

# 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  
**November 16, 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.***

## The Way it Was-November. 16, 2010

by Pam Windley, Secretary



President Brian Davidson opened the business section.

Brian opened nominations for the vacant Sergeant of Arms position.

Mark Perew was nominated for the position. Additional nominations will be accepted prior to the November 30th meeting. It was suggested that the tables be arranged differently. The current arrangement is not conducive for a "full" roster of members, guests, and comfortable space for the speaker at the lectern. There were two guests at the November 16th meeting Jessica Richardson and Gary Rivers.

Barbie Morgan, Toastmaster, set the tone of the meeting with the theme "Life is Good." Barbie spoke about her classification of good based on individual personalities from "nada" good to "grouchy" good. On the flip side, Barbie discussed how life is good though circumstances can sometimes be bad. The most important survival skill for someone in a crisis situation is a positive attitude. Other members facilitating this Toastmasters meeting include Craig Thrift as Grammarian, Elizabeth Stepp as Timer, and Florian Neuhauser as Vote Counter. Wordmaster Mark Perew introduced the word "felicity". Felicity means great happiness or bliss.

Jeff Walker led the Table Topics section continuing with the theme of Life is Good. Pam Windley discussed her favorite season; Florian Neuhauser lamented the loss of daylight savings time; Marcia Barney described the things that give her reason to wake up in the morning; Brian Davidson described the way pleasing smells can evoke pleasant memories.

Barbara Schanker's prepared speech was "The Press Conference" the 4th project in the Public Relations Manual. Barbara discussed the Carnival Cruise ship

incident and answered both prepared and spontaneous questions regarding this drama.

Nancy Wilson's prepared speech was "Why should I Care?" from the basic manual project 9. Nancy described how students that do not complete high school affect the community at large and as individuals. She also illustrated ways we could prevent students from dropping out of school.

Chuck Wooten's prepared speech from basic manual project 2 was "Life is good and I want one more day." Chuck's very personal speech listed ways to work towards a positive attitude in life.

Butch Barney's "Andy & Crew - The Real Mayberry" was project 1 from the advanced communicator manual. Butch described the action behind the syndicated stories that have run continuously since it was created at Desilu Studios.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Marcia Barney. Marcia reminded us that the purpose of evaluation is to make a better speaker. Craig Thrift, grammarian, noticed a lot of hesitation at the beginning of sentences. Instead of using "um or ah", it appeared that a thought would be started, a pause, and then the same words spoken again to start the same thought.

Prepared speeches were evaluated as follows:

- Steve Albon evaluated Barbara Schanker
- Don Barnett evaluated Nancy Wilson
- Lance Kull evaluated Chuck Wooten
- Pam Windley evaluated Butch Barney

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

- Table Topics - Marcia Barney
- Evaluator - Don Barnett
- Prepared Speech - Chuck Wooten

Jokemaster, Joel Schanker, concluded the meeting with a story about what may happen to the previous three presidents when they reach the pearly gates of heaven.

Guests and New Members

Our guests were Jessica Richardson and Gary Rivers. At the end of the meeting, Jessica changed her status from Guest to Member. Gary, we hope you enjoyed the meeting and, more importantly, see where Toastmasters can help you meet your goals. Jessica, welcome to Northwestern as you start your journey toward improved speaking and leading.

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.

From the Peanut Gallery

Years ago, I heard a member of the music group Peter, Paul and Mary as he was introducing the next song. What he said was something along the lines of "When you hear this next song, you are really going to want to sing along with it. All I can say is (pause) Please don't!" Perhaps we need to bring that advice into our meetings. There are times that someone will say something for which you have the perfect reply, but "Please don't"

Or, perhaps, the presiding officer has just called the meeting to order and you just have to say one more thing to the person across the table - "Please Don't" I know that it's tempting and most of us have been guilty at one time or another. We need to realize that Toastmasters can teach us how to speak, how to lead and how to keep our mouths shut.

Say the secret word

In an effort to improve readership, this issue has a "secret" word. Before the meeting or during the break between the business and educational sessions, simply use the secret word ("Buffalo") in a conversation that can be overheard by the VP of PR and win a prize.

Wise Words from Will Rogers

If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.

All it takes to make a mountain out of a molehill is a little more dirt.

Report from District

Craig Thrift, Area Governor

District winners of both the Humorous Speech and the Evaluation contests were from Division B. In addition, the Evaluation Contest winner was Northwestern's very own Mark Perew. Congratulations Mark!



This Weeks Greek Words:

Phobia - Many people wrongly think that a phobia is a fear. In reality it is more than that. Phobia is an irrational and exaggerated fear of something. The fear can be associated with certain activities, situations, things or people.

Kudos - means fame or glory, usually resulting from an important act or achievement. It is interesting to notice that in Greek and in the Standard British English, Kudos is a singular noun. Inside the United States, however, it is often used in a plural form (e.g., You deserve many kudos for this accomplishment!)

Strange Headlines

- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
Arson Suspect is Held in Massachusetts Fire
British Union Finds Dwarfs in Short Supply
Ban On Soliciting Dead in Trotwood
Lansing Residents Can Drop Off Trees
Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
New Vaccine May Contain Rabies
Man Minus Ear Waives Hearing
Deaf College Opens Doors to Hearing
Steals Clock, Faces Time

~~ 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 / 30 / 2010	12 / 07 / 2010	12 / 21 / 2010	01 / 04 / 2011
Steve Albon		Joke Master		Table Topics
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	General Evaluator		Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM			Grammarian	Toastmaster
Marcia Barney, DTM	Speaker	Evaluator		
Pam Christopher, DTM	Timer	Grammarian		
John Clark, DTM	Evaluator	Vote Counter		
Brian Davidson AC-G/CL-B	Evaluator	Word Master		Speaker
Scott Hill			Speaker	Evaluator
Lance Kull, DTM	Joke Master	Timer	General Evaluator	
Barbie Morgan, AC-B		Evaluator	Toastmaster	Speaker
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Speaker		Speaker	Evaluator
Florian Neuhauser, CC	Speaker		Joke Master	
Mark Perew, DTM	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Table Topics	Speaker
Jessica Richardson		Speaker	Vote Counter	Joke Master
Barbara Schanker, AC-S			Evaluator	
Joel Schanker, DTM			Evaluator	Speaker
Elizabeth Stepp	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator	General Evaluator
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Toastmaster	Evaluator	Word Master	Timer
Jeff Walker, CC	Word Master	Toastmaster	Speaker	Evaluator
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	
Nancy Wilson	Evaluator	Timer	Speaker	Word Master
Pam Windley	Grammarian	Speaker	Timer	Vote Counter
Chuck Wooton	Vote Counter	Table Topics		Evaluator

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

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