

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
January 19, 2011
(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.

Nancy Wilson Receives CC Award

By P. Fantum

Nancy Wilson made her Ice Breaker speech at Northwestern Toastmasters on February 16, 2010. The



speech was evaluated by Butch Barney. To her manual evaluation page she attached comments by other club members. Nancy made #2 in March, #3 in April, #4 in May.....and finally #10 on December 21, 2010. The

beauty of Nancy's progress was that she enhanced the many qualities her evaluators complimented and improved the few weaknesses noted throughout the year. Nancy won (not the first time) best speaker with #10.

One of the very interesting things about Nancy's trek through the basic Communications Manual was the variety of evaluators, and subsequently view points, to which she was closely exposed. Butch evaluated the first two. After that came Barbara Schanker, Craig Thrift, Lance Kull marked the halfway mark, then Jeff Walker, Florian Neuhauser, Marcia Barney, Don Barnett, and finally Elizabeth Stepp. After close scrutiny by this group it is small wonder than Nancy has shown such progress!

The subjects covered in Nancy's speeches also showed a refreshing variety of interests and causes which made her speeches even more palatable and has caused fellow members to look forward to hearing and helping Nancy as she progresses through the Advanced Manual series. Her first two will be "The Entertaining Speaker" and "Persuasive Speaking."

Congratulations, Nancy, on achieving your Competent Communicator Award! Will Advanced Communicator-Bronze mark 2011?

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.

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A flock of sheep are romping in a field, happily going "baa baa" to each other and discussing life as usual when suddenly they hear a "moo mooooo!" They look around and see only sheep. They carry on playing as before. "Moooooo mooooooo mooooooo!" One sheep can hear it all too clearly next to him. He shuffles away a little from his friend, a worried look on his face, and then asks, "Georgie, why are you mooing? You're a sheep. Sheep go 'baa!'" His friend replies gladly, "I know. I thought I would learn a foreign language!"  
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The Way it Was-January. 4, 2011

By P. Fantum, asst. Secretary



Our Editor's birthday proved to be an auspicious time for a great NWTM meeting! Don Barnett opened the meeting with a gracious Toast to the New Year. We had to use water, but with the nice glasses and our imaginations it was as good as wine. This was project #1 from Don's Advanced Special Occasions Manual and was evaluated by the birthday boy Toastmaster, John Clark. President Brian Davidson then took control of the lectern and conducted a brief but thorough business session which included VP-E Christa Neuhauser presenting Nancy Wilson's Competent Communicator Award.

Butch Barney, as Toastmaster for the Meeting, chose "Vice and Other Things" as the theme for the meeting and sprinkled bits of valuable and interesting information throughout the meeting. Wordmaster Nancy Wilson gave "gravitate," drawn as if by an invisible force, as the Word for the Day. Table Topics Master Jessica Richardson, serving for the first time as Table Topics Master, gave some thought provoking questions to:

- Nancy Wilson said she would like to spend more time with her Mom.
• John Clark said that due to a lack of resolutions he had no problem keeping his resolutions.
• Elaine Wiles likes to be accountable for her goals.
• If Pam Christopher made resolutions she would resolve to spend more time with her daughter-in-law in 2011.

Prepared speeches (in addition to Don's) were given by:

- Ø Brian Davidson gave #4 from the Public Relations Manual and title it "Oops." The speech was evaluated by Christa Neuhauser.
Ø Mark Perew gave #1 from the Entertaining Speaker Manual. "An Amazing Tool Which Nature Has Given Us" was evaluated by Jeff Walker.
Ø Joel Schanker gave #5 from the Professional Speaker Manual. "It's Not Too Early" was thoroughly evaluated by Marcia Barney.

Elizabeth Stepp served as General Evaluator. Craig Thrift was the Timer. Don Barnett was grammarian and Pam Christopher counted the votes. Jeff, Craig, Mark, Elizabeth, John and Marcia used the word during the meeting - have you gravitated toward the word during the week?

Winners for the meeting were:

- Best Table Topic Speaker: Nancy Wilson
Best Evaluator: Marcia Barney
Best Speaker: Joel Schanker

And a Happy New Year to All!

Some people Try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way And some of the roads weren't paved.

Language is a fascinating thing. The words we use today are drawn from, and have evolved for, today's usage from a wide variety of sources. One source is someone's name. An eponym is a word that has its origin in a person's name. Over the next few issues we will be looking at some eponyms and their origins. This week we look at Silhouette, Named After: Etienne de Silhouette

The definition of silhouette is, "an image of a person, object or scene consisting of the outline and a featureless interior". Silhouettes are a popular artistic technique that started in the 18th century, with the outline of the subject being cut from black card. Artists that used them include Hans Christian Anderson and William Heath Robinson.

The popularity of the form has grown, and they are widely used today. Many films, especially Films Noir, have used silhouettes for artistic effect. Silhouette is also a favorite technique of modern day photography & design, and many can be seen in optical illusions. As well as art, they have many practical uses such as road signs, and are used in Jane's manuals to depict aircraft and other vehicles.

Etienne de Silhouette was a French minister who, in 1759, imposed harsh economic demands on the country to fix France's credit crisis during the seven years war. Some of his measures included taxing "signs of wealth", such as gold or silver silverware by seizing, and then smelting them. One of his hobbies was creating paper portraits. The term was, at the time, used to mock Silhouette and referred to something cheaply done.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

- ~Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
~Life is not fair - - get used to it!
~If you can remain calm, you just don't have all the facts.
~Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
~Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
~Eat a live toad in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you for the rest of the day.
~If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
~If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
~It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
~Never buy a car you can't push.
~Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.
~Forgive your enemies but remember their names
~The number of people watching you is directly proportional to the stupidity of your action.
~When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

~~ 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 | 01 / 18 / 2011 | 02 / 01 / 2011 | 02 / 15 / 2011 | 03 / 01 / 2011 |
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| Steve Albon | | Speaker | Toastmaster | Table Topics |
| Don Barnett, AC-B | Evaluator | | Timer | Vote Counter |
| Butch Barney, DTM | Speaker | Evaluator | Joke Master | Timer |
| Marcia Barney, DTM | Word Master | Grammarian | Speaker | |
| Pam Christopher, DTM | | | | |
| John Clark, DTM | | Evaluator | | |
| Brian Davidson AC-G/CL-B | Evaluator | | | Grammarian |
| Scott Hill | | Word Master | Evaluator | Speaker |
| Lance Kull, DTM | Toastmaster | Evaluator | Word Master | Evaluator |
| Barbie Morgan, AC-B | Speaker | Table Topics | Evaluator | Toastmaster |
| Christa Neuhauser, CC | Table Topics | | Speaker | General Evaluator |
| Florian Neuhauser, CC | Timer | Speaker | Grammarian | Evaluator |
| Mark Perew, DTM | Evaluator | Timer | Vote Counter | Joke Master |
| Jessica Richardson | Speaker | | | |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S | | Speaker | | Evaluator |
| Joel Schanker, DTM | | General Evaluator | | |
| Elizabeth Stepp | Joke Master | Toastmaster | Speaker | Evaluator |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL | | Speaker | Evaluator | |
| Jeff Walker, CC | Grammarian | Vote Counter | Timer | Speaker |
| Elaine Wiles, CC-G | General Evaluator | Timer | Table Topics | Speaker |
| Nancy Wilson, CC | Vote Counter | Evaluator | General Evaluator | Speaker |
| Pam Windley | Evaluator | | Speaker | Word Master |
| Chuck Wooton | 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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