

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 21, 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.

No Pain, No Gain?



Hubert "Butch" Barney certainly looks like he is neither strained nor pained as he lifts his 100 Millionth pound at the Jerry Long Family YMCA in Clemmons on November 26. Congratulations, Butch, now we know who to call if we need an elephant moved!

Don Barnett, AC-S

Congratulations to Don Barnett on his achievement of Advanced Communicator-Silver! To achieve this award Don completed his CC, AC-Bronze, two additional Advanced Communications Manuals (*Humorously Speaking* and *Interpretive Reading*) and completed 2 programs from the Better Speaker Series. What's next? Gold, of course!



I would be unstoppable, if I could just get started.

Craig Thrift, AL

Congratulations to Craig Thrift (*developing his leadership skills as an Evaluator*) on achieving his Advanced Leader award! To achieve this award Craig completed the



CL and 2 programs from the Leadership Excellence Series. Most of us benefited from his Team Building program on November 30. Congratulations, Craig!

Guests

Our guests for the evening were Aretta Amos and Gary Rivers. As always, we hope you enjoyed the meeting. We also hope that you saw where Toastmasters will be able to help you reach your communication and leadership goals. We look forward to seeing you again.

Law of Cat Inertia

A cat at rest will tend to remain at rest, unless acted upon by some outside force - such as the opening of cat food, or a nearby scurrying mouse.

Law of Cat Motion

A cat will move in a straight line, unless there is a really good reason to change direction.

Law of Cat Magnetism

All blue blazers and black sweaters attract cat hair in direct proportion to the darkness of the fabric.

The Way it Was-December. 7, 2010

by Pam Windley, Secretary



Our president, Brian Davidson, opened the business section of the meeting. The meeting was well attended resulting in only one program change based on attendance. But there was a program change when two Toastmasters pulled a surprising and unexpected change with their nametags and their meeting roles.

Brian announced two achievements by Northwestern Toastmaster members. Craig Thrift earned an Advanced Leadership Bronze Award. Don Barnett earned an Advanced Communicator Silver Award. Both awards take a significant amount of work and dedication. Congratulations to both.

Jeff Walker, Toastmaster, led the education portion of the meeting with the theme "A Warm and Fuzzy Feeling". Jeff described how the holidays can make us feel good, especially if we are children or child-like. But if you are feeling like Scrooge, Jeff presented a tip to overcome that negativity. Jeff suggested preparing a list of things for which you can be grateful: health, education, a career, family, or a full cupboard. Everyone can think of at least one thing that adds to their comfort and well-being.

Other participants in the smooth running of this Toastmasters meeting include: Scott Hill as Grammarian, Nancy Wilson as Timer, and John Clark as Vote Counter. Wordmaster Brian Davidson introduced the word "vicissitude". Vicissitude means a variation or mutation. Once you learn to pronounce the word, it glides well off the tongue and is pleasing to the ear.

Butch Barney led the Table Topics section continuing with the theme of Warm Feelings. He gave a scenario, finished with a statement, and requested elaboration on the statement. Scott Hill discussed what he would want people to do for him 24 hours after his death. And he already has documents prepared and filed for use by his family after his demise. Nancy Walker noted how she was "warm and fuzzy" right now, sheltered from the freezing outdoor temperatures, though her question related to etiquette. Craig Thrift had difficulty discussing how bad decisions make good stories so turned the topic to short term memory loss.

New member, Jessica Richardson presented her Icebreaker from the Competent Communicator Manual. We learned a lot about Jessica as she described her life in her incremental moves to the south beginning in New Hampshire and ending in North Carolina.

Pam Windley presented Project 7 from the Competent Communicator Manual, Research Your Topic. She spoke about the history of Liberia and it's connection with the United States.

Elaine Wiles' speech, "Goodwill for Toastmasters International" was Project 1 in the Public Relations Manual. Elaine's speech exemplified the

positive benefits of good communication and presented Toastmasters as a tool for building good communication skills.

Mark Perew presented a Monodrama, Project 3 from the Interpretive Reading Manual. Mark played the role of a company patriarch at a stockholders' meeting just before a vote to sell the company to a corporate raider. Everyone enjoyed his passionate presentation as he channeled the desperate business owner.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Don Barnett. Don opined that the meeting was orderly and timely. He also gave evaluations of the evaluators. Scott Hill, grammarian, recounted specific examples of grammatical miscues to individual participants in the meeting. Evaluations of prepared speeches were given by:

- Marcia Barney evaluated Jessica Richardson
- Barbie Morgan evaluated Pam Windley
- Brian Davidson evaluated Elaine Wiles
- Lance Kull evaluated Mark Perew

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

- ü Table Topics – Scott Hill
- ü Evaluator – Brian Davidson
- ü Prepared Speech – Elaine Wiles

Jokemaster, John Clark, concluded the meeting with a story overheard at a dinner. Be careful about eavesdropping. You may learn more than you want to know.



~~ 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 / 21 / 2010	01 / 04 / 2011	01 / 18 / 2011	02 / 01 / 2011
Steve Albon	Speaker	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator
Don Barnett, AC-B		Grammarian	Evaluator	
Butch Barney, DTM	Grammarian	Toastmaster	Speaker	Evaluator
Marcia Barney, DTM			Word Master	Grammarian
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM				
Brian Davidson AC-G/CL-B		Speaker	Evaluator	
Scott Hill	Speaker			Word Master
Lance Kull, DTM		Evaluator	Toastmaster	
Barbie Morgan, AC-B		Speaker		Table Topics
Christa Neuhauser, CC	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Table Topics	
Florian Neuhauser, CC	Joke Master		Timer	Speaker
Mark Perew, DTM	Table Topics	Speaker	Evaluator	Timer
Jessica Richardson	Vote Counter	Joke Master	Speaker	Evaluator
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	Evaluator			Speaker
Joel Schanker, DTM	Toastmaster	Speaker		General Evaluator
Elizabeth Stepp	Evaluator	General Evaluator	Joke Master	Toastmaster
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Word Master	Timer		Speaker
Jeff Walker, CC	Speaker	Evaluator	Grammarian	
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Evaluator		General Evaluator	
Nancy Wilson	Speaker	Word Master		Evaluator
Pam Windley	Timer	Vote Counter	Evaluator	
Chuck Wooton		Evaluator	Speaker	Joke Master

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

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