

# 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 29, 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

**By Ace Reporter, Pam Windley**

President Brian Davidson, DTM gave an update on the Area 21 contest at our last meeting. Northwestern Toastmasters are hosts for the Area 21 contest to be held at 9:00 am on April 2nd. at the VIP room at Industries for the Blind off of North Point Blvd. Marcia Barney is the Host Chair. Jeff Walker has agreed to serve as Sergeant of Arms. Each club was requested to provide two judges for the contest. Marcia Barney and Pam Christopher volunteered to serve as Judges from Northwestern.

Pam Windley volunteered for refreshment duty and will send around a sign up sheet at the next Northwestern Toastmasters meeting. So far, we have a fruit tray, coffeecake, cheese and crackers, and nuts. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Mark Perew will represent Northwestern in the International Speech Contest and Brian Davidson will represent us in the Table Topics Contest. The winners of these contests will go on to the Division Contests to be held on April 16.

## Guests

There were two guests at the March 15 meeting; Gwen Brown, a guest of Brian Davidson, and Nancy Guenther, Secretary of the Forsyth Toastmasters' Club.

There are few things more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.

You can't stay young forever. But you can be immature for the rest of your life.

I want it all and I want it delivered.

## Did you Notice?

This is the fifth Tuesday so we will have another meeting in ONE week, not the usual two weeks. Plus we have my favorite international holiday between those two meetings. (April 1st, of course.) This throws April into a strange category (if you believe in horoscopes) which causes Friday the 13th to fall on a Wednesday.



**"I've never been a happy camper."**

The Way it Was - March 15, 2011

By Pam Windley, Secretary



The business section was opened by President Brian Davidson who gave an update on the Area 21 contest. The Officer's Report from the Treasurer Marcia Barney raised applause from the attendees of this meeting. The dues of all the members in attendance at this meeting are paid.

Lance Kull raised a motion to host an "Improved Communications Seminar" prior to the end of the club year. A second was given by Elizabeth Stepp. Brian Davidson explained the agenda of an Improved Communications Seminar. In the ensuing discussion, Marcia Barney noted that Northwestern Toastmasters gained 5 members this year, a good reason to have the intense seminar. A vote was held on the motion. Northwestern Toastmasters' will host an "Improved Communications Seminar" hosted by Lance Kull and Marcia Barney. More details are forthcoming.

The education portion of the meeting began with a monologue on "Things we always wanted to say" from the Toastmaster, Butch Barney. Butch spoke about words and how we use words. The meeting followed an amended agenda in order to accommodate the International Speech Contest.

The Wordmaster, Diann Boyette, introduced "vociferous". Vociferous means loud, noisy, or clamorous. Imagine your children's reaction if you asked them to stop being so "vociferous."

Lance Kull was the Table Topics Master. He based his questions on facts and legends surrounding the pending St Patrick's Day holiday. Brian Gravely answered a question regarding what can give the gift of gab, besides the Blarney Stone. Steve Albon ruminated on the helpfulness of knowing a 2nd language, especially if it was gender specific. Craig Thrift lauded the saints he encountered in his life, who may not be canonized by the church, but were those unknown-helping hands that smooth life's bumps.

The International Speech Contest began immediately after the Table Topics section was completed. Marcia Barney was the Chief Judge and presented the rules of the contest. She introduced the other judges in the club contest: Lance Kull, Brian Davidson, Joel Schanker, Craig Thrift, and an anonymous tie-breaker judge to use if necessary. The primary timer for the contest was Barbara Schanker with assistance from Steve Albon. The vote counters were Brian Gravely and Chuck Wooten. Butch Barney emceed the International Speech Contest by introducing the participants and directing the flow of the contest.

Jeff Walker presented a project from the Entertaining Speeches manual which he titled "Why you should date a computer science student". Jeff's entertaining speech addressed the stereotypical qualities of computer science geeks and how these are desirable to a young woman looking for love.

Mark Perew presented speech 7 from the Competent Communication manual entitled "Mudpies." Mark's speech emphasized how a positive or negative reaction can affect someone's efforts to stretch themselves beyond their perceived abilities.

Florian Neuhauser presented speech 2 from the Specialty Speeches manual. His speech was titled, Dirty Planet, Clean Planet, with an emphasis on solid waste and a secondary topic of clean air.

The International Speech Contest concluded with interviews of the contestants by Butch Barney while the Judges completed their ballots and the Vote Counters tallied the scores.

The General Evaluator of the evening was Marcia Barney. Marcia expressed the smoothness of the business meeting and changes in the agenda of the meeting for the Club Contest. The Table Topics were appropriate to the calendar. The Table Topic speakers should consider their body language as well as their spoken language.

Individual evaluations were --  
Christa Neuhauser evaluated Jeff Walker  
Elizabeth Stepp evaluated Mark Perew  
Pam Windley evaluated Florian Neuhauser

Treasurer Marcia (two-bits) Barney served as the grammarian for this evening as she urged those who were fined for grammatical errors to pass their fines to the treasurer.

Brian Gravely was voted the best Table Topics Speaker. Elizabeth Stepp was voted the best Evaluator. Mark Perew was presented the International Speech Contest Trophy and will represent Northwestern Toastmasters at the Area 21 Contest on April 2.

No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.

There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.

Think about this . No one ever says "It's only a game" when his team is winning.

I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.

Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket..

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America ?

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

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