

# 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  
**February 1, 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.***

## Guests and New Members

We had two guests at our last meeting. They were Brian Gravely and Jalonda Thompson. Brian reminds me of my old Uncle Louie. Uncle Louie could, according to my dad, be walking down the street and 'poof' could turn himself into a bar. Brian performed a similar magical feat. He turned himself into our newest member.

Brian - welcome to Northwestern Toastmasters. I hope that it will be an enjoyable learning experience.

Jalonda - we hope you enjoyed your visit and look forward to seeing you again soon.

## 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.

## Mark your calendar - Now

March 1 - Northwestern Table Topics Contest

March 15 - Northwestern International Speech Contest

April 2 - Area 21 Speech & Table Topics Contest

## An Eponym for this Issue

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 Mentor. Named After: Mentor from Greek Mythology This is another entry from Ancient Greece that has stood the test of time. A mentor is described as a "teacher or trusted counselor". Mentoring is very common today, both on an informal basis and as a part of formal education programs. The use of a Mentor is also very common in fiction. I am sure we have all had mentors, be they teachers or friends, who have guided us. In Homer's *Odyssey*, the main character, Odysseus, asks Mentor to look after his son, Telemachus, when Odysseus departs for the Trojan War. The two develop a near-paternal relationship, as Mentor (and the Goddess Athena, in disguise as Mentor) helps Telemachus to overcome the difficulties he faces.



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**The Way it Was - January. 18, 2011**

**By Pam Windley, Secretary**



The business section of our meeting was opened by President Brian Davidson, Christa Neuhauser, VP of Education, began the business portion of the meeting with a reminder that Toastmasters can work on the Competent Leadership Manual and the Competent Communicator Manual concurrently.

Brian Davidson opened the discussion of hosting the Area 21 Spring Contest (which is a preliminary step in the International Speech and Table Topics Contest) on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Marcia Barney moved that Northwestern Toastmasters host the Area 21 Contest. Mark Perew seconded the motion. The proposal was accepted by vote. A host committee consisting of Lance Kull, Elizabeth Stepp, Jeff Walker, Jessica Richardson Pockey, and Marcia Barney (as chair) was formed.

Northwestern Club contests were announced by Christa Neuhauser. The Table Topics contest is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The International Speech Contest is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>. There are several Northwestern members who have committed to the contests, yet there is always room for more.

Officers Training is scheduled for 5:45 pm on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Mayberry's. If you are not sure of your Toastmaster officer status, please check the banner section of the newsletter to see if your attendance is required.

Lance Kull, DTM<sub>3</sub> led the education portion of the meeting with the theme "Hiring". Lance described characteristics to look for when making a hiring decision. In a final twist to his opening presentation, a group of individuals with a high likelihood of having favorable characteristics was named; men and women who served or are currently serving in the military.

The meeting continued with the assistance of: Jeff Walker as Grammarian, Florian Neuhauser as Timer, and Steve Albon as Vote Counter.

Wordmaster Marcia Barney submitted "imperative" as the word for the evening. Imperative means extremely urgent or important.

Christa Neuhauser led the Table Topics section calling on four individuals to discuss various aspects in the "Art of Hiring." Pam Windley started with the topic of how to select an assistant for a very detailed executive. Mark Perew gave interview techniques to discover a job candidates work ethics. Elizabeth Stepp gave us a performance of why she would be the best fit for an open bouncers position at a local tavern. Florian Neuhauser finished Table Topics with a testimony on why he would be a good candidate for a food taster/evaluator at a stylish restaurant.

Elizabeth Stepp won Best Table Topics for her creative performance. (And we think she may have another job now.)

Chuck Wooten presented Speech # 3 from the Basic Manual which he titled "When Can I Play?" Chuck

chronicled his experiences of coaching youth sports, describing the rewarding and frustrating moments that make up this volunteer position. Chuck won the Best Prepared Speech this evening.

Jessica Richardson presented her 2<sup>nd</sup> project from the Basic Manual which she titled "The Five Stages of Vacation." Her descriptive images and coinciding body movements lulled her fellow Toastmasters into a dream state of anticipated vacations.

Barbie Morgan presented a project from the Humorously Speaking Manual which she titled "Alpha and Omega". The speech profiled her exploits of becoming the Alpha or leader to her first dog. And yes, the dog is named Omega.

Marcia Barney presented project 9 from the Basic Manual, an inspirational speech. Her speech was titled "The Road to Success." Marcia described the persistence, drive, and use of talent by Bill Gates, Michael Jordan, and Paul McCartney.

Elaine Wiles. Elaine thought this was a well-run and eventful meeting. The business meeting was lengthy but there were many topics to cover. Jeff Walker, grammarian, recounted specific examples of grammatical miscues of individual participants in the meeting. Speech evaluations were provided by - -

- Don Barnett evaluated Chuck Wooten
- Mark Perew evaluated Jessica Richardson
- Pam Windley evaluated Barbie Morgan
- Brian Davidson evaluated Marcia Barney

The winner of the evaluations was Mark Perew.

Jokemaster, Elizabeth Stepp, closed out the meeting with a joke. Her table topics performance was so delightful that it overshadowed her joke.

**Punctuation Sample**

Where you put commas, periods and pauses DOES make a difference. These two notes contain the same words - in the same order. Only the punctuation has changed to give an entirely different message.

Dear John:

I want a man who knows what love is all about. You are generous, kind, thoughtful. People who are not like you admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me for other men. I yearn for you. I have no feelings whatsoever when we're apart. I can be forever happy - will you let me be yours?

Gloria

Dear John:

I want a man who knows what love is . All about you are generous, kind, thoughtful people, who are not like you. Admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me. For other men, I yearn. For you, I have no feelings whatsoever. When we're apart, I can be forever happy. Will you let me be?

Yours,  
Gloria

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

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

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