

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

March 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.

Club and Area Contests

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. This will be followed by the Division and then the District contests.

Meet the New Members



Diann Boyette (left) attended an NWTM meeting for the first time on February 15. She returned on March 1st to become our newest member. Diann- just let us know how we can help you - because I can assure you that

our members will be working to help you!

Dues are Due

Thank You to Craig, Butch, Marcia, Elizabeth, Steve, Brian G., Joel, Barbara, John, Elaine, Don, both Pams, Jessica, Florian, Christa, Diann, and Mark for paying their dues promptly. For all members whose names do not appear on that honor role, please see your Treasurer on Tuesday or mail a check made payable to "Northwestern Toastmasters" for \$31.50 to Marcia Barney, 3501 Lakefield Ct., Clemmons, NC 27012.

The Longevity of Northwestern Toastmasters by Marcia Barney

Ever wonder how long some of us have been members of the best club in Toastmasters? Well here's the year we joined NWTM. Note that those with * by their names were members of other TM clubs before joining NWTM:

- Steve Albon - 7/2010
- Don Barnett, ATM-B - 6/2006
- Butch Barney, DTM - 9/1973 *
- Marcia Barney, DTM - 4/1980 *
- Diann Boyette - 3/2011
- Pam Christopher, DTM - 5/1997
- John Clark, DTM - 3/1997
- Brian Davidson, DTM - 4/2001
- Brian Gravely - 1/2011
- Scott Hill - 7/2010
- Lance Kull, DTM - 9/1992
- Barbie Morgan, AC-B - 5/2008
- Christa Neuhauser CC - 3/2009
- Florian Neuhauser, CC - 10/2009
- Mark Perew, DTM - 1/2001 *
- Jessica Pockey - 11/2010
- Barbara Schanker, ATM-S - 10/2002
- Joel Schanker, DTM - 4/1997
- Elizabeth Stepp - 12/2009
- Craig Thrift, CC/ALB - 2/2007
- Jeff Walker, CC - 3/2007
- Elaine Wiles, ATM-G - 7/1997
- Nancy Wilson, CC - 2/2010
- Pam Windley - 10/2009
- Chuck Wooten - 10/2010

Now isn't that a wonderful mix of old and new!

The Way it Was - March 1, 2011

By Pam Windley, Secretary



The business session was opened by Brian Davidson, DTM who gave an update on the Area 21 contest. Each club was requested to provide two judges for the contest. Marcia Barney and Pam Christopher volunteered to serve as judges for the April 2nd contest.

Northwestern Toastmasters' are hosts for the Area 21 contest to be held at 9:00 am at the VIP room at Industries for the Blind off of North Point Blvd. As hosts, the club is expected to provide refreshments. Pam Windley volunteered for refreshment duty and will send around a sign up sheet at the next Northwestern Toastmasters meeting.

There was an Officer's Report from the Treasurer, Marcia Barney. Dues of \$31.50 are now due. Cash or check will be accepted. Also, there is no charge for the room the club occupies at Mayberry's on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month. To show our appreciation for this support, we should in turn support Mayberry's with a purchase from their menu.

In new business, Dianne Boyette has become our newest Northwestern Toastmaster. There was one guest at the March 1st meeting, Daniel Parker. Our friendliness to our guests was recognized with an award of a Time Keeper clock from District 37 for meeting the goal of 4 new members.

The education portion of the meeting began a little later than usual, as preparations for the Club Table Topics Contest were completed. The meeting consisted of word for the evening, prepared speeches and the Table Topics Contest. Mark Perew was the Toastmaster for the evening.

Mark opened the meeting by describing the differences in the agenda of tonight's meeting from the standard agenda used by Northwestern Toastmasters. The Wordmaster, Pam Windley, introduced "exigency". Exigency means a pressing or urgent situation or a sudden, unforeseen crisis.

Brian Gravely gave his Ice Breaker speech from the Competent Communicator Manual. Brian used "The King's Speech" as a backdrop to his own challenges with stuttering. Brian's thoughtful speech gave us an education in the techniques used to alleviate stuttering in the last 20 years.

Elaine Wiles presented Project 4 from the Public Relations Manual, Speaking Under Fire. Elaine used the topic of embezzlement by the International Toastmaster's treasurer as her speech on crisis management. After the speech, she held a question and answer session about the situation.

The Table Topics contact began after the prepared speeches were completed. Mark Perew reviewed the rules for the contest. Other members participating in the coordination of the contest were timers, Chuck Wooten and Jessica Richardson Pockey, and Vote Counters, Steve Albon and Brian Gravely

Judges for the contest were Marcia Barney, Butch Barney, Pam Christopher, and John Clark. The Sergeant of Arms for the contest was Joel Schanker. The Table Topic contests were Jeff Walker, Elizabeth Stepp, Florian Neuhauser, Barbie Morgan, and Brian Davidson.

Each contest was given two minutes to answer the question provided by Mark Perew, Table Topic Master. The question was "What is your favorite animal?"

As the Judges completed their forms and the vote counters left with the Chief Judge, Butch Barney, to tally the votes, Mark interviewed each Table Topics contestant.

The winner of the Northwestern Toastmasters' Table Topic contest was Brian Davidson. If Brian is unable to attend the Area 21 contest, Florian Neuhauser is the runner-up.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Christa Neuhauser. Christa expressed her delight in the excitement generated by the club contest this evening. Her evaluation was the club contest was well run and that Mark was well suited as Toastmaster for a meeting such as this one. Prepared speeches were evaluated as follows:

- Barbie Morgan evaluated Brian Gravely
- Marcia Barney evaluated Elaine Wiles

Craig Thrift gave the grammarian report noting the use of the word "Excellent" many times. Craig, an expert in the Southern language, was able to point out the use of phrases and faux pas that would be unacceptable on a "big 3" news broadcast.

Marcia Barney was voted the best evaluator. Brian Gravely received a ribbon for his Ice Breaker Speech. Unfortunately, Elaine exceeded her target time and was not eligible for best speaker.

Jokemaster, John Clark, closed out the meeting with his favorite Chinese fortune cookie sayings. Hey, John, did you eat those dreadfully dry cookies to get these one-liners? **(Ed.note: The things that I do for this club!)**

I don't repeat gossip, so listen carefully the first time.

Do you believe in love at first sight? Or, should I walk past you again?

Anyone can be passionate. But it takes real lovers to be silly.

If you leave me, can I come too.

The moment you have children, you forgive your parents - everything.

The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention, is to sit down and look comfortable.

~~ 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 / 15 / 2011	03 / 29 / 2011	04 / 05 / 2011	04 / 19 / 2011
Steve Albon	Timer	Speaker	General Evaluator	Table Topics
Don Barnett, AC-B	ISC	Evaluator	Speaker	Evaluator
Butch Barney, DTM	Toastmaster		Evaluator	
Marcia Barney, DTM	Chief Judge & General Evaluator	Evaluator		
Diann Boyette				
Pam Christopher, DTM	Evaluator			
John Clark, DTM	Judge			
Brian Davidson, DTM	Judge			Evaluator
Brian Gravely	Vote Counter	Word Master	Speaker	Joke Master
Scott Hill			Toastmaster	
Lance Kull, DTM	Table Topics	Timer	Vote Counter	
Barbie Morgan, AC-B		Toastmaster	Evaluator	Speaker
Christa Neuhauser, CC	Evaluator		Joke Master	
Florian Neuhauser, CC	ISC	Grammarians	Speaker	Vote Counter
Daniel Parker			Ice Breaker	
Mark Perew, DTM	ISC	Evaluator		Speaker
Jessica Pockey	Grammarians	Speaker	Evaluator	Word Master
Barbara Schanker, AC-S	Timer	Speaker		
Joel Schanker, DTM	Judge	Speaker		
Elizabeth Stepp	Evaluator		Timer	Speaker
Craig Thrift, CC/CL	Vote Counter	Evaluator	Speaker	
Jeff Walker, CC	ISC	Joke Master	Evaluator	Speaker
Elaine Wiles, CC-G	Judge	Vote Counter	Word Master	Evaluator
Nancy Wilson, CC		Table Topics		Evaluator
Pam Windley	Evaluator			Timer
Chuck Wooton	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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