a foot longer."



Greek Words

Dogma refers to the established belief or set of principles held by a religion, ideology or by any organization. Dogmas are also authoritative and undisputed. Outside of the religious context, therefore, the term tends to carry a negative connotation. Notice that the plural is either dogmata or dogmas.

Random Thoughts from Strange Places

I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted pay checks.

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "a Doctor"

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to sky dive twice.

~~ 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	11 / 02 / 2010	11 / 16 / 2010	11 / 30 / 2010	12 / 07 / 2010
Steve Albon	Speaker	Evaluator	Speaker	Joke Master
Don Barnett, AC-B	Grammarian	Evaluator	Speaker	General Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM	Timer	Speaker		Evaluator
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator		Toastmaster	
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM	Joke Master		Evaluator	Vote Counter
Brian Davidson AC-G/CL-B	Vote Counter		Evaluator	Word Master
Scott Hill				
Lance Kull, DTM		Evaluator	Joke Master	Timer
Elizabeth McKinney		Timer	Table Topics	Speaker
Barbie Morgan, AC-B	General Evaluator	Toastmaster	Timer	Evaluator
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Evaluator	Vote Counter	General Evaluator	
Florian Neuhauser, CC	Speaker		Speaker	
Mark Perew, DTM	Toastmaster		Vote Counter	Evaluator
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	Vote Counter	Speaker	Word Master	
Joel Schanker, DTM	Word Master	Joke Master	Evaluator	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator		Speaker	Evaluator
Jeff Walker, CC		Table Topics		Toastmaster
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Timer	General Evaluator		Speaker
Nancy Wilson	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator	Timer
Pam Windley	Speaker	Evaluator		Speaker
Chuck Wooton		Speaker		

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

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