

# 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 15, 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.***

## Mark your calendar - Now

March 1 - Northwestern Table Topics Contest  
March 15 - Northwestern International Speech Contest  
April 2 - Area 21 Speech & Table Topics Contest

## Today's Eponym

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. In this issue we look at the word **Boycott** - Named After: Captain Charles Boycott

A boycott is defined as "the act of voluntarily abstaining from, using, buying or dealing with an organization or country as an expression of protest". Boycotts are widely used today for a variety of reasons: I know people who avoid differing brands as an act of protest. At the other end of the scale, there have been examples of entire countries boycotting something: for example, the Soviet boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Charles Boycott was an English Estate Agent in Ireland. In 1880, harvests were poor and many tenants were struggling to pay their rent. One landlord, Lord Erne, offered his tenants a ten percent reduction on their rents. Some of these rejected this and demanded 25%. This was refused by Erne, and Boycott then attempted to evict some of the protestors. Instead of violence, the protestors used a new kind of resistance, isolation. The simply refused to have any dealings with Boycott. This spread throughout the area. Boycott's workers stopped, local businesses refused to deal with him and even the postman refused to deliver to him! As well as the problems caused by isolation the extra staff that Boycott needed to draft in from other areas resulted in him losing money on that year's harvest.

## Work with what you know

Recently, my husband put his car in reverse and accidentally drove it into a wall. He took it to his mechanic, who replaced the dented bumper. A few days later, he did it again. "I'm so embarrassed," he moaned, reaching for the phone. "Why not tell him it was me this time?" I suggested. "Maybe I will," he said while dialing. "It worked the last time."

## Great Lessons that Adults have learned from life

- § Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.
- § If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?
- § You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- § Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
- § A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- § Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
- § Families are like fudge - mostly sweet, with a few nuts. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- § Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- § Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.
- § We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors; but they all have to learn to live in the same box.
- § Smile first thing in the morning. Get it over with.
- § Be yourself. Nobody is better qualified.

## The Way it Was - February 1, 2011

By Pam Windley, Secretary



Our business section was opened by Brian Davidson, President asking for a show of hands of those who had seen the movie. "The King's Speech". Many in the group have seen the highly recommended Oscar nominated film.

Officers' Reports were given by Brian with a reminder of the dates for the Club Contests leading to the Area 21 Spring Contest. The Table Topics contest is scheduled for March 1. The International Speech contest is scheduled for March 15. Entries are open for both contests. The winners of the club contests will compete in the Area 21 Spring contests on April 2, 2011.

In new business, John Clark made a motion that the Grammarian's report include identifying when a person speaks out of turn and to include a fine of 1.00 to 5.00. Much discussion ensued and the motion was amended to reduce the fines to a range of 0.05 to 0.25 for each infraction. A final vote by all members defeated the motion.

The Toastmaster of the evening, Elizabeth Stepp, began the educational portion of the meeting with a presentation from the Basic Manual, project 8, which she titled "The Art of the Swoon." Elizabeth described how swooning AKA infatuation changes during the maturation of a human being. A swoon has different meanings to a child, teenager, and adult.

This Toastmasters meeting continued with the assistance of: Marcia Barney as Grammarian, Mark Perew as Timer, and Jeff Walker as Vote Counter.

Wordmaster Scott Hill presented "surreptitious" as the word for the evening. Surreptitious means clandestine or stealthy.

Barbie Morgan led the Table Topics section with questions regarding the art of swooning. Mark Perew was called on to describe acceptable situations where men can swoon without embarrassment. Brian Gravely describe great swoon causers which he instinctively described various musicians as well as performing himself. Scott Hill discussed the injuries that individuals may receive when swooning in which he described the medical school experiences of being a medic at rock concerts.

Pam Windley began the prepared speech portion of the meeting with Speech # 9 from the Basic Manual which she titled "Try a little levity." Pam's speech described rules for how to carry out pranks and continue to keep your friends.

Florian Neuhauser presented Project 1, Speaking off the cuff, with a speech he titled Cooking with Florian. Florian gave suggestions for speech to his evaluator, Butch Barney, who made the final decision about the topic. Florian described how to prepare a three course healthy meal from fresh ingredients. He also described an easy and more difficult options for the meals.

Steve Albon presented Speech #4 from the Basic Manual which he titled "Diane's Next Husband." Steve described how a remark his wife made about her next husband spurred him into action. He became the chef in his home and taught himself to prepare interesting meals so that Diane's current husband would also be her "next" husband.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Joel Schanker. Joel challenged the group to find a method to streamline the business portion of the meeting. He suggested that someone write down the motions and addendum's to the motions so that there is less confusion after discussion when the motion is brought to a vote. Joel suggested drawing a guest into the meeting during the introduction of the guest by asking a question such as "what brought you to this meeting?" It was also mentioned that the introduction of the speaker should answer the questions; why this speech by this speaker to this audience. Prepared speeches were evaluated as follows:

- John Clark evaluated Pam Windley
- Butch Barney evaluated Florian Neuhauser
- Lance Kull evaluated Steve Albon

Marcia Barney gave the grammarian report. In addition to noting the grammatical errors of the speakers, Marcia kept up with the Toastmasters who spoke out of turn during the evening. It would have been an expensive evening if the original motion had passed.

- ü Butch Barney was voted the best evaluator.
- ü Scott Hill was voted the best table topic speaker.
- ü Steve Albon was voted the best prepared speaker.

Jokemaster, Chuck Wooten, closed out the meeting with a joke regarding an empty seat on the 50 yard line at the Super Bowl.

## This is Why You Should Speak Clearly

The Queensland, Australia newspaper *The Morning Bulletin* covered stories from the recent floods including one livestock farmer was particularly devastated.

**MORE than 30,000 pigs have been floating down the Dawson River since last weekend, with a piggery at Baralaba paralysed by flooding which has killed most of its bred live-stock. Mr Everingham said: "We've lost probably about 30,000 pigs in the floods.."**

But later the story was clarified.

**What Baralaba piggery-owner Sid Everingham actually said was "30 sows and pigs", not "30,000 pigs"**

While in the checkout line at Home Depot, I overheard one man say to another, "My wife has been after me to paint our shed. But I let it go for so long she got mad and did it herself." His friend nodded. "I like women who get mad like that."

~~ 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 / 15 / 2011	03 / 01 / 2011	03 / 15 / 2011	03 / 29 / 2011
Steve Albon		Vote Counter	Timer	Speaker
Don Barnett, AC-B	Speaker	Chief Judge	ISC	
Butch Barney, DTM	Joke Master		Toastmaster	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Toastmaster	Timer	Chief Judge & General Evaluator	Evaluator
Pam Christopher, DTM				
John Clark, DTM	Grammarians	Joke Master	Judge	
Brian Davidson AC-G/CL-B		TTC	Judge	
Brian Gravely	Speaker	Vote Counter	Vote Counter	
Scott Hill	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator	Table Topics
Lance Kull, DTM	Word Master	Evaluator	Table Topics	Timer
Barbie Morgan, AC-B	Evaluator	TTC	ISC	Toastmaster
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Speaker	General Evaluator	Evaluator	
Florian Neuhauser, CC		TTC	ISC	Grammarians
Mark Perew, DTM		Toastmaster	ISC	Evaluator
Jessica Richardson Pockey	Timer	Timer	Grammarians	Speaker
Barbara Schanker, AC-S		Evaluator	Timer	Speaker
Joel Schanker, DTM			Judge	Evaluator
Elizabeth Stepp	Speaker	TTC	Evaluator	
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Evaluator	Grammarians	Vote Counter	Evaluator
Jeff Walker, CC	Timer	TTC	ISC	
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Table Topics	Speaker	Judge	Vote Counter
Nancy Wilson, CC	General Evaluator	Evaluator	Evaluator	Grammarians
Pam Windley	Vote Counter	Word Master	Evaluator	Joke Master
Chuck Wooton		Timer	Word Master	Speaker

Don't forget - March 1 is the Club level Table Topics Contest and March 15 is the Club level International Speech Contest.

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

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