

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

OFFICERS for 2010-2011

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Next Meeting is on
March 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.

Table Topics Contest

Our next meeting, on March 1, is the annual club level table topics contest. So, make it a point to attend because you will hear some great impromptu speaking. Or, better yet, plan to enter the contest. You could become the best Table Topics speaker in the District.

The next meeting, on March 15, is our annual club level International Speech Contest. This is another meeting you will want to attend. You just might hear the future International winner of the International Speech Contest.

Also, mark your calendar for April 2 - the Area 21 Speech & Table Topics Contest. The Division and then the District contests will follow this.



- Life is full of challenge and frustration. But sooner or later you'll find the hairstyle you like.
- Always remember that you are unique, just like everyone else.
- No one is listening, until you make a mistake.
- All power corrupts. Absolute power is kinda neat.
- The trouble with work is that it's so daily.
- I am not tense, just terribly, terribly alert.

And The President Makes 8

The highest award given by Toastmasters is the Distinguished Toastmaster Award. At the February 15 meeting of Northwestern Toastmasters we welcomed the eighth member of our club to the illustrious ranks of those who have received this award. Brian Davidson can now be addressed in every sense as our "Distinguished President." In order to achieve this award Brian had to complete the requirements for all levels of both the Communications and the Leadership Track in Toastmasters. This included completing a minimum of the basic manual and 6 advanced Communications Manuals. He also presented educational programs designed to improve speaking and leadership abilities as well as completing a special project requiring special expertise – in Brian's case serving as President of the Host Club for a District Conference. This award requires mentoring new club members as well as helping to form a new Toastmasters Club. In addition to serving as a club officer, DTMs must also have served as a District Officer.

At the meeting on February 15 Brian is shown in the picture as being congratulated by 4 of the other NWTM DTMs: Butch Barney, Pam Christopher, Brian, Marcia Barney, and John Clark. The other 3 (Mark Perew, Lance Kull, and Joel Schanker were unable to attend, but sent their congratulations.)

- I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes, several days attack me at once.
- When you are in it up to your ears, it pays to keep your mouth shut.
- If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs then it's quite possible that you haven't grasped the situation.
- I have one nerve left and you are getting on it.
- No day is so bad that it can't be fixed with a nap.

The Way it Was - February 15, 2011

By Pam Windley, Secretary



The business section of the February 15, 2011 Northwestern Toastmasters meeting was opened by Brian Davidson. There was an Officer's Report from the Treasurer, Marcia Barney. Dues of 31.50 are due next meeting. Cash or check will be accepted. There was no new business. We had two guests, Dianne Boyette and Harriet Clark.

The Toastmaster of the evening, Marcia Barney led the meeting with the Theme "Milestones of Growth". Marcia gave an overview of the milestones in each Toastmaster track, Communication and Leadership. As Marcia described the goals and requirements for the achievement levels on both tracks, she recognized those members who had achieved those goals. The meeting culminated with the DTM, Distinguished Toastmaster, the highest achievement level. Northwestern Toastmasters can boast of having 8 distinguished Toastmasters on the roster: Joel Schanker, Lance Kull, Mark Perew, John Clark, Butch Barney, Pam Christopher, and Marcia Barney. The eighth and newest DTM is Brian Davidson, the current President of the club. Congratulations Brian, well done.

Toastmasters assisting with meeting were: Scott Hill as Grammarian, Steve Albon as Timer, and Pam Windley as Vote Counter.

Wordmaster John Clark presented "epitaph" as the word for the evening. An epitaph is a memorable inscription on a tombstone or a final judgement on a person or thing. John selected this word because it is frequently mispronounced. Many people pronounce the last syllable as "tat" when it should be "taf."

Jeff Walker led the Table Topics section with questions regarding milestones and achievements.

=> Butch Barney was called on to describe the Ultimate Purpose of Life. His response was to keep on keeping on.

=> Brian Davidson described how owning a business helped him reach a Milestone to Independence.

=> Pam Christopher gave an overview of her experiences on the Board of Directors for Toastmasters as her most recent Milestone in Toastmasters.

=> John Clark discussed how he has gone from writing technical manuals for computer programming to writing an Unauthorized Autobiography in his topic, Computer Programming Milestones.

Christa Neuhauser began the prepared speech portion of the meeting with Project # 5 from the Public Relations Manual. She titled her project "Legalize Marijuana". Christa outlined the reasons marijuana should be legalized in the United States and then took questions from the listeners.

Don Barnett presented Project # 2 from the Special Occasions Manual. His speech, titled "A Good Match", praised the outstanding actions of Tom Walters,

the Wake Forest baseball coach who donated a kidney to Kevin Jordan. Don described the career of Tom Walters and other examples where Coach Walters freely gave to his team.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Elizabeth Stepp. Elizabeth praised the abbreviated and timely business meeting She did suggest that each officer give a report during the business portion of each meeting. Craig Thrift evaluated Christa Neuhauser's speech while Barbie Morgan evaluated Don Barnett. Scott Hill gave the grammarian report noting the um's, redundancies, and grammatical infractions of the evening.

ü Barbie Morgan was voted the best evaluator.

ü Brian Davidson was voted the best table topic speaker.

Both prepared speakers exceeded their time so neither was eligible for best speaker. Jokemaster, Butch, closed out the meeting by reading the lyrics of a Faith Hill song, 'Good Morning Beloved'.

Dues are Due

It's time to pay our semi-annual NWTM dues. Please bring cash or a check (payable to "Northwestern Toastmasters") for \$31.50 to the March 1 meeting. If you are unable to attend mail the check to Treasurer Marcia Barney, 3501 Lakefield Court, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Our Guests



Diann Boyette (left) attended an NWTM meeting for the first time on February 15. We hope you enjoyed the meeting, Diann, and look forward to your next visit.

Harriet Clark, wife of Editor John and a favorite NWTM guest, also attended the February 15 meeting for the special festivities. We hope you'll return soon and help make our meetings more festive.

- If you don't agree with me, it means you haven't been listening.
- You don't have to agree with me, but it's quicker.
- Never go to bed mad, stay up and fight.
- You will always be my best friend, you know too much about me.
- Your secrets are safe with me and all my friends.
- Too much of a good thing can be wonderful.

~~ 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 | 03 / 01 / 2011 | 03 / 15 / 2011 | 03 / 29 / 2011 | 04 / 05 / 2011 |
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| Steve Albon | Vote Counter | Timer | Speaker | General Evaluator |
| Don Barnett, AC-B | Chief Judge | ISC | | Speaker |
| Butch Barney, DTM | | Toastmaster | | Evaluator |
| Marcia Barney, DTM | | Chief Judge & General Evaluator | Evaluator | |
| Pam Christopher, DTM | | Evaluator | | |
| John Clark, DTM | Joke Master | Judge | | |
| Brian Davidson, DTM | TTC | Judge | | |
| Brian Gravely | Vote Counter | Vote Counter | Word Master | Speaker |
| Scott Hill | | | | Toastmaster |
| Lance Kull, DTM | | Table Topics | Timer | Vote Counter |
| Barbie Morgan, AC-B | TTC | ISC | Toastmaster | Evaluator |
| Christa Neuhauser, CC | General Evaluator | Evaluator | | Joke Master |
| Florian Neuhauser, CC | TTC | ISC | Grammarian | Speaker |
| Mark Perew, DTM | Toastmaster | ISC | Evaluator | |
| Jessica Richardson Pockey | Timer | Grammarian | Speaker | Evaluator |
| Barbara Schanker, AC-S | Evaluator | Timer | Speaker | |
| Joel Schanker, DTM | Sgt-at-Arms | Judge | Evaluator | |
| Elizabeth Stepp | TTC | Evaluator | | Timer |
| Craig Thrift, CC/CL | Grammarian | Vote Counter | Evaluator | Speaker |
| Jeff Walker, CC | TTC | ISC | Joke Master | Evaluator |
| Elaine Wiles, CC-G | Speaker | Judge | Vote Counter | Word Master |
| Nancy Wilson, CC | Evaluator | | Table Topics | |
| Pam Windley | Word Master | Evaluator | | |
| Chuck Wooton | Timer | Word Master | Speaker | Table Topics |

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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