

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
December 7, 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. 30, 2010

by Pam Windley, Secretary



The business section was opened by Brian Davidson, president. In spite of severe weather warnings, there was a nice turnout. **It was not**

even necessary to make any changes to the program. Kudos to all those in attendance.

Brian continued the nomination process for the vacant Sergeant of Arms position. Mark Perew was the only nominee for the position. Marcia Barney moved that the nominations be closed and Mark Perew installed as Sergeant of Arms. Mark Perew was elected.

Scott Hill announced his thanks to his fellow Toastmasters for their help in his preparation for a speech to a group of lawyers. Scott informed us of the hurdles that occurred during his presentation and gave specific examples of encouragement and suggestions that equipped him for the task.

Craig Thrift, Toastmaster, led the education portion of the meeting with the theme "Building a Team." Craig discussed how leaders can guide, assist, and coordinate activities of the members of a team assembled to work towards a specific goal. Craig's introductory speech began with the tasks a manager/leader must take at the origin of the team to mold the character of the group. He described the steps in the maturation of a team and the ways to facilitate the growth.

Other members facilitating this Toastmasters meeting include: Pam Windley as Grammarian, Jessica Richardson (our newest member!) as Timer, and Chuck Wooten (our second newest member) as Vote Counter. Wordmaster Jeff Walker introduced the word "sinuous". Sinuous means curving, supple, lithe or devious and indirect.

Elizabeth Stepp led the Table Topics section continuing with the theme of Team Building. Lance Kull

gave an example of improving morale. Scott Hill discussed how to best communicate. Florian Neuhauser expressed how to prepare for a difficult discussion. Elaine Wiles explained how each member of a team is responsible for the positive morale of the team.

Christa Neuhauser presented "Time to Celebrate" Project 3 from the Public Relations Manual. Christa plans on using this speech to describe the history of Roadrunner Magazine, a publication begun by her family 10 years ago.

Don Barnett's speech was Project 4 from the Humorously Speaking Manual. Don spoke about his life-long relationship with books, various book titles and topics that will never be published, and what he thinks about the abundance of memoirs on current bookshelves.

Marcia Barney's presentation entitled "Everyday Teams" was Project 3 from the Specialty Speech Manual. Marcia described how to gather a team to enhance our physical, medical, mental, and emotional good health.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Mark Perew. Mark noted the conscientiousness towards time during this meeting. Mark suggested that evaluators state the objectives for the project of the speaker that they are evaluating. Pam Windley, grammarian, noted that speakers this meeting began sentences with the word "And". That is a step above "um or ah", yet it is a method of hesitation prior to thought. Evaluators were:

ü Nancy Wilson evaluated Christa Neuhauser

ü John Clark evaluated Don Barnett

ü Elaine Wiles evaluated Marcia Barney

Brian Davidson announced our winners:

§ Table Topics – Lance Kull

§ Evaluator – John Clark

§ Prepared Speech – Marcia Barney

Jokemaster, Lance Kull, concluded the meeting with a "borrowed" joke.

BODY LANGUAGE IS IMPORTANT

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was very strong evidence indicating guilt, but no corpse had been found. In the defense's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, decided to try a trick.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch: " Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom!"

He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened. Finally, the lawyer said: "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put it to you that there is reasonable doubt in this case as to whether or not anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty."

With that, the jury retired to deliberate. But after only a few minutes, they came back and pronounced their verdict: guilty.

"But how?" the lawyer asked: "You must have had some doubt. I saw all of you stare at the door."

"Oh, yes," the jury foreman replied: "We all looked - but your client didn't!"

From the Peanut Gallery

Please accept my apology. In the last issue, I included a paragraph that I thought would help discourage talking by those who do not have "the floor" i.e. authorized to speak. It appears that that what I inadvertently did was encourage the practice instead of discourage the practice.

While we are all one big, happy family and it does not seem too egregious an error, we still need to think of Toastmasters meetings as training for the real world - and that's not the sort of thing one would do in a serious business meeting. Also, it might tend to have our guests think less of us.

Wise Words from Will Rogers

There are two theories to arguing with a woman... neither works.

Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Reports from TI

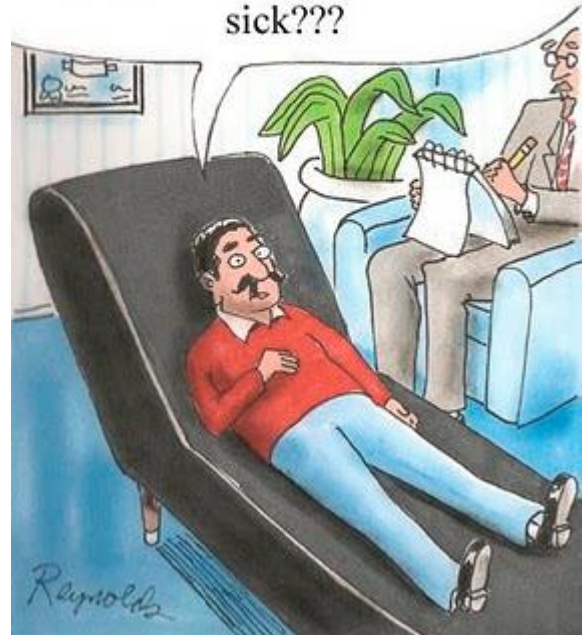
Pam Christopher, roving correspondent

Northwestern Toastmasters remains the leader of all clubs in the District for educational awards. Educational awards are one of the criteria used to determine distinguished clubs. (Ed. comment: Just goes to show we must be doing something right.)

Correction:

In the last issue, we announced that Mark Perew won the evaluation contest at the District Level. That should have been the Division Level contest. It really doesn't matter which level - we all know Mark is a winner.

If hypochondria is a type of mental illness, how come people say hypochondriacs aren't really sick???



This Weeks Greek Words:

Genesis - means birth or origin. There are many synonyms for this word, including beginning, onset, start, spring, dawn and commencement. Genesis is also the name of the first book of the Bible.

Ethos - Translated literally from the Greek, ethos means "accustomed place." It refers to a disposition or characteristics peculiar to a specific person, culture or movement. Synonyms include mentality, mindset and values.

~~ 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	12 / 07 / 2010	12 / 21 / 2010	01 / 04 / 2011	01 / 18 / 2011
Steve Albon	Joke Master	Speaker	Table Topics	Speaker
Don Barnett, AC-B	General Evaluator		Grammarian	Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM	Table Topics	Grammarian	Toastmaster	Speaker
Marcia Barney, DTM	Evaluator			Word Master
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM	Vote Counter			
Brian Davidson AC-G/CL-B	Word Master		Speaker	Evaluator
Scott Hill	Grammarian	Speaker		
Lance Kull, DTM	Timer		Evaluator	Toastmaster
Barbie Morgan, AC-B	Evaluator	Toastmaster	Speaker	
Christa Neuhauser, CC		General Evaluator	Evaluator	Table Topics
Florian Neuhauser, CC		Joke Master		Timer
Mark Perew, DTM	Evaluator	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator
Jessica Richardson	Speaker	Vote Counter	Joke Master	Speaker
Barbara Schanker, AC-S		Evaluator		
Joel Schanker, DTM		Evaluator	Speaker	
Elizabeth Stepp	Speaker	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Joke Master
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Word Master	Timer	
Jeff Walker, CC	Toastmaster	Speaker	Evaluator	Grammarian
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Speaker	Evaluator		General Evaluator
Nancy Wilson	Timer	Speaker	Word Master	
Pam Windley	Speaker	Timer	Vote Counter	Evaluator
Chuck Wooton			Evaluator	Speaker

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

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